

Parent Code of Conduct



At St. Francis, we believe that junior high athletics provide a valuable opportunity for students to develop their physical abilities, teamwork skills, and character. As parents, your support and involvement are crucial to creating a positive and enjoyable athletic experience for all participants. We kindly request that you adhere to the following Parent Code of Conduct:

- **Show Respect:** Treat all athletes, coaches, officials, and other parents with respect and dignity. Avoid using profanity, derogatory language, or engaging in any form of verbal or physical abuse.
- **Be a Positive Role Model:** Set a positive example for your child and other spectators by displaying good sportsmanship at all times. Encourage fair play, honesty, and respect for the rules of the game.
- **Support the Coaching Staff:** Recognize that coaches are volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to develop young athletes. Respect their decisions and refrain from publicly criticizing or undermining their authority during practices or games.
- **Avoid Interference:** Allow the coaches and officials to perform their duties without unnecessary interference. Refrain from coaching your child or other players from the sidelines, as it can create confusion and hinder their development.
- **Communicate Constructively:** If you have concerns or questions about your child's participation, performance, or the program itself, address them in a calm and respectful manner. Schedule a private meeting with the appropriate coach or athletic director to discuss your concerns and seek solutions.
- **Support Team Spirit:** Encourage your child to be a team player and promote a positive team atmosphere. Cheer for all participants and avoid singling out individual athletes for excessive praise or criticism.
- **Respect the Game Environment:** Ensure that you understand and follow the guidelines and regulations set by the school, league, and facility hosting the event. Respect the property and facilities by leaving them clean and undamaged.
- **Promote Healthy Competition:** Encourage your child to compete to the best of their abilities, striving for personal improvement. Emphasize the value of teamwork, effort, and perseverance.
- **Value Balance:** Encourage your child to maintain a healthy balance between academics, athletics, and other commitments. Respect their need for rest and recovery, as well as their academic responsibilities.
- **Uphold Integrity:** Instill in your child the importance of honesty, fair play, and ethical behavior both on and off the court. Encourage them to report any instances of misconduct or rule violations to the appropriate authority.

By adhering to this Parent Code of Conduct, you contribute to creating a supportive and respectful athletic environment for all St. Francis athletes. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and together we can help our young athletes develop into well-rounded individuals.

Sincerely,

Darren Miller
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Athletic Director