

School Athletic Mission Statement

The St. Stanislaus Student Athletic Program exists to teach the fundamentals of sports with emphasis on Christian values, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior. Focus is placed on lessons learned from athletic competition both in victory and defeat, along with the proper role of athletics in the overall physical, spiritual, and moral development of the student. Each athlete is treated with respect and encouraged to participate to his/her fullest potential. Athletes are expected to develop appropriate levels of commitment, dedication, and strong work ethics. Instilled in each athlete are the Christian qualities of respect, tolerance, and concern for all teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials.

Sports Seasons/Programs

The sports seasons are divided into the following categories: Fall, Winter, and Spring. The following sports activities will be offered during each of the seasons.

Fall: Volleyball/Soccer

Winter: Boys Basketball/Girls Basketball/Cheerleading

Spring: Boys Volleyball/Track & Field

Falcons Team Formation

The sports policy may change at the discretion of the athletic director and with the principal as needed and without notice. Please direct any inquiries to the athletic director. All students must meet all eligibility requirements to participate in any school team sport.

- All time period for sign-ups for all sports will be determined by the Athletic Director and communicated to the principal.
- All students wishing to participate in a sport must have a parent or guardian attend the designated sign up meeting. You are to bring all completed athletic documents and designated fees at the time of the meeting.
- Late registrations will not be accepted after any determined deadline without prior consultation with the Athletic Director.
- In order to be a member of the team, the student must attend and participate during all practices.
- Physicals and fees must be turned in on the designated date
- No-one will be added to the roster after the roster has been officially turned in.
- Per the athletic directors discretion if an athlete can participate in a sport if they forfeited playing the previous season.
- Final rosters for all sports must be approved by the coach, athletic director, and principal.
- Students and parents are expected to exhibit Christian behavior and good sportsmanship at all school related functions and activities, whether on or off school grounds.
- The administration and game officials, at their discretion, have the authority to remove anyone displaying unsportsmanlike conduct at any school sporting event.

Communication

- As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's team.
- Communication you should expect from your son/daughter's coach shall be as follows:
 1. Philosophy of the coach
 2. Expectations the coach has for your child and the other players on the squad.
 3. Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation
 4. A well-defined schedule of practice days and times
- Communication coaches shall expect and receive from parents shall be as follows:
 1. Concerns, expressed directly to the coach
 2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
 3. Specific concerns regarding a coach's philosophy and/or expectations
- There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others position.
- The following is a list of appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:
 1. The treatment of your child both mentally and physically
 2. Ways to help your child improve
 3. Concerns about your child's behavior
- It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are expected to act in a professional and reasonable manner. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. While there are certain things which can and should be discussed with your child's coach, there are other things, which must be left to the discretion of the coach.
- The following are issues that are not appropriate to discuss with coaches:
 1. Playing time
 2. Strategy
 3. Play calling
 4. Other student-athletes
- If you feel you have an appropriate concern to discuss with a coach, the following steps should be taken:
 1. Set up an appointment with the coach according to his/her guidelines.
 2. If a satisfactory resolution is not agreed upon, a meeting with the Athletic Director and coach will be scheduled to discuss the situation.
 3. At this meeting the appropriate next step will be determined. .
- Parents who verbally attack, challenge, or publicly embarrass any member of the coaching staff shall face proper punishment.
 1. Any parent choosing to verbally attack, challenge, or publicly embarrass a member of the coaching staff will not be allowed to attend his/her child's next 2 games either at home or away.
- Proper protocol for expressing concerns will be to make an appointment to speak with the appropriate coach at a time and place agreeable to both parties and neither the athletes nor the general public are present.
- Parents are asked to refrain from approaching the coaches after a game or during practice to discuss any concerns. Such conduct will not be tolerated. If the matter remains unresolved the athletic director is the next point of contact, followed by the principal.

