

# ST. JOHN PAUL II ATHLETICS

## COACH EXPECTATIONS

Based on St. John Paul II Athletics Code of Behavior and Operating Policies and Expectations  
Refer to [www.stjohnpaulathletics.org](http://www.stjohnpaulathletics.org) for full Code of Behavior and Operating Policies and Expectations documents

Thank you for volunteering as a Coach for St. John Paul II Athletics! We appreciate you giving your time and talents to the youth of our Parish, so that they have the opportunity to enjoy competing in sports while learning important life lessons.

As outlined in our Code of Behavior, it is important that all involved with St. John Paul II Athletics follow this code:

- To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- To demonstrate courtesy to opponents and officials.
- To respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
- To have a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules and standards of eligibility.
- To recognize that the purpose of competition is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the athletes.

Specific expectations of St. John Paul II Head and Assistant Coaches:

- Always set a good example for others to follow.
- Teach the values of honest effort in conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- Instruct the players of their sportsmanship responsibilities.
- Discipline those players who display poor sportsmanship behavior. Remove players who flaunt disciplinary action.
- Be a gracious host to opponents and treat them, as you would want to be treated.
- Provide opportunities for social interaction among coaches and players.
- Respect the officials' judgment and interaction of the rules and lead by example to the players.
- Help players in recognizing the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use to their bodies and minds.

All athletes, coaches, or spectators who are not living up to the Code of Behavior will be subject to immediate suspension or expulsion from athletic competitions. The head coach is ultimately responsible for the conduct of his or her players and assistant coaches. The head coach and any parish or school administrators in attendance at a game are asked to be responsible for the behavior of their fans.

In addition to conducting yourself in accordance with the Code of Behavior, Coaches must follow these operating policies/procedures:

1. Read and comply with St. John Paul II Athletics Code of Behavior.
2. Complete Safe and Sacred program.
3. Attend NADCYM coach orientation.
4. Participate in team evaluations and Selection Committee when possible.
5. Validate roster compliance for each team member (online registration, current Code of Behavior, physical, Permission and Medical Release Form).
6. Submit roster corrections to Sport Coordinator.
7. Circulate gym requests to Sports Coordinator. Follow NADCYM guidelines for Practice and Games.
8. Distribute and collect uniforms. All uniforms will be ordered by Sports Coordinator. Coaches will not be reimbursed for uniform purchases unless specifically authorized ahead of time by Sports Coordinator. Extra items such as socks and hair bows may be coordinated by Coaches, with expenses to be paid by parents and/or Coach.
9. At games, ask for parent volunteers (scorer table, line judge, etc).
10. Report any practice or game injuries to Sport Coordinator, Athletic Director, and Youth Minister within 24 hours of incident.
11. Communicate season record and notable highlights (team AND individual) to Sports Coordinator.
12. Recognize athletes for Knight of the Month. All St. John Paul II athletes in grades K-8 are eligible.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_