

**Sts. Peter and Paul
Catholic School
Athletic Handbook**



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INTRODUCTION

The Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Athletic Handbook is a reference guide for coaches, student-athletes and parents, concerning the policies that govern interscholastic athletics at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School.

The coach of an athletic team reports to the Athletic Director and is primarily responsible for the compliance by his/her team members to the rules, regulations, and policies governing athletics at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School. The Athletic Director will administer these rules and regulations as they relate to team and coach relationships.

Sound reasoning, good judgment, and adherence to the school's core values will be the standard by which situations outside these stated rules and regulations are determined and evaluated.

Interscholastic athletics is a voluntary program. Students are not obligated to participate; thus, participation in school athletics is a privilege and not a right. Accompanying this privilege is the responsibility to adhere to standards established for the school athletic program. This privilege may be revoked if the student-athlete or parent fails or refuses to comply with these rules.

Thank you for your participation in our athletic program! May God bless you as you use your God-given athletic abilities to serve Him in this integral part of school life.

MISSION STATEMENTS

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Mission Statement:

The mission of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School is to provide a superior Catholic education and develop Christian leaders.

AIAL League Mission Statement:

The primary goal of the sports program in the Archdiocesan Interscholastic Athletic League is to represent Christ by exhibiting good sportsmanship through participation in and learning the basic fundamentals of our sports program, always keeping in mind that winning is not everything. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the AIAL as a commitment to Christian values of fair play, ethical/moral behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those Christian qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their roles in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.

Athletic Booster Club

The mission of Sts. Peter and Paul Booster Club is to help provide incremental funding for the Athletic Department needs. The fundraising is accomplished in many different ways including concessions and admission fees for all home games, tournaments, and meets. Parents of student-athletes and others can fulfill their mandatory school and athletic volunteer hours by working on Booster Club events. Generally two general Booster Club meetings will be held each year. In the fall, there will be a general membership meeting for sign-ups and for dispersing volunteer information. In the spring, there will be a meeting held in which elections will occur the following school year's board members. The Booster Club is also responsible for the Sports Banquet which will take place in May.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT VALUES

Our Coaches

Coaches at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School are one of the most significant components of the athletic program. Coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to their school and bears witness to the Gospel values that are at the center of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School's mission. They are both teachers and active participants at the same time. They have the responsibility to model Christ-like behaviors and attitudes at all times. In order to be an effective coach and role model, SPP coaches must also be thoroughly knowledgeable of their sport, capable of detailed preparation,

able to motivate athletes, able to make adjustments during competition, and work effectively under the authority of the Athletic Director and the Administration. Our coaches take seriously the opportunity they have to positively influence the lives of the student-athletes entrusted to them. All coaches are required to have a current OVASE certificate and current criminal background check on file with Sts. Peter & Paul.

Our Parents

Parents of student-athletes have a responsibility to both their child and to their child's team. Without strong parental support the student-athlete will not be able to achieve his/her greatest potential and/or the team may suffer. Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to their school and bears witness to the Gospel values that are at the center of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School's mission. It is important that parents provide positive reinforcement and understand their role as being part of the team. Parents, as well as players, should be supportive and encourage coaches and teammates at all times. Parents are not coaches and learning to trust coaches is a key step to learning the value of the life lesson experiences athletics provides. It is also important that parents demonstrate strong moral values when attending athletic events. In order for SPP's athletic program to be successful, coaches, student-athletes, and parents must make a firm commitment to be role models of our core values.

Our Athletes

Sts. Peter and Paul athletes should be:

- Diligent in preparation, giving 100% at all times
- Demonstrate personal discipline
- Be respectful in all situations
- Maintain self-control
- Show humility
- Aggressively pursue excellence regardless of the score, opponent, time, referee, or situation.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to their school and bears witness to the Gospel values that are at the center of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School's mission.

