

ST. MARGARET MARY ATHLETIC MINISTRY

CODE OF EXPECTATIONS- ATHLETE

The St. Margaret Mary Athletic Ministry strives to promote self-esteem by teaching every athlete to perform to the best of their individual talents and as a result learn that success is the result of preparation and hard work. It is also necessary that every athlete learn to demonstrate respect for others--including coaches, teammates, and opponents.

Every student-athlete is required to read, sign, and follow this Code of Expectations.

The athlete's first priority is to their FAITH.

Athletes **should not miss church services or PREP** for an athletic practice or game. If any conflict arises, the athlete **will be dismissed** from the athletic event without penalty by the coaching staff. Athletes **will not** be allowed to participate in practices that conflict with PREP. Good sportsmanship should rule in all situations. Conduct or action unbecoming a Christian such as disrespect for a coach, a player (teammate or opponent), an official, or property will not be tolerated.

The athlete's second priority is their FAMILY.

Conflicts between family situations and team responsibilities will obviously be settled in the best interests of the family. However, situations that result in absences from practices or games should be discussed with the coach.

The athlete's third priority is to their SCHOOLWORK.

The athlete should strive to maintain a strong academic record to set a positive example for teammates.

The athlete's final priority is to their TEAM.

- Be on time for all games and practices.
- Strive to always do your best.
- Encourage your teammates--promote team spirit.
- Be prepared for all contests.
- Maintain good physical fitness.
- Eat well (but not too soon before a contest).
- Be well rested (do not stay up late the night before a contest).
- Always behave like a Christian. Your actions reflect upon yourself, your team, and your parish.
- Do not expect to participate in games if you miss practices without a good reason or without contacting your coach.

Any infraction of the **Code of Expectations** or of rules governing student athletic participation may result in disciplinary action, suspension, or expulsion from the team. Discuss problems with your coach.

PARTICIPATION IN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM AT ST. MARGARET MARY IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT.

By signing this form, I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the St. Margaret Mary Athletic Ministry.

Athlete's Signature

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CODE OF EXPECTATIONS- PARENTS

Your child's participation in the St. Margaret Mary Athletic Program necessarily places responsibility on the parent(s). The Athletic Ministry is a volunteer program, and as such certain requirements and understandings are necessary to make the program work.

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

- Sign up players on time and pay required fee.
- Ensure that your child has read, understands, and complies with the Code of Expectations - Athlete
- Have the player at practices and picked up on time.
- Do not leave a player at practice or at events without 2 ADULTS supervising.
- Help the athlete maintain equipment and uniform in proper condition. Damaged or lost property of the Athletic Ministry will result in a replacement fee being assessed.
- Volunteer to help the coach with assorted duties.
- Work in the gym and at fish fry's when asked, this defrays expenses.
- Support your child's team.
- Let the coach do the coaching.
- Control yourself at all events. Do not yell at opposing players, coaches, fans, or at the officials. Show good sportsmanship after wins as well as losses. CSAA rules state that unsportsmanlike behavior can result in a parent being removed from a game or future games.
- If you disagree with the coach or have a problem; please discuss it with the coach first, in private, after a practice. Do not make a scene in public. A 24 hour "cooling down period" is required in the event a parent is upset with a coach. Under no circumstance shall a parent call a coach at home after 8:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m.

Remember the program is for the children. Encourage them, help them, be a role model for them, but do not embarrass them. **YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SMM ATHLETIC PROGRAM IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.**

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. That child will be dismissed from the practice without penalty by the coach. The child may not continue to practice.

Grievance Procedure: If a problem develops while a child is participating in a sport sponsored by the Athletic Ministry; first discuss the problem, in private with the coach. If a solution cannot be found, then contact the Athletic Director.

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Parent's Signature

Parent's Signature

Coach's Signature