

SKPS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The success and effectiveness of SKPS athletic programs depends, in part, on the support they receive from parents. For this reason, parents must be committed to the responsibilities and Code of conduct outlined below. By registering your child for a SKPS sport you agree to the following:

1. While athletic programs are important to SKPS students, athletics are designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success.¹ Most important, SKPS athletic programs should always practice the Christian values taught at SKPS.
2. Parents are required to complete the appropriate registration/release forms and pay the appropriate fees prior to the deadline in order that their child/children will be eligible for sports participation. Registration fees will not be refunded after team rosters are set following evaluations.
3. Parents must ensure that their children have a physical in accordance with Diocesan policies. A physical examination form must be turned in prior to the first practice/evaluation.
4. Athletes 10 and older are encouraged to have a concussion baseline test and parents are encouraged to review information provided by the CDC on concussion awareness.

See <http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/schools.html>.

5. A child's involvement in athletics requires a parental commitment. A child's participation depends on their parents getting them to practices and games and failure to attend practices will effect playing time in games.

Parents must also fulfill volunteer requirements in order to ensure the successful continuance of our athletic program. Coaches will work with parents to ensure that all volunteer needs for each team are filled. If a parent is scheduled to handle a specific volunteer activity and cannot work as scheduled, it is the parent's responsibility to get a substitute.

6. Parents are encouraged to attend the coach's parent meeting held prior to the first game of the season.
7. Parents are expected to be aware of and in compliance with all SKPS policies and guidelines. Parents should also familiarize themselves with the rules applicable to their child's sport as well as the goals to be taught during the season.
8. At all times when involved with a SKPS sports team or when present as a spectator, parents are expected to adopt a positive attitude and abide by the Christian values taught at St.

¹ Some sentiments expressed herein are set out in the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Code of Ethics.

Kilian Parish. We demand that our children adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship and be respectful of all players, coaches, other parents, spectators, league officials, and game officials and no less is expected from parents. Confrontational, abusive and/or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

9. Parents are asked to emphasize to their children the importance of the Diocesan athletic prayer that is recited before games and that the prayer be read with the proper reverence.

10. Parents must recognize that all coaches and Athletic Association Board members are volunteers. Parents are asked to communicate with the coach, during the season, any questions or issues they have. However, approaching coaches before, during or immediately following practices or games is not desirable and is not an efficient use of the team's time. Parents and coaches should find an agreed to time outside of games and practices to discuss any issues.

11. Parents wishing to discuss any concerns or complaints regarding an athletic program or team should first raise those issues with the head coach and then the sport coordinator if the issue/concern is not resolved by speaking to the head coach. If the issue is not resolved by speaking with the coach and/or coordinator, parents should bring the issue to the Athletic Association President who, along with other members of the Executive Board, will address the issues.

12. Parents must review the Athlete's Code of Conduct with their children.

13. Parents are to provide transportation to all practices and games. Players need to arrive at the times designated by the coach and be picked up promptly afterwards. Parents are not to drop athletes off for practice and leave without verifying that the coach is present. Promptness in picking up athletes is expected.

14. Parents are to assist the coach in ensuring adequate supervision at practices. On girls' teams coached by a male, a female adult must be present at practices and present in any locker room meetings.

15. Parents are financially responsible for the loss or misuse of uniforms issued to athletes. Loss or damage to a uniform will require reimbursement of the cost to replace that uniform. Fees charged for damaged or lost uniforms and/or failure to fulfill service requirements must be paid before child/children will be allowed to participate the following year.

16. Parents are responsible for supervising their children before and after all practices and games, and this includes any siblings of their athlete at athletic events (home and away). Children are not permitted to roam hallways unattended and no horseplay is permitted in hallways or bathrooms.

17. Parents and coaches should discuss as part of their initial meeting the benefits of having at least one parent present at practices. For any girls' teams with a male coach, an adult female is required to be present at all practices and in any locker room meetings. However, all teams would benefit from having a parent at practices. Myriad issues can arise at practice, including

injuries, where having multiple people present will ensure all issues which arise get handled appropriately.