



ST. JOHN PAUL II CHS

ATHLETIC POLICIES & CODE OF CONDUCT

2025-2026

Athletics, though after school and often off campus, is most certainly a core part of our school’s formational program and efforts. Our students learn much about our core virtues while on our teams, and this happens through deliberate and intentional actions by our athletes, coaches, and parents. As a Catholic institution, St. John Paul II High School has an obligation to represent our faith and Christian ideals, even within the highly emotional environment of competitive athletics (and perhaps especially, so). It is our expectation that our athletes, coaches, parents and fans will meet that obligation.

All students who participate in athletic teams, along with their families, at St. John Paul II Catholic High School are subject to the Athletic Policies and Code of Conduct (APCC). A student is subject to the APCC from the time he/she tries out for an athletic team and continues to be subject to the APCC from that point forward unless or until the student no longer participates in an athletic team.

Conduct Expectations and Eligibility

Initial in each box to acknowledge understanding of each of the following items.

General Participation by Athletes SJPII athletes are expected to conduct themselves in practices and games and during team travel as they would be expected to conduct themselves in the school environment: with dignity, composure, and respect. During games, SJPII athletes will be respectful of officials, referees, opposing teams, and fans in attendance. While challenging at times, given the physicality and intensity of some athletics contests, regardless, we will rise above this at all times.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Physical Participation All student-athletes should pursue all physical conditioning activities as directed, unless medically excused. Be on time for practice, games and travel arrangements. Keep assigned lockers and the locker room clean. Athletes will be committed to making practices successful by giving full effort throughout.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Eligibility In order to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities, students must be making consistent academic progress, passing their classes and adding to the overall program of the school. The minimum passing grade is 70 in all courses. The school will use the academic quarters first, second (end of the first semester), and third quarter to determine ineligibilities. Every Thursday, coaches receive print-outs of the progress reports for all in-season athletes to review their progress, and correct any issues; athletes that are failing classes may be sent during practice times to attend tutoring sessions to fix academic issues.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Appearance All student-athletes must abide by the following dress and grooming standards, unless the Athletic Director makes certain considerations. Student-athletes must wear JPII branded practice attire at all practices, and wear no jewelry during practice or competition. Student-athletes are to dress properly on all out-of-town trips as assigned by the sport coach. Earrings may not be worn in athletic facilities, while traveling to or from competition, or during competition. As a general rule, normal school uniform policies should be followed, apart from the logical exceptions required for athletic participation.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Medical Excuses Student-athletes must notify the sport coach as soon as possible with documentation of a medical excuse. Athletes that are unable to practice due to injury are expected to be at every practice to observe, except when attending to physical therapy.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Travel SJPII athletes are expected to behave like gentlemen and ladies in dressing rooms, during competition, on busses, and in restaurants. All student-athletes must travel to games following the team’s transportation plan. Athletes must return with the team, unless released to parents by being signed out with coaches.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Absences Student-athletes must notify the sport coach prior to the missed athletic period, practice or game. Student-athletes must speak to the sport coach in person to discuss required make-up activities. Failure to contact the coach will be considered an unexcused absence and will result in a suspension from participation in the next contest.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Playing time Varsity athletes are not guaranteed playing time. Head coaches will make playing time decisions based on game situations, player attitude, player work effort, and player skill level. Sub-varsity athletes that are in good standing with the athletic program will receive playing time.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Considerations regarding campus disciplinary action Student Athletes placed in suspension are ineligible for athletic participation for the duration of their placement. Unexcused absences from team events (including as the result of suspensions, or other disciplinary actions) will follow normal team policies and can result in further ineligibility from practices or games. Any significant or repeated discipline issues can result in removal or suspension from athletic or extra curricular activities.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Self-Removal Any student-athlete that quits a sport during the season will not be allowed to begin another sport until the sport they quit is finished for the season. Students that wish to participate in the sport they quit during the next school year must first have approval from the head coach of that sport.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Parent Participation Parents play a key role in all programs at the school, and this is true in athletics. Parents are asked to commit to the following actions when a part of a team:

- Pray for the team and coaches
- Read and respond to coach and team parent emails and communications in a timely manner
- Volunteer and assist when possible and as asked by the coach in tasks and efforts during the season, especially to assist with games.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

When parents have questions or concerns about a game or issue, they should email or call the next day. Addressing a coach right after a game is not good practice.

Spectator Expectations The primary goal of all Catholic educational institutions is to instruct young men and women to be persons of faith, scholarship, and character and to take what they have learned and become men and women for others.

Achieving this goal requires the consistent reinforcement of adult role models, i.e., teachers, coaches and mentors as well as fans who attend athletic events. Adults who provide a good example help student athletes in our school community grow in knowledge of what it means to be Catholic, Christian leaders.

It is in this regard that all family members, and their guests, who attend sporting events behave in a manner that respects and adheres to the rules expected of our students. The following behaviors are prohibited at any athletic sponsored event:

- The taunting of an official, player, or other fan.
- Any type of verbal or physical altercation with a player, official or fan.
- The consumption of alcohol or use of any illegal substance before, during, or after an athletic event while on the property of where a high school sporting event is being held.
- Any other action deemed unbecoming or unacceptable at a Catholic institution by the leadership of that institution. When fans attending athletic events violate the above provisions, they may be asked to leave the event (by a school official) and may be prevented from attending future events.

_____ Student
_____ Parent

Acknowledgement

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by SJPIICHS Athletic Policies and Code of Conduct for the 2020-2021 school year. I understand that I will be held accountable for the behavior expectations and consequences outlined in the APCC. I understand that by participating in Athletics, I am a representative of SJPIICHS and a role model to my peers and throughout the community; therefore, the APCC governs my behavior at all times I am representing the school through athletics. I understand that the behavior expectations of the APCC are in addition to those included in the SJPIICHS Student Handbook.

<i>Student name</i>	<i>Student signature</i>	<i>date</i>
<i>Parent name</i>	<i>Parent signature</i>	<i>date</i>
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