Our Athletic Department

- Is committed to:
- Prioritizing academics
- Ensuring the safety of student-athletes
- Promoting skills development
- Pursuing athletic excellence

PHILOSOPHY

Athletics at Sts. Peter & Paul are an integral part of the school's total educational program. The athletic program is based on interscholastic competition. The level of participation is determined for each student appropriate to his or her age, development, ability, and interest. Athletes should be aware that participation in sports is a privilege, not a right, and that athletes earn that privilege through academic achievement, athletic skill, work ethic and a respectful attitude.

While A Team competition places a greater emphasis on winning, the purpose of the B Team program is to prepare athletes for A Team level. Winning is not the only goal, but this experience does attempt to teach team commitment and a winning attitude and at the same time develop the skills of the individual athlete. The purpose of the athletic program, regardless of age level, is to develop endurance, strength, coordination, self-confidence, and teamwork as well as to develop recreational habits that will be of value in later life. Athletics also provide opportunities for students to learn to deal with adversity. May we always support the true purpose of the student-athlete in keeping with a Christ-centered approach to living with Him.



It is the desire of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School athletics to build champions in four areas:

1. Intellectually
2. Spiritually
3. Physically
4. Socially

Our athletic philosophy is centered in developing a positive belief in the attainment of realistic goals. With proper work ethic, reasons for motivation, and proper planning, you CAN achieve what you believe.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT EXPECTATIONS, PRACTICES & POLICIES

Eligibility for Sts. Peter & Paul Participation

In order to participate in any Sts. Peter & Paul sponsored sport, the athlete must be eligible per the extra-curricular policy in the student handbook.

Eligibility for Interscholastic Participation

Students in grades 6th-8th are eligible to try out for all sports, excluding baseball, softball, cheer and eleven-man football. Tryouts will be necessary if more students are interested in playing than we can carry on the teams. Each team has a maximum number allowed on that roster; however, a coach may carry less if he/she chooses. Coaches are looking for qualities that include sport fundamental talents, attitude, work ethic and academic progress. If a sport has cuts, the procedures are as follows:

1. Each team shall have at least 3 practices prior to cuts.
2. The head coach must participate in the evaluation of all athletes on all levels of the program. (Other coaches will help in the evaluation.)
3. The head coach will make the final decision about all cuts.
4. Each athlete who is cut will be personally informed by the coach.
5. Cut lists will not be posted.

Academic Eligibility for Interscholastic Participation

Any student who does not maintain a minimum grade point average of 70 in each of his or her classes when progress reports or report cards are issued by the school will be ineligible to compete in games, scrimmages, tournaments, meets, and other extra-curricular or co-curricular performances. This period of ineligibility shall last until the next progress report or report card is issued by the school. Ineligible students will be allowed to practice with their teams or performance group (provided there will be a competition for the student to participate in after the ineligible period is over), but will not be allowed participate in interscholastic competitions or formal performances. Music, Art, Latin, and Physical Education will be considered for the purposes of determining eligibility. Notification of ineligibility will come via e-mail from the Athletic Director.

Double Roster Eligibility

At this time students may only double roster between two sports when one of the two sports is Cross Country, Track and/or Cheerleading.

Athletic Training (Strength & Conditioning)

It is important for Sts. Peter and Paul student-athletes to maintain proper physical conditioning year round. Students should always engage in weekly exercise including running and body-weight training. Students who are serious about their sport and desire to compete at the highest level should engage in individual practice of refining and improving the skills fundamental to their sport(s).

Information required to be on file

For a student to be allowed to try out for a team or practice with a team, he/she must have

- **Parent Permission** files with the Athletic Director (an e-mail will typically suffice).
- **Current Physical Form** on file with the Athletic Director prior to the first practice of each year. You



can acquire an AIAL Physical form from the Athletic Director or on the Archdiocesan website. Physicals for athletics are good for one calendar year from the date signed by the attending physician.

- **Parent Code of Conduct** signed by both parent(s) and a **Student Athlete Code of Conduct Form** agreeing to abide by the terms of the Sts. Peter and Paul Athletic Handbook.
- There are other forms that may be required for participation on a team such as specific coach/player agreements.

