

St. James School Athletic Association
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Behavior and Conduct Requirements

Athletic Board Mission Statement

The mission of SJS Athletics is to provide an athletic program that gives athletes an environment that promotes and supports academic, athletic, spiritual, and personal achievement and development through hard work, discipline, integrity, leadership, and teamwork. Participants should play with pride, lose with dignity, and win graciously. Sportsmanship should be evident, both on the field of play and in the stands. Players, coaches, and officials are to be treated with respect. Participants should have fun and cultivate skills for the next phase of their lives.

Athletic Participation Statement

You have been given the honor to represent St. James as a student athlete. This is a privilege and comes with the responsibility to represent our school with the dignity that it deserves. Participation in athletics means more than competition between two individuals or teams representing different schools. It is much more than winning and losing. Participation in athletics teaches fair play and sportsmanship and understanding and appreciation for team work. It is a goal of St. James Athletics that students play sports in a positive and safe school environment. Students should feel emotionally and physically safe at all times. We shall strive to eliminate poor sportsmanship, disrespect or abusive behavior toward officials, coaches, fellow teammates or opponents, teasing, bullying, or harassment. Students, parents, and coaches will be responsible to promote a safe environment.

Student Agreement

It is my responsibility to create positive relationships with my fellow athletes. I will treat others the way I would like to be treated and will never say or write something, or display an attitude; that would make another feel alienated. I will ask for assistance from my coaches if someone says or writes something inappropriate or upsetting to me or that might cause danger to me or others. I will be responsible for my actions and accountable for what I do.

SJ Athletes:

1. will take proper care of all school equipment and uniforms.
2. will be concerned about their conduct in school, practices, games, and in the community.
3. must realize that profanity or use or possession of illegal substances will not be tolerated.
4. will enjoy winning, but shall maintain modesty, and also understand that losing is part of the game and they should be gracious in defeat.
5. must always show sportsmanship to officials, coaches, fellow teammates and opponents.
6. must encourage and support their teammates at all times. They should never criticize a teammate nor blame someone for a loss. Teams work together!
7. will not dispute an official's call. Coaches will represent individual athletes and the team in any dispute with game officials.
8. must respect SJ and opposing teams' property.
9. must realize they have a great influence on fellow students. Speaking with respect to all students, faculty, and staff is one good way to set an example.
10. will commit to participation on a team and refrain from scheduling conflicting activities during the season.
11. should be at practice and games on time and be ready to play, unless authorized by the Coach.
12. abide by rules for discipline, behavior and academic eligibility contained in the SJ Student Handbook.

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Parent Agreement

Parents/Guardians will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, volunteers, spectators, and officials.

Parents/Guardians will:

1. assist athlete in understanding responsible behavior.
2. guide player to make good choices when it comes to how they talk and act toward others.
3. make certain that their athlete does not tease, bully, or make others feel alienated.
4. contact the appropriate party if the athlete should be made to feel emotionally or physically harassed at school to insure that all students have a safe school environment.

Coaches Agreement

Coaches are leaders dedicated to promoting the development of good character and are responsible for the conduct of their players.

Coaches have committed to:

1. act as leaders and role models for students.
2. teach the players the skills of the game, the values of teamwork and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
3. never use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach or official.
4. provide a safe, challenging and encouraging environment for practice and competition.
5. respect the integrity and judgement of the game officials.
6. teach and abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
7. be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.