

## St. Patrick's School PARENT Sportsmanship Code

*St. Patrick's philosophy of athletics: Athletics should enhance and complement the school's educational program. The purpose of athletics in our school is to provide experiences to help boys and girls develop a Christian attitude towards cooperation and competition as well as to develop physically, mentally, and emotionally. Principles of Christian sportsmanship prevail at all times to enhance the educational value of competition.*

*Participation in athletics, both as a player and spectator, is an integral part of the educational process. **Participation is a privilege** that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the team, to the student body, and to the community.*

**Please initial each of the following statements as a sign of agreement and willingness to comply.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will encourage good sportsmanship.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will act as a positive role model by showing positive support for all players, coaches and game officials.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will teach my child to play within the spirit, written rules and laws of the game.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will refrain from criticizing game officials.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will emphasize that the game is played for fun and for the benefit of youth.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will support coaches and game officials who spend valuable time with my child.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will maintain a positive attitude about my child's athletic participation. If I have questions or concerns, I will address the coach in an appropriate, Christian manner.

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Parent signature

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Date