Transportation

- Teams may receive school transportation to away contests as determined by the Athletic Director. Students must abide by all bus rules and are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times while riding the bus.
- Students will be released to their parents after an away contest when verbal consent is provided the coach by the parent in attendance. If the parent is not in attendance, students may be released to another adult (including siblings) only with written consent from their parent. (Verbal consent may be taken into consideration in emergency situations.)
- At no time should students ride with a student driver without written consent of their parent (Verbal consent may be taken into consideration in emergency situations.)
- Coaches are responsible to stay with student-athletes until all students have been picked up whether at home or away events. However, it is the responsibility of parents to be prompt in picking up student-athletes.

STUDENT ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT/EXPECTATIONS

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

All student-athletes will adhere to the following code of conduct. A violation can result in suspension or expulsion from an athletic team. As an expression of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School's mission, the policy is as follows:

Students-athletes are to,

1. Model Christ in speech and behavior.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the contest year by treating opposing players, coaches, and all representatives with respect.
3. Be prompt to all scheduled practices, games, and team meetings.
4. Accept correction and instruction from any and all authority. Understanding correction makes me wise and has eternal benefits as well as short and long-term benefits for my teammates and myself.
5. Represent my family, school, team, and God in such a way that brings honor to each, whether competing at "HOME" or "AWAY" games.
6. Respect and relate in a Christ-like manner to teammates and classmates throughout the school day.
7. Participate in team ministry opportunities.

The Athletic Director in conjunction with the school principal shall enforce the code of conduct. Moreover, the code of conduct will be enforced by the coach of each sport during that specific season throughout the year as necessary. It should be noted that the Athletic Code of Conduct is in addition to the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Handbook.

Individual Team Rules

Each Head Coach can or will furnish his/her athletes with specific rules and/or regulations that apply to that team. Individual team rules and discipline may go beyond those listed in this handbook, but cannot be of a lesser standard. The Athletic Director must approve these individual team rules.

Enforcement of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and Expectations

The Athletic Director is responsible for the overall enforcement of policy as described in the Athletic Code of Conduct. All rules and regulations regarding behavior, discipline and/or training as outlined in Sts. Peter



and Paul handbook are also applicable. Each Head Coach is directly responsible for the enforcement of said policy for their team during the sports season, in connection with the Athletic Director. All athletes and parents/guardians are required to sign the acknowledgement, consent and disclosure documents stating that they understand the policies and expectations set forth in the Athletic Handbook. A new **Student-Athlete Code of Conduct form** must be signed each year and is enforced at all times.

Attendance at Practices and Games

Each member of a Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Athletic team must assume the responsibilities associated with such a position. The athlete has an ethical obligation to the team and the school. This obligation includes regular attendance at practices and athletic contests. It is possible, of course, that emergency situations may arise (e.g., illness, death in a family, etc.) that render it impossible for an athlete to attend a practice session or an athletic contest. Absences should be minimal and arranged with the coach as early as possible. When athletic team practices occur on school vacation days all athletes are expected to be in attendance. If a conflict arises and the athlete may have to miss a practice, it is of utmost importance that the athlete communicates this with the coach immediately knowing that consequences may follow. Summer and off-season activities are strongly encouraged but cannot be required by coaches. Absences from practice sessions or athletic contests will be handled in the following manner:

ABSENCE FROM PRACTICE:

- Excused absence - No action
- Unexcused absence - 1st Offense: Conference with coach and discipline of athlete
- Unexcused absence - 2nd Offense: Suspension from the next interscholastic contest
- Unexcused absence - 3rd Offense: Dismissal from team (athlete forfeits all awards)

ABSENCE FROM ATHLETIC CONTEST:

- Excused absence - No action
- Unexcused absence - 1st Offense: Conference with coach and suspension from the next interscholastic contest
- Unexcused absence - 2nd Offense: Suspension from the next two interscholastic contests
- Unexcused absence - 3rd Offense: Dismissal from team (athlete forfeits all awards)

Attendance at School

A student-athlete must attend school on the days of an athletic practice and contest in order to participate in that practice or contest. Some specific circumstances are as follows:

