

ST. MARGARET MARY ATHLETIC MINISTRY

CODE OF EXPECTATIONS-COACH

Your participation as a coach in the St. Margaret Mary Athletic Program places a responsibility on you as an adult leader and role model.

COACHING IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.

All coaches are required to read, sign, and follow this Code of Expectations.

- Always display good Christian values. Treat all athletes, parents, opponents, and officials fairly and with respect. Do not harass the officials, curse, or use foul language.
- NO PROFANITY DURING PRACTICES OR GAMES.
- Be prepared for practice. Know what drills you wish to teach, what situations you want to explain, what you want to accomplish, etc., before you come to practice.
- Coach with positive reinforcement not negative feedback. Encourage the athlete when improvement is shown to build self-esteem.
- Promote team spirit by encouraging players to congratulate each other after a good play.
- Instruct the athlete that personal success is not measured by wins and losses but by hard work and preparation for the contest.
- **Never leave an athlete unattended.** You must ALWAYS have 2 certified adults at all team functions. This includes practices and games. No child is to be left alone with an adult. Arrive at practices and games early and expect to leave a little late. You are responsible for your players.
- Show good sportsmanship during games, after wins as well as losses. Do not yell at opposing players, coaches, fans, or officials. Do not encourage your team to dislike or disrespect the opponent. Your actions reflect upon yourself, your team, and the parish.
- Know the rules. Read the rulebook. Ask questions. Comply with all CSAA rules and regulations (see handbook).
- Remember it is only a game; and the game is for the children, not for you.
- If a problem develops with an athlete(s), discuss it first with the athlete(s) and parent(s). If the problem cannot be solved, then discuss it with the Athletic Director.
- You are responsible for the care and security of any facility and equipment in use during your practice time.

Note: In keeping with St. Margaret Mary Parish policy, any child enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program/PREP **may not practice during the time PREP is in session or be at practice/games before 1:00 P.M. on a Sunday***. That child will be dismissed from the practice without any penalties by the coach. The child may not continue to practice. ***PREP is dismissed at 12:30 on Sunday's, please allow for this if you have a player on your team that is enrolled in the PREP program.**

By signing this form, I understand that failure to comply with St. Margaret Mary Athletic Ministry Policy and Procedures or failure to follow this Code of Expectations may lead to disciplinary action, dismissal, or suspension of coaching privileges.

Coach's Signature

Athletic Director's Signature