



STUDENT ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES & CODE OF CONDUCT 2017 – 2018

The purpose of the Saint Catharine School Athletic Program is to provide you with an opportunity to have an instructive and uplifting athletic experience. Alongside learning the fundamentals of your sport(s), you will be taught vital life skills that will help to prepare you for the varied demands of modern-day life. For example, you will learn the meaning of sportsmanship (fairness, respect, graciousness), a value that you will be expected to embody in every athletic, social, and academic endeavor.

One of the main aspects of our program is to support and reinforce the spiritual principles of our Catholic faith. Emphasis will be placed on what it means to be a member and representative of the St. Catharine School community. This includes upholding and fostering the obligations of our faith, such as weekly Mass attendance, frequent participation in the sacraments, and respect for all forms of life.

As a member of the St. Catharine School Athletic Program, you are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior in each circumstance wherein you act as a representative of the school/parish community.

Appropriate behavior is defined as follows:

- Athletes are expected to always be in control of their behavior and to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, consistent with the teachings and beliefs of the St. Catharine School community.
- Athletes will embody the core principles of good sportsmanship. They are expected to set and meet high ethical standards for themselves, both on and off the field.
- Athletes are expected to treat officials, all members of their own team, and of the opposing team (this includes coaches, athletes, and fans), with utmost respect at all times. Specific concerns that may arise during the course of play will be brought to the attention of the coach.
- Athletes will not engage in any verbal abuse or acts of intimidation toward players, coaches or game officials. Athletes who feel they have been targets of abuse should immediately notify their coach so that prompt and effective action can be taken.
- Athletes agree to accept that all decisions of game officials are final. A St. Catharine School athlete must never approach an official to protest a call or handling of a situation. Concerns may be brought to the attention of the coaching staff only.
- Athletes will always act with regard to their own safety and the safety of others. Reckless behavior will not be tolerated.
- Athletes agree to report any activity that is not consistent with this policy to their coach. If further action is required, athletes will notify the Principal and the Athletic Chair.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Any St. Catharine School student who wishes to participate in any extracurricular activity or sport is expected to abide by this code of conduct. Participation is a privilege and can be revoked by the administration for unacceptable behavior. High standards for behavior must be maintained, as participants in school-sponsored programs act as representatives and are called upon to be positive role models for others. Failure to abide by this code of conduct (whether on or off school property, during or outside of school hours) will result in a student's immediate dismissal from the extracurricular activity.