1. Students who are absent from part of the school day and are granted a non-illness related excused absence (e.g., a dental appointment) will be allowed to participate in the practice or contest that day.
2. Student-athletes must be at school for at least four periods of the day unless it is due to an excused absence approved by the Principal. A student-athlete may not participate in a particular practice or game/contest if they do not attend the four periods.
3. Any unexcused absence from school, regardless if it is only for a partial day, will render an athlete unable to participate in the day's events. **This would include in-school suspension.**

Playing Time Policy

While it is true that our coaches and administrative personnel believe it to be important to broaden the experience of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School athletes, and that broadening is enhanced by playing time. It is also an important goal of the school that the athletic program strives toward excellence. Therefore, no minimum per game playing time provisions or minimum numbers of athletic meets in which athletes must compete are established. Playing time decisions are left to the discretion of individual coaches. Coaches will determine playing time according to the strengths and weaknesses each player exhibits. The coach will determine an athlete's playing time according to the athlete's overall performance in practice, games, in the classroom and the contest at hand. Additionally, it is imperative that both parents and student-athletes understand that game strategy will affect playing time. An athlete's playing time will be determined by athletic ability, coachability, attitude, attendance and academic eligibility. Parents SHOULD NOT expect a coach to discuss playing time.



Handling Problems/Solving Disputes

Both parenting and coaching are difficult vocations. By keeping line of communication open between parents and coaches, many potential problems can be avoided. One of our goals is to instill in our athletes a sense of ownership and responsibility for their actions. Therefore, it is important that athletes learn necessary communication skills and learn how to resolve conflicts in a God-honoring way. Please note the order of the conflict resolution policy: Protocol for Conflict Resolution -

1. Players must speak to their coach first.
2. Parents may speak with the coach next.
3. If a player or parent approaches the Athletic Director before talking with their Head Coach, they will be immediately referred to the Head Coach.
4. If a player or parent approaches the Principal before speaking with the Athletic Director, they will be immediately referred to the appropriate person on the chain of command.

All disputes at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School, including those related to athletic matters, should be handled in a Christian manner.

No Quit Policy

We encourage students to try new sports. To promote this, students are allowed to attend up to three practices before determining if they want to continue with a sport. At this time, the students FACTS account will be charged. After teams have been selected, leaving a sport will result in a penalty. If a student is fortunate enough to be selected for a position on one of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School athletic teams, it is important that he/she makes a firm commitment to that team. If any student-athlete quits a team after being selected as a member of that team, that student-athlete is prohibited from trying out for another Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School team during the same and following season. Also, the student forfeits consideration for postseason awards for that sport. Furthermore, it should be clearly understood that the action of any student-athlete quitting a team will certainly be among the criteria considered by coaches of subsequent teams on which a student-athlete desires a position. There is no refund or pro-rated amounts for students that do not complete the season. Exceptions may occur if coaches/directors, and the principal agrees it is in the best interest of the student.

Starting a Season Late

A student may start a season late if the reasons are acceptable to the coach and the Athletic Director. If a cut has been made in that sport, the student must go through a try-out period of same length as the players who made that team. If the student's skill level and attitude are determined to be good enough they may be added to the team. No one may be cut to make room for this student. If a student transfers to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School once a season has already begun, they will be considered as a new student with new opportunities and will be permitted to try-out for a team.

Multiple Sport Policy

To fully accomplish the mission statement of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School athletics we, the coaches and athletic administrators encourage all of our student-athletes to participate in multiple sports. However, student-athletes may only double roster between two sports when one of the two sports is Cross Country and/or Cheerleading for the fall and Track & Field in the spring. Students may not double roster between a school sport and a non-school team of the same sport during the same calendar season for fall and winter sports. A multiple sport athlete has two times the opportunity to develop Christian friendships, Christian character, and competitive experiences, reap the benefits of cross training, etc. than a single sport athlete. If a student-athlete approaches a coach or athletic administrator about his/her thoughts on the pros and cons of being a multiple sport athlete, it is our job to carefully give the student-athlete an objective evaluation of his/her options. Coaches should share as much information with the student-athlete as possible to help him/her make the best informed decision he/she can make. If a student chooses to participate in multiple sports in a season, he/she must be able to remain in good academic standing. Also, the student-athlete is expected to always prioritize games over practices. Finally, in the event of game/game conflict, the student is expected to make a choice if possible, in which neither team is put at such a disadvantage that the team would be required to forfeit.



