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### **The General Purposes of St. Ann's Academy Elementary Athletics Program are:**

- To promote and enhance the identity of St. Ann's Academy in the community, city, and province.
- To provide the opportunity for an athlete to compete in a level of competition that promotes athletic excellence and the enhancement of their God-given talents.
- To encourage pride and a healthy school spirit in the student population.
- To afford a unique and valuable experience for student and teacher (coach) by which they relate to one another in a non-academic environment. It has been proven that these type of experiences not only offer an excellent opportunity for character building, but they often have a positive effect on a student's academic performance.

### **Student Expectations:**

- Athletes must be in attendance at school on a game or practice day or will not be able to participate in the scheduled event.
- A coach must be consulted ahead of time if any athlete must miss a practice or game. Missing games or practices without permission may result in suspension or expulsion from the team.
- Athletes must demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- Athletes must show respect for teammates, opponents, officials, coaches and school property.
- Athletes' participation in extracurricular athletics is contingent on student athlete adhering to school expectations in terms of behaviour and school work.

## **CODE OF ETHICS FOR ST. ANN'S ACADEMY ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

### **1) Commitment**

Each team member is expected to attend all practices and games. Schedule conflicts must be discussed with the coach in advance. If there are continued absences, further participation on the team will have to be discussed.

### **2) Sportsmanship**

St. Ann's Academy athletes and coaches are expected to maintain the highest of standards. Respect for opponents and officials are of the utmost importance in our programs. Athletes unable to follow the athletic code will have a meeting with the coach and Athletic Director in which suspension from the program for one or more games or possibly the season will be discussed. In serious offences, suspension could be for the entire year from the Elementary Athletic Program.

### **3) Service**

Participating athletes are expected to help out with the program in the form of scorekeeping, concessions or other areas when reasonably requested.

#### 4) Citizenship

High standards of behavior and attitude are required. School rules apply to all events. Use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco will result in school disciplinary action and suspension from athletics. This will result in a suspension from a game, week, season of play, or year from the athletic Department.

#### 5) Academics

Each student athlete is expected to maintain ACADEMIC and EFFORT standards consistent with his/her ability. If these standards are not maintained the student may receive a game suspension. If there is no improvement upon a meeting with the Athletic Director and classroom teacher, the suspension may continue for a week or for the entire season of play. Regular class attendance is mandatory. If a student is unable to attend school on the day of a scheduled game, the student **will not be allowed** to play in the game that day.

#### 6) Fees

A non-refundable **\$15 fee per sport** will be collected before each season to help offset the costs of running the Athletic Department. This fee will cover busing and referee expenses, and other costs associated with the elementary athletics program. The payment needs to be paid by the first league game/event of the season or the athlete will not be allowed to participate in that game. Uniforms and equipment are property of St. Ann's Academy and must be cared for. **If a uniform is not returned or is damaged, a \$30 fee will be charged for the replacement of the uniform.** Athletes have 10 days after the season is finished to hand in their clean uniform or a bill will be sent home.

#### 7) Parents

Attendance at school organized athletic events (both on and off school grounds) is encouraged and recognized as a key element in a student's elementary school experience. This privilege may be withdrawn if school staff or even officials have reasonable grounds to suspect that the safety/well-being of fellow students, opposing players, game officials, or any other person at the event is compromised.

#### **Parents/ family who attend events therefore shall:**

- Model our faith as supporters to St. Ann's Academy athletic program.
- Not have unrealistic expectations and will understand that doing one's best is as important as winning.
- Respect the official's decisions and will encourage all participants to do the same.
- Respect and show appreciation for the coaches and understand that they have given their time to provide sport activities for our young people.
- Encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Show respect for SAA's opponents because I realize there would be no game without them.
- Not use bad language and will not harass athletes, coaches, officials, or other spectators.

