



JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ATHLETIC PROGRAM PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

School Sports - Statement of Objectives

The overall purpose of the athletic participation at John Paul II is to foster Christian development through exercise, example, and competition. The objectives of the John Paul II Athletic Programs are:

- To instill sportsmanship in the life-styles of the participants;
- To teach the proper attitude toward winning, losing and competing with dignity;
- To develop school spirit, team spirit and personal acceptance;
- To develop acceptance and appreciation of others;
- To develop physical abilities and coordination;
- To develop good health habits;
- To teach the positive value of athletic participation;
- To show the benefits of practice, work and time management

Participation Requirements

A. Extra-Curricular Participation

Students with an academic average of “C” or higher, without an “F” in any subject and a conduct grade of “B” or higher may participate in extra-curricular activities. If a student’s grades drop during a sport season, he/she may be “benched” (not allowed to participate in the sport) for a minimum of two weeks or until their grades improve.

B. Team Rules

1. Roster Policy

Coaches are encouraged to keep as many players as possible. There is always the possibility, however, that cuts will have to be made.

2. Playing Time

The PAL Commission strongly recommends that every team player play in every game. A participant’s playing time will be at the discretion of the coach. Any player late for a game may be benched for tardiness.

3. Removal of Players From the Team

A coach may remove a participant from a team for any of the following reasons:

- Excessive unexcused absences from practice;
 - Conduct which seeks to cause physical harm to a teammate, coach, opponent, officials, or fan;
 - Display of an ongoing detrimental attitude towards teammates for coaches.
4. There will be a mandatory of parents, players, and coaches prior to the start of practice for any team sport.

5. ATHLETIC PROGRAM CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCESS

In the event that a player has an issue with a coach, the player and the player's parent(s) will take the following steps after an initial twenty-four hour "cooling off" period.

- STEP 1: The player and the parent(s) will contact the coach, who will make an appointment to meet with the player and parent(s). The issue will be addressed at the meeting.
- STEP 2: If the issue is not resolved at this meeting, then the player and parent(s) will ask the Athletic Director to arrange a meeting of the player, parent(s), coach, and Athletic Director to address and resolve the issue.
- STEP 3: Should the issue still be unresolved after the second meeting, the player and parent(s) will ask the principal to schedule a meeting if all those involved in the second meeting plus the principal to resolve the issue.

C. Emergency Form/Physical Requirement

1. A completed Sport Emergency Information Form must be given to the coach. **NO STUDENT MAY TRY-OUT, PRACTICE, OR PLAY WITHOUT THIS FORM.**

In addition to the Emergency form, a completed Sports Physical Examination Certificate must be on file in the school office.

D. Transportation Requirements

1. Parents will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from practices and games. Players are to arrive 15 minutes prior to practices and **30 minutes prior to game**. Players are to be picked up immediately following the activity. **Drivers who drive students other than their own from the school must be at least 25 year old and**

have a copy of their valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and fingerprint clearance on file in the school office.

E. Parents' Code of Ethics

1. The John Paul Athletic Program exists, in part, to promote positive Christian values and team play. The athletic program also is intended to promote competition and fair play in a safe environment. All parents need to help our athletes to learn to enjoy sports, to treat all participants, opponents, officials, and fans with dignity and respect, to uphold the authority of coaches and officials, and to help develop good sportsmanship and a desire to strive for success. Parents need to understand that by choosing to participate in John Paul II Athletics, they are delegating supervisory authority for their child and themselves to the coach during practices and games. **Please limit any comments about the team to positive and encouraging comments.** Uncivilized, un-Christian behavior, such as ranting at game officials, players, coaches and/or other parents and spectators, will not be tolerated. Such behavior could lead to a ban from games and/or practices. AS a last resort, such behavior could result in the disqualification of the participant from the team.

F. Parent Student Agreement

1. The Parent/Student Athlete Agreement must be signed and on file prior to participation in any sport.

PARENT/STUDENT ATHLETE AGREEMENT

We have read and understand the Parent/Student Athletic Participation Requirements and we agree to abide by these policies.

Student Name _____ Sport _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____