Game Uniforms

Athletic uniforms are supplied for the sole purpose of athletic participation. This equipment is not to be used for any other purpose. Game uniforms must be worn in such a way that they do not detract or distract from the mission of Sts. Peter and Paul Athletics to bring glory to God. Part of being on a team includes a responsibility to bring to the team and school by representing oneself properly. Student-athletes will be allotted time to change into their game uniform before each game whether home or away, until this time it is the student-athletes responsibility to be in full school uniform.

- Game uniform tops should be tucked in at all time.
- Shorts should be worn at the waist and should not be altered or rolled.
- Students are required to be in full game uniform and be wearing it correctly in order to participate in any athletic competition.
- This includes but is not limited to proper shoes, tucked in shirts, correct socks, no make-up, etc.
- Students travelling to away games with the team, but not participating in competition, will also be expected to remain in full school uniform because they too are representing Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School.
- If students change into game uniforms before departing Sts. Peter and Paul for an away game, students must wear their game uniform, non-cleat closed toe shoes, and are permitted to wear a Sts. Peter and Paul approved jacket (please see the student handbook).

Uniform budget will be allocated and reviewed by the Athletic Director according to a rotation schedule.

Practice Uniforms

Practice uniforms should also be worn in an appropriate and respectful manner. Whenever possible students should wear assigned practice uniforms or solid school colors such a black, royal blue, gray, and white. All students should have access to these clothes through the front office.

Equipment/Uniform Return

Student-athletes are expected and required to return all uniforms and equipment checked out to them to the Athletic Director no later than 1 week after the final game of the season. If uniforms and/or equipment are turned in late a \$15.00 dollar fee will be assessed and an additional \$10.00 fee each subsequent week after that for a total of 3 weeks in which at that time the student would be held financially responsible for the uniform and equipment. If a student fails to return his/her uniform and/or equipment, that student is financially responsible.

Game Prayer

Student-athletes are expected to know the game prayer by their first home game of the season. The game prayer is:

(The Sign of the Cross)

God our Creator, we ask your blessing on this game that we are about to play. Give each one of us the courage to play this game in a manner which, by our words and our actions, is pleasing to you. Let us enter into this competition in the spirit of respect for the members of the opposing team. Help us all to be aware of your presence as we compete in the spirit of Christian Sportsmanship! Amen.

Locker Room Policy

Just as participating in interscholastic athletics at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School is a privilege, so too is the use of all athletic facilities and equipment. Great care should be taken to be respectful of all facilities, equipment and resources. Any misconduct or disrespect involving athletic facilities or equipment will be considered when playing time is determined. In order to promote a safe, respectful environment as it relates specifically to the use of the athletic changing room, it is our policy that any student not abiding by athletic room rules or procedures may be dismissed from their athletic team.



ATHLETE PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT/EXPECTATIONS

Code of Conduct

1. I will support Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Athletics through prayer and my presence at SPP events.
2. I will encourage my son/daughter to uphold the ideals stated in the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School mission statement, Athletic Code of Conduct, as well as the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School Athletic Handbook.
3. I will encourage my son/daughter to submit to authority and resolve conflicts if necessary.
4. I will conduct myself at all sporting events I attend in a manner that honors God. I understand that failure to act in said manner may result in expulsion from event by school administrator/representative, and possibly, future events.
5. I will not publicly disparage the coach at sporting events, nor will I disparage him/her in my home. I will go to the coach directly and avoid gossip.
6. I will be realistic about my student-athlete's capabilities and emphasize improvement and commitment.
7. I will be a role model for my student-athlete.

