



## **St. Gregory Parent and Student Athlete Agreement**

The goal of the St. Gregory Athletic Department, School and Parish is to provide an athletic program where the student can develop physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. In order to accomplish these goals, the coaches and staff need the support of the parents. We ask the following of both parents and students:

1. **Good Sportsmanship:** Good sportsmanship is expected from everyone. The coaches and players are expected to and are held accountable for representing St. Gregory School with dignity and class. We expect the same high standards of behavior from all adults. Certain behaviors are considered inappropriate. The athletic department reserves the right to remove any person or bench any player who exhibits the following types of behavior:
  - Berating, humiliating or taunting the coaches or players
  - Berating or harassment of game officials, including referees and umpires
  - Profane, racist or sexist remarks directed at the coach, players, spectators or officials
  - Poor sportsmanship (i.e. Poor winning or losing)
2. **Respect Coaches:** Coaches are volunteers, who put in many hours for the players benefit, and are to be treated with respect. This includes inside and outside the home. It is important that conversations regarding the coaches are always put in a respectful tone. Your child won't respect his/her coach if you don't. Please allow your coach to coach: do not try to help at practices or games unless asked to do so.
3. **Time:** Players must be on time for games and practices and they must also be picked up on time, by a person who informs the coach at pick up.
4. **Uniforms:** Uniforms will be distributed at the start of a season or at tryouts. Athletes are to respect their uniform as it is an extension of St. Gregory School. Uniforms are to be cleaned on a regular basis and returned at awards night for each sport. Any unreturned uniform will incur a \$50 replacement fee to that student's parents.
5. **Practices and Games:** Any player who misses a game or is unable to attend at least one practice a week may experience a decrease or minimal playing time at the next game. Every effort will be made to provide advance notice regarding practice schedule changes. A practice that has been rescheduled is not optional unless specifically referenced as such by the coach. Siblings may not come to practice unless accompanied by a parent.
  - **Excused Absences:** The **ONLY** excused absences are those due to illness, injury, medical appointments, death in the family or academic conflicts. In the event of a medical appointment we ask that every effort is made to schedule these appointments around team events and not in conflict with them. Injured players are strongly encouraged to attend practice to observe and participate in whatever way possible. Please contact the coach **48 hours** in advance of any excused absence.
  - **Unexcused Absences:** Parents/Players must call their coaches promptly if they will miss a game or practice. If a reason is not provided for the player's absence in advance (whether or not it is an excused absence as defined above), the absence will be considered unexcused. Players must attend at least one practice a week, or face reduced playing time (that sport's required minimum). Consistent, unexcused absences will result in a game suspension and could result in further action at the discretion of the AD and school administration (see Chain of Communication).
    - i. Sport's Required Minimums:
      1. Baseball: All players must bat in a continuous rotation and each player must play at least two consecutive innings in the field
      2. Volleyball: Last in rotation
      3. Basketball: All players must play one complete quarter.



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Players serving a game suspension are strongly encouraged to attend the game in support of their teammates.

*Players are expected to attend one practice per week and scheduled games. If they are unable to attend due to non-St. Gregory activities, they are to provide the coach with advance notice of 48 hours or it will be considered unexcused.*

**Understand playing time:** Due to the nature of athletics and competition, not all players will get the same playing time. Playing time can also be determined by attendance at practices and games, punctuality and behavior.

- Students who are suspended from school may not participate in any athletic activity (practice or games) until reinstated.
- Students placed on academic probation or a behavior contract will be revoked from participating in sports until given permission by school administration.

**Chain of Communication:** If you have any concerns about your child's coach or your child's participation on a team, you are to follow the steps listed below until you feel the issue is resolved:

- A. Have your child speak to the coach. Sometimes the coach is unaware of your child's concern or feelings. Also, it is important to teach our students how to communicate with adults.
- B. Arrange an appointment to speak to your child's coach.
- C. Arrange an appointment with, call or email to the appropriate Sport's Commissioner.
- D. If you have followed steps A-C above and still feel the issue has not been adequately addressed, arrange an appointment to meet with call or email the Athletic Director.
- E. If you have followed steps A-D above and still feel the issue has not been adequately addressed, arrange an appointment to meet with the Principal.

### Players:

- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I will be the best representation of St. Gregory School I can.
- I will not use my phone during practices and games.
- I will come to all games and practices with a good attitude and ready to participate.

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents:

- I understand the above requirements, and will support my child, their team and the St. Gregory sports program.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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