Requirements for Athletes

- Physical Examination: A yearly physical examination is required. The physical exam form must be completed and submitted to the athletic director.
- Parent and athletes shall read all of the enclosed materials and sign that they understand the athletic eligibility, rules and policies of the athletic department.
- Scholastic Eligibility: All athletes must be in compliance with scholastic eligibility requirements prior to participation. That means they may not have any F's in core subjects.
- Official notices of a student's eligibility status shall be given in writing to the Athletic Director by the school principal.
- Students must wait until they receive official notice from the Athletic Director before they resume or end competition.

- Official notices of eligibility will be made available when and only when Report Cards or Progress Reports are made available to the parents on Ren Web.
- If a student is ineligible for a consecutive progress report and the report card they shall be dismissed from the team.
- If a student is ineligible for a consecutive progress report and report card it shall be at the discretion of the athletic director and principal as to whether or not they are allowed to sign up for the next sports team.
- If ruled ineligible for the fourth quarter of the school year, the student is ineligible until the 1st Progress Report of the next school year.
- Athletes are only allowed to be ineligible 1 time during the sport season that is in session. If an athlete receives a 2nd violation due to grades they will be removed from the team.
- Conduct: Athletes whose conduct or appearance is not within school policy may be declared ineligible.
- Athletes must be in attendance at school for regular classes. If a student misses school on Friday before the day of a game they will not be able to participate in the weekend games. It will be the discretion of the athletic director.
- All applicable athletic fees must be paid in full prior to the first official practice.

Athletics Fee

There is a fee associated with participation in these sports, and it is set each year by the athletic director. The fees are discussed at the parent meetings. Fees are subject to change every year by the athletic director and principal.

Uniforms

- All equipment is the property of the school and is loaned to the athletes during his/her season of sport.
- All athletes/parents are responsible for paying and maintaining their uniform.
- Students are expected to be dressed in official team uniforms when representing St. Stanislaus Catholic School in game or meet.
- Keep uniforms tucked in at all times.
- No jewelry is to be worn during practice or games.

- If wearing glasses, a strap must be worn to keep the glasses secure.

School Attendance - Sports Policy

- If the student is not in school on the day of his/her scheduled practice, he/she may not attend practice that day.
- If a student is not in school on the day of his/her scheduled game, he/she may not attend the game that day as a player or a spectator.
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- Students are expected to remain on a team until all contests are completed. Dropping out of a sport is a serious matter. No student should quit any sport without first consulting with his/her coach and parents and explaining his/her intentions throughout the sport season.

Excused absences

- Illness, death in the family or a family emergency.
- If an athlete gets ill during the school day and goes home, their absence will be excused.
- If a student feels ill and stays in school, they should go to practice. If their illness gets worse, then the athletic director can excuse them to go home.

Unexcused absences

- When a student/athlete gets an unexcused absence from practice, they will become ineligible one game.
- When a student/athlete gets a second unexcused from practice, parents will be notified by phone; a third unexcused absence from practice will result in that student's removal from the program.
- Unexcused absences consist of not notifying the head coach.
- Any players suspended for one or two games must attend the game in uniform and sit on the bench.
- When an athlete gets an unexcused absence from a game, the athlete will immediately be suspended from the team or removed from the program and parents will be notified by phone.

Tardiness

- Athletes are expected to be on time to practice, meetings, and games.
- The coach will have the authority to decide whether a tardy is excused or not.
- The Coach will have a corrective action in place.
- Continual tardiness will be treated as an unexcused absence from a practice

Quitting a sport

- Athletes that quit a team have disrupted the team unity and deprived another student of participating. Athletes make a commitment to the school, team, and coach.

- An athlete that quits a sport or an athlete who is on a team and has been disciplined, but continues to show poor team sportsmanship can be dismissed. In addition the following action will take place:

1. The athlete will forfeit trying out for the next sport.
2. The athlete will forfeit any refund of athletic fee and practice gear.

