

**STUDENT-ATHLETE
COMMITMENT FORM**

I HAVE READ THE INFORMATION IN THE
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC HANDBOOK.

I AM AWARE OF THE OBLIGATIONS
OF BEING A STUDENT-ATHLETE AND WILL ABIDE
BY THE INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS
CONTAINED IN THIS BOOKLET.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT/ATHLETE

DATE

AS A PARENT I WILL FOSTER THE COMMITMENT
OF MY CHILD.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

DATE

AS A COACH OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL,
I WILL UPHOLD THE REGULATIONS
LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK.

SIGNATURE OF COACH

DATE

AS THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, I WILL UPHOLD
THE REGULATIONS LISTED IN THIS HANDBOOK.

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

DATE

Saint Joseph Catholic School



ATHLETICS HANDBOOK

“Every Christian is called to become a strong **athlete of Christ**, that is, a faithful and courageous witness to his Gospel. But to succeed in this, he must persevere in prayer, be trained in virtue and follow the divine Master in everything.”

Pope John Paul II

Jubilee of Sports People October 29, 2000

FEE

Each student will pay a one-time **\$40** athletic fee, in order to participate. This fee is used for Athletic League membership dues, referees, and uniforms. The fee is due once the student has made a team.

**** If a student is removed from the team due to academics or conduct, the fee is non-refundable. ****

PHYSICAL FORM

The following forms must be on file prior to school entry and athletic participation:

1. School Entry Health Exam form
2. FHSAA Pre-participation Evaluation form
 - **See sample form attached to this booklet.****
 - **Note**** Parents are advised to have a doctor fill out the FHSAA Pre-participation Evaluation form, along with the School Entry Health Exam form, if your child anticipates participating in a sport.

The FHSAA Pre-participation Evaluation form can also be obtained from the <http://www.fhsaa.org> Go to the forms & then to general forms and you will find it there.

UNIFORMS

Athletes will be issued team uniforms. It is the responsibility of each team member to return their uniform clean and in good condition at the conclusion of that sport's season. Uniforms are expensive, and they are the responsibility of the athlete and their parents.

Uniforms not returned or returned in poor condition will result in the athlete being charged a replacement replacement fee.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents are responsible for your child's transportation to and from all practices and games. The coach needs to be **notified** when you pick your child up from practices and games. Parents need to be ON-TIME, as a courtesy and respect for our coaches.

"Do you not know that the runners in the stadium
all run in the race, but only one wins the prize?
Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way.
They do it to win a perishable crown,
but we an imperishable one."

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

***** IF YOU CHILD BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPORTS' TEAMS, PLEASE RETURN THE SIGNED FORM ON PAGE 8 WITH YOUR SPORTS' FEE. THANK YOU.**

ACADEMICS, CONDUCT AND ELIGIBILITY

Academics and good conduct are held in high regard at Saint Joseph Catholic School. While athletics are an important part of growth and development, a student's primary role at school is that of a student, so they must be responsible for their schoolwork.

Any student who participates in a sport must maintain their pre-sport average or better. Students' grades will be reviewed every two weeks prior to Wednesday folders going home. If an athlete's grade begins to fall, they will receive a warning from that subject's teacher and the principal will be notified. The principal will also notify the athlete's coach. Students will be given two weeks to improve their grade to their pre-sport average or better. Upon the next review, if the athlete has not improved his or her grade, the athlete will be suspended from all practices and games for one week.

In addition to the suspension, a meeting will be arranged with the parents, coach, and administration to decide what is in the best interest of the child, and their further participation in the sport.

Good conduct is a non-negotiable at St. Joseph's Catholic School. Participating in team sports is a privilege for a student-athlete. Any athlete who exercises improper student behavior will be warned once, and if the behavior doesn't improve, will be suspended from all practices and games for one week.

In addition to the suspension, a meeting will be arranged with the parents, coach, and administration to decide what is in the best interest of the child, and their further participation in the sport.

****NOTE**** The administration reserves the right to suspend, discipline, or dismiss a student from participation in a sport due to poor academic performance or for poor conduct, or at the administrator's discretion.

"Sport, properly directed, develops character, makes a man courageous, a generous loser, and a gracious victor."

Pope Pius XII
Sport at the Service of the Spirit July 29, 1945

COACHES/PARENTS

****ATTENTION**** All individuals working directly with athletes must have the following:

1. FINGERPRINTING
2. BACKGROUND CHECK
3. ATTEND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING CLASS

These three requirements are mandated by the Diocese of Saint Petersburg, and Saint Joseph School & Parish.

The safety and well being of our students at Saint Joseph's is our top **PRIORITY**.

If there are any questions or concerns— please contact the school office at 813-879-7720.

"There is a great task awaiting you, and the trials you go through are meant to strengthen and prepare you."

St. John Bosco

ATHLETICS

ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletes will conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all practices, games, and school.

Athletes are expected to dress and groom themselves appropriately.

As representatives of Saint Joseph Catholic School, athletes are expected to behave accordingly, show good sportsmanship, teamwork and school spirit.

"Playing sports has become very important today, since it can encourage young people to develop important values such as loyalty, perseverance, friendship, sharing and solidarity."

Pope John Paul II
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Saint Joseph welcomes all students to participate in Athletics. We offer a sports program for both boys and girls (5th-8th grade) throughout the school year.

PARTICIPANTS

Junior Varsity consists of 5th and 6th graders, and under some circumstances 4th graders may participate.

Varsity consists of 7th and 8th graders, and under some circumstances 5th and 6th graders may participate.

SPORTS

• Fall Sports

- * Girls' Volleyball—JV and Varsity
- * Boys' Track—JV and Varsity
- * Co-ed (Boys & Girls) Soccer—5th to 8th graders
- * September—January
- * Boys' Basketball—JV and Varsity
- * Girls' Basketball—JV and Varsity

• Spring Sports

- * Girls' Track—JV and Varsity
- * Girls' Softball—Varsity
- * Boys' Volleyball—Varsity