

St. Patrick's School Parent & Athlete Sportsmanship Code

<u>St. Patrick's philosophy of athletics:</u> 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.

| <u>Parent</u> | <u>Student</u> |
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| I will encourage good sportsmanship. | I will show good sportsmanship. |
| I will act as a positive role model by showing positive support for all players, coaches and game officials. | I will show respect to all players, coaches and game officials. |
| I will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players. | I will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of my teammates. |
| I will teach my child to play within the spirit, written rules and laws of the game. | I will play within the spirit, written rules and laws of the game. |
| I will refrain from criticizing game officials. | I will refrain from criticizing or challenging coaches or game officials. |
| I will emphasize that the game is played for fun and for the benefit of youth. | I acknowledge that the game is played for fun and for the benefit of |
| I will support coaches and game officials who spend valuable time with my child. | youth. |
| 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 | I will respect my coaches and game officials who offer their valuable time in service to me. |
| appropriate, Christian manner. | I will maintain a positive attitude about my teammates, coaches and competitors during practice, competitions and school. |
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