

Saint James / Seton Athletic Academic & Conduct Policy

Conduct: Students participating in athletics (including intramurals) must maintain a satisfactory academic and conduct record. All SJS athletes represent their school/team on and off the field. Conduct must remain satisfactory. If a student is involved in any type of misconduct, probation or suspension may occur depending on the severity of the situation. This will be decided by the Principal and the Athletic Director. If a conflict arises between students, parents, and/or coaches, our coaches will maintain a “24-hour Rule” policy in which the conflict will not be discussed between the involved parties until at least 24 hours has passed to allow for emotions to subside and reasonable dialogue to follow. Following that period, the athlete should discuss the issue with his/her coach. After that discussion, a conference may be held between the athlete, his/her parents, and the coach. In extreme cases, the Athletic Director may be notified for intervention and further discussion.

Academics: In order for a student to remain eligible to participate on a SJS athletic team, the student's academic work must remain satisfactory. Based on mid-quarter and report card results, failing one class is considered unsatisfactory and will result in a two-week probation. This will be decided by the Principal and the Athletic Director. Once on probation, the student may participate in practice, but will not take part in any games. At the end of the two-week period, the student's status will be re-evaluated. At that time, the probation will be ended or extended. If extended past the initial two weeks, the student will be suspended from athletics and forfeit practices as well.

Suspension from Athletics: Once a student has been suspended from athletics, he/she will be re-evaluated every two weeks until becoming eligible again. (Christmas break will not count during a two-week probation or suspension). The Principal will notify the Athletic Director of any student athletes that may be affected by this. If a student on probation/suspension has shown outstanding effort and has made great strides, but is still failing a class, his/her probation may be lifted. This decision will come from the Teachers and the Principal only. All discussions regarding student eligibility status will involve only the Principal, Athletic Director, and Teachers (if necessary). The result of the discussions will be communicated to the Coach, and will remain confidential between all involved parties.

Commitment: Saint James / Seton Athletics is a commitment and teams rely on their participants to make every effort to be at practices and games. If a student-athlete participates in activities outside of SJS Athletics, they are required to inform their coach at the beginning of the season of these outside activities. Additionally, the student-athlete is required to let the coach know at least 24 hours ahead of each practice or game when they will not be in attendance (illness and emergencies excluded). On days that student-athlete is absent from school due to illness, they will not participate in practices, games or events. **MISSING PRACTICES AND/OR GAMES DUE TO OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES MAY RESULT IN REDUCED PLAYING TIME AT THE COACH'S DISCRETION.** Any decision to reduce playing time as a result of attendance is at the sole discretion of the coach and cannot be appealed to the Athletic Director, school administration or parish priests. Failure to inform the coach ahead of time could result in additional discipline, including suspension from part or all of a game. Repeated failures to inform the coach ahead of time of an absence may result in a conference with the coach, parent(s) and Athletic Director.
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Student/Parent Notification: At the beginning of each season, coaches will inform student athletes of the above policy and its implementation. Also, a contract stating understanding of said policy will be signed by the parents and students before entrance into the activity.