Expectations

1. Be on time picking up/dropping off your player.
2. Only cheer positively from the stands. (We do NOT accept parent coaching; Players need to be listening to the designated head coach.)
3. Arrange any meetings and discussions regarding athletics in advance. (Please do not approach a coach for a discussion after a game regardless of the outcome.)
4. Promote the school and athletic expectations to your student.
5. Be willing and able to communicate with your child's coach and the Athletic Director through e-mail.
6. Complete OVASE and CBC prior to participating in any volunteer capacity.

Volunteer Hours

Every family with a student(s) participating in sports is required to volunteer for **4** hours per academic year. At least half of these hours must be logged before the end of the first semester. Please note that Sts. Peter and Paul will host many home volleyball and basketball games as well as a possible tournaments during the school year. Many volunteer hours will be necessary. Please realize other sports do not require as many volunteers. As such, it is imperative that you realize you may need to seek volunteer hours for an event for which your child does not participate in order to meet this mandatory requirement. All athletic service hours **will count** toward the **10** school service hour requirement. Any family that fails to meet the volunteer hour requirement will be billed for their deficiency. Failure to complete the OVASE and CBC prior to volunteering will void any potential service hours.

SAFETY

Accidents/Injuries

All injuries should be treated with caution and handled with care. The parents will be contacted in the event of all injuries and consulted with in any decisions made in regard to treatment and rehabilitation. If the injury is serious, the coach will call emergency services and the parent(s). Coaches will treat any acknowledged condition in the confidential manner with which the information is related by the parent or guardian. Coaches and administrators cannot be responsible for carrying or administering any medication including over the counter medication. If an athlete misses practice on the request of a physician, the athlete should have a note of clearance before returning to practice or contests. **Following a diagnosed concussion, student-athletes will not participate in practices or games without written authorization from the treating physician.**

Bad Weather:

Lightening and Severe Storms: The Athletic Director, in consultation with the Coach and officials, will make decisions based on AIAL/STFC guidelines for student-athlete safety. In the event that a practice or game is cancelled or delayed due to severe weather, Coaches will make an attempt to notify parents via phone trees and/or e-mails.

GENERAL INFORMATION**Schedules**

The scheduling of all athletic events and practices is determined by the Athletic Director in cooperation with each coach. The coach may issue a schedule to the students and parents as soon as possible in each season. If practice is understood to be every day, there may not be a printed practice schedule issued. There will never be any practice or competition on Sunday. On occasion an athletic event may be scheduled on a day or weekend when school is out on vacation. When this is determined to be necessary, the dates will be given out as far ahead as possible.

Team Pictures

We will make a concerted effort to take team pictures early in each season, usually before a home game. Individual sports pictures will not be organized by the school. If parents desire an individual picture of their child for a particular sport, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure this happens while the uniforms are checked for the duration of the season.

Extracurricular Conflicts

If a conflict arises involving an athletic contest and an event related to another school activity, the coach and teacher/sponsor will discuss whether accommodations can be made to allow the student to participate in both events. If an agreement is not reached in this manner the student and parent(s) will decide how best to proceed based on the best interest of the student. Teachers and coaches may assign alternative work/tasks in place of the missed event. No additional or punitive penalties may be assessed beyond the loss of benefits (e.g., grades, participation) inherent in the event itself. It is understood that contests will take priority over practices.

Scholastic Athletic Offerings

The interscholastic sports currently being offered at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School are:

Fall

Coed Cross Country
Coed Soccer (eight man)
Eleven man-tackle football
Girls' Volleyball
Cheerleading
Pep Squad

Winter

Girls' Basketball Boys' Basketball

Spring

Girls' Softball
Boys Baseball
Golf
Tennis
Track & Field

Post Season Awards

At the end of each school year, the Sts. Peter and Paul Booster Club will host a Sports Banquet. At this event all student-athletes will be recognized for their participation in athletics. These awards should be decided with input from the entire coaching staff.

The number of all-district selections per sport is determined by how well that team does in district play. All-district selections will be a unilateral head coach decision. The head coach may confer with the Athletic Director and/or the AIAL Commissioner when appropriate.