Participation in Sports at other Schools

- The vitality of the St. Stan's Sports Program is dependent upon the commitment of our students. Therefore, a student may participate in a sport at another school only if that sport is not offered at St. Stan's School. In order to participate at another school, St. Stanislaus School must be informed of the student's participation and the student must comply with the eligibility guidelines established by St. Stanislaus School.
- If a student wishes to participate in an outside sport other than the CYO sport currently in session, please keep in mind that the CYO sports holds president over any other outside activity.
- Missing practice and games due to other outside sport obligations will result in an unexcused absence.

Disciplinary

St. Stan's Athletics provides an atmosphere in which every athlete can grow academically, spiritually and physically by establishing guidelines and expectations for an athlete's behavior on the field and in the classroom. St. Stan's athletes are held to a high standard as we strive to work with the whole student. If a disciplinary action becomes necessary, the athletic department may add additional consequences along with the school policies.

Conduct - Athletes

- Athletes, like all other students, are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable, responsible manner that is in keeping with the St. Stanislaus Catholic School Handbook.
- Each student who participates in the St. Stanislaus Catholic School athletic program is expected to:
 1. be gracious and courteous regardless of whether he/she wins or loses
 2. abstain from the use of illegal tactics
 3. abstain from the use of profanity
 4. abstain from displaying fits of temper, clowning, or other inappropriate behavior
 5. cooperate with officials, coaches, teammates, and opponents
 6. conduct him/herself so as to provide a positive role model for other students
 7. be respectful to him/herself and the team he/she represents
 8. use school equipment with respect and care
 9. respect the property of others
 10. represent St. Stanislaus Catholic School with honor
- Proper conduct should be exhibited at all times by members of a team. Conduct deemed detrimental to the team by the coach and the Athletic Director will not be tolerated.
- If at any time proper conduct is not shown, it shall be at the discretion of the Athletic Director, after consultation with the Principal, to incur proper punishment which could include suspension from a game or games in addition to any

punishment handed down by the CYO or any other league the team is participating in.

- Continued conduct detrimental to the team will result in dismissal from the team. Dismissal from the team because of conduct detrimental to the team will only occur after consultation between the parents, coach, athletic director, and principal.
- Athletes are expected to be respectful to all adults, staffs, coaches, opposing team, officials, parents and athletes.

Spectator Behavior

- The primary role of St. Stanislaus School is to develop a Catholic value system that recognizes the dignity of each person. In keeping with this philosophy, parents and other spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all sporting events.
- If at any time, a parent or spectator is not conducting himself/herself in a respectful manner he/she will be asked to leave the event and will face the proper punishment as established by the CYO, whether or not it is a CYO game.
- At no time should any parent, family member, friend or anyone otherwise associated with St. Stanislaus School ever address an official before, during, or after a game for any reason.
- If at any time a parent, family member, or anyone associated with St. Stanislaus School is addressing an official for any reason they shall be subject to punishment.

Practices and Games

- A student-athlete shall attend and actively participate in all scheduled practice sessions.
- Students are expected to be at practices on time and no more than 15 minutes before practice is scheduled.
- Student athletes are not allowed in the gym unless a coach or athletic director is present.
- Students must be picked up by their parent or guardian immediately at the end of practice.
- Students are not allowed to be in the building unsupervised.
- Practices are intended to be opportunities for coaches to work with athletes. There at no time should be distractions during practices from outside influences such as other family members, friends, or other teams.
- No parents will be allowed to attend practices. No other children will be allowed to be in the gym before, during, or after practice. St. Stan's will not be responsible for anyone not allowed in the gym during practices.
- If, after consulting with the affected coaches, it is deemed that distractions are becoming the norm, it shall be at the discretion of the Athletic Director, with consultation of the Principal to ask the affected parents, siblings, and friends to leave the practice and not return to future practices.
- Students and/or Parents must always consult with the coach before missing practice or a game. Consecutive School Days Missed - 5 or more will require a minimum of 2 practices in order to be eligible to play in any game.

