

School Athletic Handbook

Parent/Student Athletic Handbook Guidelines/Expectations 2016-2017

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PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY

Philosophy

The **St. Gregory the Great School** Athletic Program strives to furnish a sports program that will foster, in all participants and spectators, a set of Christian values that emphasize respect of all individuals, building self-esteem, developing individual student skills and knowledge of the sport while always encouraging a sense of fair play and sportsmanship.

Any child in **3th-8th** grade, attending **St. Gregory the Great School** is eligible to participate in our Athletic Program. Children, coaches and parents are expected to follow the rules and regulations in order to continue to participate in our Program.

Fees

There is a registration fee for the Fall and Winter sports due and payable at registration. Once an original registration is paid, any subsequent sports participation during the school year (excluding track), will require a registration fee. If there is financial hardship, please contact the **Principal, Ms. Clagon**, in writing.

Athletic Uniforms

Athletic uniforms are provided by the school. We expect the uniforms to be handled with the utmost care. Obviously, well-kept uniforms generate less replacement cost. ANY DAMAGE to an assigned uniform will require the replacement to be borne by the student.

Coaches

A. Coaches are volunteers.

B. All Coaches must be fingerprinted, VIRTUS TRAINED, and complete Play Like A Champion Course.

C. Coaches will stress positive reinforcement and proper discipline of all players.

D. Coaches are empowered to provide basic skills technique in their respective sport.

E. Coaches will not be responsible for car pooling students to and from games.

F. Coaches may have Assistant Coaches.

G. Coaches have the authority to reduce a player's participation time due to that player's unexcused

absences, excessive excused absences, and/or improper conduct during practice/games.

H. Coaches will ensure that no physical or verbal abuse occurs.

Players

A. Once a player has agreed to participate in an after school sport, the child is expected to complete the sport season, unless eligibility concerns become apparent, the student becomes ill or there is consultation with the athletic director, parent and the administration to remove the student from the sport.* **Academic ineligible athletes there will not be a refund.**

B. Players will always show respect for themselves and others.

C. Players will make responsible choices and decisions.

D. Players will, at all times, show proper sportsmanship.

E. Players' academics and classroom behavior must show consistent effort and satisfactory progress.

F. If/when fundraising is part of a program, student members are expected to participate.

G. Students must be committed to be present at games, practices, meetings, etc., appropriate for the sport activity. Absences must be excused with a written note upon returning for the next function. It is expected that the player will contact the coach/athletic director if s/he knows beforehand that s/he is unable to make a practice or game.

Eligibility of Students

All students begin the school year eligible for athletics, unless they were placed on Academic Probation at the end of the previous school year. Upon the first Progress Report, parents will be notified if a child's progress is not satisfactory in any area of the established guidelines. Continued participation for the remainder of the first

quarter will be determined at that time with the student, parent(s), teacher(s) and administration.

When the first quarter reports are issued, that report and each succeeding quarter report thereafter will be the determining factor for academic eligibility for the entire next quarter. The exception to that would be behavioral difficulties requiring consequence from the administration.

If a student's overall behavior is in question, a student/parent(s)/teacher(s)/administration conference will be set-up to determine continued participation.

Level of Competition

SECTION 3 – LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Athletic Events in the CYO are offered for different levels of competition –

Varsity (7-8 Grade), B (5-6 Grade) and C (3-4 Grade) levels.

The Varsity level is mainly for students in grades 7 and 8. The Varsity level is a competitive division that maintains the core precepts of the lower levels of play. However, the Varsity level acknowledges conference and CYO champions from a team perspective and recognizes athletes on an individual basis as well. Schools with a large amount of 7/8 grade players may field a second Varsity team in Conference sports. This ensures all players can participate. **The second Varsity team is not eligible for CYO Playoffs.**

There is no longer a Junior Varsity designation.

The B level is mainly for students in grades 6 and below. The B level is a developmental level. The focus shall be on a basic understanding of the game rules and game strategies as well as further development of fundamental skills.

***NO Player shall be cut from this team due to inexperience of the sport. Playing time for each athlete should be distributed fairly, based on practice time and learning progress.**

The C level is mainly for students in grades 3 and 4. The C level is an introductory level into sports and the CYO. The focus shall be on a basic understanding of the game rules and developing physical skills.

*** Every player plays equal amount of time**

Clarifications

A. Normally, “satisfactory progress” translates into a “C” average.

B. “Consistent effort” is reflected in class participation; using study time, completing work and on time; and in the case of absences, the student is responsible for seeing the teacher for make-up work and for completing the work in a timely manner.

Parents/Guardians/Guests

A. Parents are responsible to support the students’ decision to participate in a sport and to ensure that they complete the sport season according to the Player Guidelines.

B. Parents are to arrange transport to and from practices and games. The school does **NOT** provide or arrange transportation to these activities. On rainy days or in

poor/extreme weather, parents may call (SCHOOL #) after 2:15 p.m. to find out whether or not scheduled practices and/or games have been canceled.

C. Parents are encouraged to attend games and to support their children.

D. Parents are asked to volunteer **four** hours per sport to the Athletic program.(donation of time, goods, or money)

E. Acceptable disciplinary practices for coaches/athletic director:

1. May bench a player: missed practices, uncooperative attitude
2. One game suspension

*A player may be suspended from the team after there has been a parent conference with Coach/Athletic director and Principal

F. Practice Times as follows: **may vary depending on coach's schedule.**

A. Fall Sports 3:15PM -4:30PM

B. Winter Sports 3:15PM-4:30PM

C. Spring Sports 3:15PM-5:00PM

G. For the safety of all students: Any athlete not picked up on time will be escorted to daycare by their coach. Daycare fee will apply (5min-to end of day \$20.00 drop off). No student is to be left alone at the conclusion of practice.

H. Students registered in daycare are expected to report to daycare immediately following practice.

I. Athletes must turn in uniforms at the conclusion of each season or pay uniform replacement fee of \$75.00.

J. Practice Clothes should be St. Gregory PE Shorts/sweats and a St. Gregory T-Shirts (*Since all students have Physical Education Classes on Tuesday and Thursday, there is no need for extra changes of clothes on those days.*)

K. No athlete is permitted to practice without a completed **Activity Permission Form** on file in school office and accompanied fee. Due at Registration

FEE SCHEDULE: All fees are non-refundable

- Each Sport \$60 (Football, Volleyball, Basketball)
- Track Team fees \$30
- Cross Country \$30

We thank you coaches for volunteering your time to work with our athletes.

GO KNIGHTS!

CYO Governing Manual for Elementary Schools

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