

**ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION CONTRACT**

I hereby request St. John School to grant permission for my student to participate in St. John School athletics. I understand that I am entering into a voluntary contract between myself, the parent of _____, a St. John student, and St. John School for participation in school sponsored athletic activities.

I agree to cooperate with and support the rules and regulations of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, St. John School, and to be governed by these rules and regulations as announced to me by the pastor or principal of St. John School, as published in the Student-Parent School Handbook, the Student-Parent Athletic Handbook, and as announced or published in other places by the school administration. I understand that I must be familiar with and accountable for these rules and regulations and the policies and procedures which govern participation in athletics representing St. John School.

As a player, I understand that I must fulfill all religious and academic responsibilities to St. John School and Parish, and conduct myself as a committed Christian in school, outside of school, and in particular at any activity involving athletic competition representing St. John School. I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations regarding athletics and to submit myself voluntarily to the application of the rules.

As a parent of a St. John School athletic participant, I understand my responsibilities and obligations to see that my student fulfills his/her religious and academic responsibilities including school work and homework assignments and complies with the rules and regulations for participation in St. John School Athletics. I further agree that as an adult I will conduct myself in a responsible and mature Christian manner at all times at all practices and games, that I will show respect for authority, and will engage in no activity or conduct which in any way is disrespectful, combative or confrontational, or questions the jurisdiction of the pastor, school principal, coach, officials or anyone connected with the conduct of St. John School athletics.

As a player and parent, we acknowledge that a violation of the rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of ability to participate in athletics representing St. John School.

Our signatures mean that we understand and accept these conditions for the participation of our student and family, which are binding through our student's graduation from St. John School.

***I have read and will abide by the rules stated in the Sport Parent Code of Conduct

STUDENT NAME:

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

_____ Date: _____

PARENT NAME***: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE***:

(1) _____ Date: _____

(2) _____ Date: _____

Sport Parent Code of Conduct

St. John School will follow the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation's Sport Parent Code of Conduct. Parents play an important role in their children's sport experience. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their child participating in a sport for St. John School. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and could be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the loss of privilege of attending games for the remainder of the season.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

• Trustworthiness • Respect • Responsibility • Fairness • Caring • Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

As a parent or spectator:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the specific sport and grade level.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.