Playing Time

Many teams experience difficulties as the season progresses due to the issue of playing time. Parents sometimes feel that the coach should be playing their son/daughter more; many times they tell their son/daughter this. The end result of this behavior is often an attitude problem that affects the entire team, creates tension, and inhibits success. We ask that parents not discuss playing time issues with their son/daughter for this reason. We need parental support in achieving our goals:

- Improving player skills
- Instilling a winning attitude (not a win-at-all-costs attitude)
- Creating positive team interaction
- Teaching players to take responsibility for their own improvement

The following guidelines explain how we will be treating the sensitive issue of playing time:

- 1. Playing time will not be equal for all players. All players will get the required CYO playing time. After that it will be the coach's discretion upon playing time.
- 2. Practices will provide constant opportunities for player improvement. Players are expected to attend practices and work hard at getting better. Sometimes this can be frustrating, but a player's work ethic and mental focus is key to becoming a better athlete.
- 3. Winning occurs through mental attitude and physical ability. If players do not believe they can win, they will never win. Winning requires a positive attitude toward the game, the coach, and the teammates. Playing time may be adjusted for attitude and skills performance at practices and at games.
- 4. Players should discuss playing time issues with the coach. Players are ultimately responsible for their improvement. They need to understand what they need to improve upon to get more playing time. Players have the opportunity to learn how to discuss improvement with the coach and to obtain feedback on their performance.
- 5. Parents should not confront the coach regarding playing time issues. If the player has discussed the issue with the coach and parents are not satisfied, a meeting will be scheduled with the player (as appropriate), the parents, and the coach. The issue will not be discussed at a game or practice, or in front of any other players or parents. Parents who confront the coach in an angry or hostile manner at a game or practice or elsewhere, will subject his or her athlete to expulsion from the team with no refund of fees. These guidelines are important in setting clear expectations for both parents and players. They will help us all to have a positive experience during the School.

Fundraisers

Each family will be responsible for participating in the ATHLETIC FUNDRAISERS and ATHLETIC EVENTS (tournaments, etc.) Fundraisers will be decided upon at the beginning of the school year.

Parents are expected to do all sports obligated service hours

Under no circumstances will any team host a fundraiser without the approval from St. Stan's School. If you have an idea in mind, please notify the athletic director.

Coaches Selection Policy

- The quality and success of the Athletic Department rests on the dedication of the coaching staff. Therefore it is extremely important to be dedicated to the entire sports program not just to your son or daughters team.
- For those interested in coaching the following steps and requirements must be taken:
 1. All coaches and coaches candidates must fulfill the diocesan requirement by becoming Virtus trained, be compliant with training bulletins, and submit to a criminal background check. Information regarding the Virtus program will be made available at the beginning of each school year and will be updated on the diocesan website.
 2. An application must be completed by anyone interested in coaching and returned to the Athletic Director.
 3. Required applicant information will include the following:
 - a. Qualifications for the position you are interested in.
 - b. An explanation of why you are interested in coaching at St. Stan's
 4. There will be no guarantee of acceptance simply because an application has been put on file or that the individual has a son/daughter or other family member on the team.
 5. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who do not have any family member on the team.
 6. All coaches will be evaluated by the Athletic Director after the season. Coaches will not be automatically retained from season to season.
 7. Any current coach who decides they will not be returning should inform the Athletic Director after the season as to their intent.
 8. All coaching staff decisions will be made by the Athletic Director and those decisions will be final.
 9. Evaluations will be given out at the end of the season-all athletes and parents will have a chance to give us their feed back.

St. Stan's Athletic Manual

We acknowledge receipt of the 2017-2018 Athletic Handbook of Athletic Policies, Practices and Procedures. We have read and agree to uphold and be governed by the policies and procedures as defined in the current Handbook. Our failure or our athlete's failure to cooperate with the policies, practices and procedures may jeopardize our athlete's continued involvement in St. Stan's Catholic Athletics. The Athletic Director and Principal reserve the right to amend policies, practices and procedures defined in the current Handbook. St. Stan's Athletics are proud of our successes. Consequently, Coaches, Staff and other school authorized personnel may take photos or video tape of our athletes. These may be used on our St. Stan's website.