



SAINT PETER SCHOOL

PREK-8TH GRADE ELEMENTARY | ESTABLISHED 1927

St. Peter School Basketball Program Parent and Student Contract

Parent Code of Conduct

St. Peter School desires to firmly anchor its sports programs into its school mission, which **is to teach, model, and nurture Gospel values within the Catholic tradition while promoting individual and academic excellence**. On account of this, parents and students will sign the athletic participation form below acknowledging acceptance of the Parent Pledge and the Student Pledge respectively.

Parent Pledge: As a parent, I acknowledge that I am a role model and the primary educator of my children. I will remember that school athletics is an extension of the classroom and the parish, offering learning experiences for the students that correlate to the faith and moral formation of our children. Therefore, I must show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. I will participate in cheers that support, encourage, and uplift the teams involved. We will strive to cultivate virtue by means of athletics, such as faith, perseverance, humility, obedience, loyalty, and teamwork. I understand the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship expected by our school, and our conference. I hereby accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship and virtue that comes with being the parent of a student athlete.

General Parent Conduct Guidelines

- Let the coaches do the coaching for all team members.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times and I will be an ambassador for St. Peter School when interacting with parents from other schools.
- Support the program in word and deed, and by volunteering to support at least one aspect of the basketball program on a consistent basis.

- Be your child's best fan, and refrain from harsh public criticism of your child or other children including complaints in the stands about mistakes made by the players.
- Encourage your child to talk with the coaches about strategy and concerns relating to attendance.
- Understand and display appropriate game behavior in speech and action.
- Help your child remain focused on his or her priorities, especially concerning grades and moral choices, and prioritizing God above all else.
- Keep sport in its proper perspective as a means for cultivating virtue, physical fitness, and demonstrating Christian values. It is an excellent tool for acquiring many virtues necessary for a mature adult life.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best, a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, and virtue is more important than outcomes such as winning or points scored.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games, as well as the authority of the coaches.
- I will not confront coaches or managers at any time during games and understand that grievances are best handled privately. In no way will a coach be criticized publicly before other parents or especially the players.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and delegate that authority to the coach.
- I will refrain from negative social media posts about the school, the team, the coaches or the players.
- I will not participate in any negative emails about the school, the team, the coaches or the players, nor group email the coach publicly criticizing the coach.
- I will refrain from any public displays of immorality and understand the school's policies concerning alcohol during school events.
- Any physical altercations between a parent and coach or a parent and parents from other schools will result in the contacting of law enforcement and the removal of that parent from being present at any further events.
- Under no circumstances is any parent to request security detail at a basketball game. This authority is reserved for the principal.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the St. Peter School Principal, Pastor, coaches or other school officials that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal Warning, Counsel, and/or conference with principal and coaches
- Written Warning- either by email or more formally in print
- Parental suspension for games
- Parental season suspension
- Parental removal from all school activities

The St. Peter School Principal retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.

Father's Acknowledgement:

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:

Mother's Acknowledgement:

Print Name:

Signature:

Date: