

St. John Paul II Athletics Code of Behavior 2022-2023

Deanery athletic competition is a means of developing youth and giving them the opportunity to enjoy sports. One of the most important lesson young athletes can learn is that whether you win or lose, they learn to respect opponents, officials and spectators. The most powerful way they learn this lesson is through example. Therefore it is important that all concerned with the St. John Paul II athletic program follow this code:

- To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- To demonstrate courtesy to opponents and officials.
- To respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
- To have a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules and standards of eligibility.
- To recognize the purpose of competition: to promote athletes' physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.

Athletes are expected to:

- Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship.
- Curtail fellow teammates whose behavior is unbecoming.
- Respect the property of hosts and the decision-making responsibilities of officials.
- Show respect for injured opponents, and not applaud errors of opponents or penalties.
- Not heckle, jeer or intentionally distract members of the opposing team and never criticize fellow competitors or the coach for losing.
- Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach, who should not be second-guessed.

Parents are expected to:

- Be courteous to players, coaches and fans of opponents.
- Cheer a good play by an opponent.
- Respect the officials' judgment and lead by example to the players.
- Not applaud errors of opponents or penalties inflicted on them.
- Serve as a role model for the players.
- Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach, who should not be second-guessed.
- Manage their child's care of the team uniform – please wash with care and air dry. Team uniforms are to be worn for competition only. It is not appropriate to wear St. John Paul II current season uniforms to school for any non-uniform days unless the athlete is competing or performing for a school assembly and brings a change of clothes.
- Work assigned shifts at the admissions table or concession stand during select St. John Paul II hosted games. If you cannot work your assigned shift and find someone to work in your place, a \$50 no-show fine will be assessed.

What You Can Expect From Coaches:

- Always set a good example for others to follow.
- Teach the values of honest effort in conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- Instruct the players of their sportsmanship responsibilities.
- Discipline those players who display poor sportsmanship behavior. Remove players who flaunt disciplinary action.
- Be a gracious host to opponents and treat them, as you would want to be treated.
- Provide opportunities for social interaction among coaches and players.
- Respect the officials' judgment and interaction of the rules and lead by example to the players.
- Help players in recognizing the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use to their bodies and minds.

We hope that all involved in St. John Paul II Athletics will work together to implement this Code of Behavior. All athletes, coaches or spectators who are not living up to this Code will be subject to immediate suspension or expulsion from athletic competitions. The head coach is ultimately responsible for the conduct of his/her players and assistant coaches.

Please refer to www.stjohnpaulathletics.org for full St. John Paul II Athletics Operating Policies and Expectations.

Athlete Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____