

## **ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

### **PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT**

**2010-2011**

St. Paul the Apostle School requires that both parents or guardians of every student-athlete read, acknowledge and sign the following code of conduct. I understand that my failure or refusal to sign will result in my child(ren) not participating in school activities.

#### **As a parent/guardian of a student-athlete, I:**

1. Pledge to have my child on time or early for practices and games. I also understand the importance of timely pick up of my child after all games and practices since it shows respect for the coach and other volunteers who have other time commitments, as well as showing my child that he/she is my top priority.
2. Understand that children play interscholastic sports to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the children and that I will encourage my child to have fun, keeping the competition in proper perspective at all times. I understand that student-athletes do their best when they; are emotionally healthy so I will be positive and supportive of them. During the game I will limit my comments to encouraging my child and other players on both teams. I will not add confusion by yelling out instruction from the stands or sidelines.
3. Understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game, particularly at the elementary and middle school levels, and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that all children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best effort.
4. Understand the importance of setting a good example of Christian sportsmanship to my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and referees.
5. Agree to fulfill the volunteer requirements as set forth from time to time by the athletic association board in a positive and supportive manner, realizing that the program, as an all volunteer organization, will not succeed without the dedicated service of every student-athletes' parents or guardians.
6. Understand that I represent myself, my son/daughter and St. Paul the Apostle School at all events and will conduct myself in a positive and Christian like manner.

## **Parent Expectations and Responsibilities:**

Parents play an important role in the success of the student-athlete and also in the success of the team.

- Parents are expected to support and encourage their child's efforts. Attending games and cheering the team on is a show of support; however, parents are always reminded to act in a responsible manner and show good Christian sportsmanship.
- Parents should make no attempt to instruct or direct the play of a student-athlete during practices or games. They should not criticize the playing efforts of any student-athlete or of the team.
- Parents should be a model for putting losses in perspective and moving on. Questioning, criticizing, or berating the coach, the referees, or any other official is inappropriate behavior.
- Parents should realize that they will be asked to leave a game if they are not able to maintain a standard of acceptable behavior.
- Parents are expected to abide by the "24" hour rule when dealing with the coaches. Parents should not confront any coach directly after the athletic event, but should wait a minimum 24 hours before discussing any problem he/she may have with the coach.
- Problems should be addressed in the following manner: 1) Coach; 2) Sport Director; 3) Athletic Director.
- Parents who do not comport their behavior in accordance with the guidelines set forth above will be subject to removal from the athletic event as well as any other remedy deemed necessary by the Board to ensure the above stated goals.

As a Parent, I have read the above guidelines and understand the policies of the St. Paul The Apostle Athletic Board.

I authorize my child(ren) to participate in the St. Paul the Apostle Athletic Program. I understand that my child(ren) will be required to regularly attend scheduled practices and games. I understand that this program is non-competitive for 5<sup>th</sup> and semi-competitive for 6<sup>th</sup> grades with minimum play time rules in effect. However, I also understand and accept that excessive absenteeism and tardiness will result in decreased playing time for my child. I understand that for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletics, the program is considered competitive and minimum playing time rules do not apply.

I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and support for all players, coaches, official and spectators at every game and practice.

Child(ren)'s Name (s):

Grade:

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