

## **SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

With the assistance of the coaches, the teachers and administration, guidelines have been established for all sports programs at St. Patrick School. These programs include boys' and girls' basketball, football, volleyball, and boys' and girls' track. St. Patrick School follows the Athletic Policies as regulated for the schools by the Diocese of La Crosse Office for Catholic Schools.

The following standards are expected from those who participate in sports:

The athlete is expected to maintain the class work he or she is capable of doing.

Assignments will be completed and handed in on time.

He/She is expected to follow school policy as well as maintain an attitude of respect to schoolmates and those in authority.

Each student who participates in sports is required to have a physical every other year.

### **SPORTS POLICY**

A student with a failing grade (U) or a grade point average less than 1.75 shall be automatically placed on probation.

If a student had D's or U's in effort on his/her report card, he/she shall be placed on probation.

A student who causes discipline problems shall be placed on probation. The principal, the teacher, and the coach will make this decision.

During the course of the sports seasons, teachers will be responsible for informing the principal of failing school performances and disciplinary problems.

A student on probation would be given a deadline (two weeks) to raise the failing grade(s) or improve behavior. The student would be able to practice with the team during the probationary period. If the student still has a failing grade, or a discipline problem arose during the probation period, the student would not be able to play in the first game. The student would have one additional week to improve the grade(s) or behavior, or he/she would be ineligible for the season.

Eligibility to play football and volleyball will be based on the student's fourth quarter report card from the previous school year. If a student's grades or behavior causes him/her to begin the season on probation, he/she would be able to practice with the team but would be given a deadline (two weeks) to improve their grade(s) or behavior. If the student still has a failing grade(s) on the deadline date, or if a discipline problem arises during the probationary period, the student would not play the first game of the season. The student would have an additional week to raise the grade(s) or improve behavior, or he/she would be ineligible for the season.

A student may go through a probationary period only one time during a particular sports season. If a student goes through a probationary period during a sports season, is taken off probation, and then because of a failing grade(s) or a discipline problem is placed back on probation, he/she would be ineligible for the remainder of that sports season.

Any student on suspension for a school related matter would neither practice nor play in any contests until the suspension has been satisfied.

An athlete is expected to attend all practices and contests unless preciously excused with a written note. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary actions. The determination for actions will be made by the coaches and the administration.

**An athlete must be in school the full day in order to participate in either practice or an athletic contest. If the absence occurs on a Friday, he/she will be ineligible to play in any weekend games.**

Anyone staying for basketball or volleyball practice is not allowed to leave the building between school and practice. Before a game, students are not allowed to remain at school. For home games they should arrive no more than one half hour (1/2) before game time. For away games they should arrive no more than fifteen minutes before the bus departs. The student's whereabouts are the responsibility of the parents during this time.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THESE ATHLETIC POLICIES.  
AS A MEMBER OF THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND REPRESENTATIVE OF ST. PATRICK SCHOOL, I  
AGREE TO GUIDE MY CONDUCT ACCORDINGLY AND FOLLOW ALL RULES AND PROCEDURES AS  
STATED PREVIOUSLY.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF A MEMBER OF THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL,  
I HAVE ALSO READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS ATHLETIC POLICY STATEMENT.

I APPROVE OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT EXPECTED OF MY SON/DAUGHTER AND WILL HELP  
HIM/HER TO MAINTAIN THESE STANDARS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PARENT SIGNATURE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

**ATHLETIC PERMISSION FORM – 2015/2016**

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the  
following athletic programs at St. Patrick School for the 2015/2016 school year.

(Please check all that you wish to participate in.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball [5 – 8]

\_\_\_\_\_ Cross Country [5 - 8]

\_\_\_\_\_ Football 6 – 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Boys' Basketball [5 – 8]

\_\_\_\_\_ Girls' Basketball [5 – 8]

\_\_\_\_\_ Track [5 – 8]

Under no circumstances will the St. Patrick School administration, faculty, or athletic coaches be held  
responsible for any case of injury to my son/daughter.

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**Parent Signature**

Our school does not carry WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association) insurance. Please  
show proof of the type of insurance you have for your son/daughter. Also, the subscriber number  
should be included. Before he/she is allowed to attend practice, he/she must present this guarantee  
of insurance coverage to the school principal at St. Patrick School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Insurance Company**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Subscriber or Group Number**

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE STUDENT AND THE PARENT/GUARDIAN AND  
RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE THE STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO  
PRACTICE.**