The Panther, MVP, Spirit and Most Improved Awards will also be awarded at that time. The Panther Award is given to the most outstanding male and female student-athletes who exemplify what it means to be representative of a good Catholic student-athlete. This means the most talented student who may or may not have been a vocal leader, but led by example, kept up his or her grades, exhibited good sportsmanship, never talked negatively about teammates or coaches, and modeled Christian behavior in school and during athletic competitions.

All post season awards (not recipients) are subject to approval by the Athletic Director and Principal.

COMMUNICATION

General Information and Cancellations

It is the head coaches' responsibility to notify parents in the event of a short-notice cancellation or schedule change. Please be certain to check e-mail regularly. Coaches may choose to communicate by text messages for short-notice changes/cancellations.

ATHLETIC FEES

In order to remain solvent, athletic fees must be assessed for participation in our athletic programs. Some sports are inherently more expensive to operate; as such, we have pricing relative to the cost of the respective programs. We understand that these fees can become burdensome for multiple sport athletes, or families with multiple student-athletes and hence we attempt to keep costs at a minimum. Please review the no quit policy in regards to timing and withdraw of sports.

- Football and Cheer: \$100.
- Baseball and Softball: \$70.
- Volleyball, Soccer, and Basketball: \$60.
- Golf: \$50.
- Cross Country, Track, Pep Squad and Tennis: \$40.

OTHER INFORMATION

Parent Meetings

There will be at least one parent meeting per season. If you are unable to attend any parent meetings, please contact the Athletic Director as soon as possible so alternate arrangements can be made for you to receive the information. Our methods of communication will be e-mail and *Remind*.

Parent Code of Conduct

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5. I will not publicly disparage the coach at sporting events, nor will I disparage him/her in my home. I will go to the coach directly and avoid gossip, which could question my own integrity.
6. I will be realistic about my student-athlete's capabilities and emphasize improvement and commitment.
7. I will be a role model for my student-athlete.
8. I will complete OVASE and a Criminal Background Check prior to volunteering for any event that I will be around children.
9. I understand and accept the "No Quit" policy and any fees associated with the policy.
10. I understand and accept the late equipment/athletic uniform policy and the fees associated with the policy.

I understand the purpose of the Parent Code of Conduct. I agree to support the principles, set forth and I am committed to the growth of my son/daughter while at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School. I have read and understand the Sts. Peter and Paul Athletic Handbook and will observe rules therein, as well as, the Sts. Peter and Paul Student Handbook and any handbooks set forth by individual leagues.

*******EACH PARENT/GUARDIAN IS REQUIRED TO READ AND SIGN FORM*******

STUDENT NAME: _____

Parent/Guardian Name

(Printed): _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athlete Code of Conduct

Participation in athletics at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School is a privilege. If you choose to participate in athletics, you willingly accept the responsibility of being a leader; both in and out of the classroom and in the arena of competition. You also understand you are representatives of our Lord. Those who choose to participate must make sacrifices and establish priorities.

With these things in mind, the following guidelines have been established for those students who elect to participate in the athletic program here at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School.

I agree, as an athlete here at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School, to:

1. Model Christ in speech and behavior.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the contest year by treating opposing players, coaches, and all representatives with respect
3. Be prompt to all scheduled practices, games, and team meetings.
4. Accept correction and instruction from any and all authority. Understanding correction makes me wise and has eternal benefits as well as short and long-term benefits for my teammates and myself.
5. Represent my family, school, team, and God in such a way that brings honor to each, whether competing at "HOME" or "AWAY" games.
6. Respect and relate in a Christ-like manner to teammates and classmates throughout the school day.
7. Participate in team ministry opportunities.

I have read the Athlete Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to uphold the expectations outlined above will endanger my athletic eligibility. I also understand that these expectations are in place to help me grow spiritually and mature emotionally and physically. I have read and understand the Sts. Peter and Paul Athletic Handbook and will observe rules therein, as well as the Sts. Peter and Paul Student Handbook and any handbooks set forth by individual leagues.

The Code of Conduct is in effect year-round and not limited to the sport or school year.

STUDENT NAME (Printed):

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name Signature: _____ Date: _____