

# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ATHLETICS

## Mission Statement

*It is the mission of St. Patrick School to offer during the course of the school year to qualified St. Patrick School students opportunities to participate in athletic programs which increase personal enthusiasm and confidence, teach the concepts of sportsmanship and group interaction and provide a setting in which each student may seek to achieve his or her current athletic potential.*

## St. Patrick School Athletics Statement of Policies

### 1. General

- 1.1. The athletic programs of St. Patrick School, although important to the overall development of the student, are extra-curricular in nature and secondary to the academic objectives of St. Patrick School.
- 1.2. Participation in the athletic programs of St. Patrick School is a privilege to be earned and maintained, not a right arising from the payment of tuition.
- 1.3. Winning an athletic event is dependent upon a number of factors, many of which are completely beyond the control of St. Patrick School; thus, the only objective of the athletic programs of St. Patrick School is the successful implementation of the athletic Mission Statement as defined by this Statement of Policies.

### 2. Athletic Program Leadership

- 2.1. The leadership responsibility for the athletic programs of St. Patrick School shall be vested as follows with the respective responsibilities indicated:
  - 2.1.1. St. Patrick School Advisory Council by and through its Athletic Committee
    - 2.1.1.1. Approve and oversee the implementation of the athletic budget
    - 2.1.1.2. Recommend policy additions or modifications to the St. Patrick School Advisory Council
    - 2.1.1.3. Interpret and apply this Statement of Policies to issues that arise from time to time either on its own motion or at the request of the Advisory Council, Principal, Athletic Director(s) or Parents and to make recommendations to the Advisory Council or Principal for issue resolution.

## **2.1.2. Principal**

**2.1.2.1.** Hire, train, monitor the performance of, and provide counsel to the Athletic Director(s) to insure that the duties of the position are performed in a manner that is consistent with this Statement of Policies and to take appropriate action to address performance that is inconsistent with this Statement of Policies.

**2.1.2.2.** Direct issues concerning the athletic programs of St. Patrick School to the St. Patrick School Board Athletic Committee for investigation, Statement of Policies interpretation and application, and resolution recommendation.

## **2.1.3. Athletic Director(s)**

**2.1.3.1.** Develop the annual Athletic Calendar consistent with league calendars

**2.1.3.2.** Develop and recommend an annual budget for Principal and St. Patrick School Board Athletic Committee review and final determination.

**2.1.3.3.** Develop and recommend written procedures for Principal and St. Patrick School Board Athletic Committee review and final adoption.

**2.1.3.4.** Oversee the day-to-day implementation of this Statement of Policies, including but not limited to:

**2.1.3.4.1.** Serving as St. Patrick School liaison for all league affairs.

**2.1.3.4.2.** Conducting the call-out and sufficiently publicizing each sport.

**2.1.3.4.3.** Recruiting qualified persons to serve as coaches, defining performance expectations, monitoring team management, and addressing conduct appearing to be inconsistent with this Statement of Policies.

**2.1.3.4.4.** Obtaining, maintaining and providing, within permissible budgetary constraints, the uniform, equipment, and practice facility resources necessary to permit the coaches to manage their teams in manners consistent with this Statement of Policies.

**2.1.3.4.5.** Developing, maintaining, and implementing adequate systems to properly account for all expenditures made, revenues received, and uniforms and equipment purchased and issued.

**2.1.3.4.6.** Receiving, investigating, and if possible, informally resolving issues that arise from time to time concerning the athletic programs of St. Patrick School consistent with this Statement of Policies. The substance of each informal resolution shall be reported to the Principal; issues not resolved shall be reported to the Principal for further disposition.

**2.1.4. Team Coaches:**

**2.1.4.1.** Manage the team and represent St Patrick School in a manner consistent with this Statement of Policies

**2.1.4.2.** Teach, motivate and inspire students to:

**2.1.4.2.1.** Achieve maximum enthusiasm and self-confidence for the game being played

**2.1.4.2.2.** Practice exemplary sportsmanship

**2.1.4.2.3.** Make the personal sacrifices necessary for the success of the team as a whole

**2.1.4.2.4.** Fulfill the commitment necessary to achieve maximum current playing potential.

**2.1.5. Parents/Guardians**

**2.1.5.1.** Provide sufficient counsel to insure that the student may become and remain a qualified student eligible to participate in the athletic programs of St. Patrick School.

**2.1.5.2.** Insure timely compliance with the requirements established for a student to be considered qualified to participate in the athletic programs of St. Patrick School, including but not limited to, submission of the following:

**2.1.5.2.1.** Commitment Form

**2.1.5.2.2.** Health Form

**2.1.5.2.3. Fees Payment**

**2.1.5.3.** Maintain the same level of support as is provided for the academic pursuits of the student.

**2.1.5.4.** Reinforce the student's commitment to the team and to remain focused on the success of the team as defined and measured by this Statement of Policies

**2.1.5.5.** Demand exemplary sportsmanship from themselves and their student.

**2.1.5.6.** Pursue issue resolution concerning implementation of this Statement of Policies in manners that advance the athletic Mission Statement.

**3. Team Formation**

**3.1.** Participation in the athletic programs of St. Patrick School shall be open to all qualified students.

**3.2.** With the exception of the cheerleading squad and the drill team, all qualified students shall be placed on a team.

**3.3.** Team size shall be guided by the following principles:

**3.3.1.** A team must have sufficient players to permit the successful teaching of the team concept of the game as well as to withstand the consequences of illness and academic ineligibility.

**3.3.2.** A team must have a coaching staff sufficient to permit the effective teaching of the game to each of the teams members.

**3.4.** To the extent that the above team size principles permit, teams shall be formed with students from the same team competition category (i.e., grade level, junior varsity or varsity); however, the Athletic Director(s), upon the advice and consent of the Principal and Athletic Committee, may form teams with students from adjoining grades or categories.

**3.5.** Where teams compete by grade category and there are sufficient qualified students from the same grade to form two or more teams, the teams shall be formed as follows:

**3.5.1.** Qualified students related to a coach may be placed on the roster of that coach if the student so requests

- 3.5.2.** Fifth grade teams shall be formed randomly with each qualified student not related to the selecting coaches assigned a number. Each coach, on an alternating basis, shall select from the numbers pool until all numbers are selected.
- 3.5.3.** Sixth grade teams shall be formed through the drafting process with the coaches alternately selecting from a list of qualified students until all have been selected for a team.
- 3.5.4.** Seventh and eighth grade teams shall be formed through a competitive tryout process to insure that all qualified students are provided with the greatest opportunity to achieve their maximum current potential.
- 3.6.** Where teams compete by the junior varsity (Fifth and Sixth Grade) or the varsity (Seventh and Eighth Grade) category and there are sufficient qualified students to form two or more teams at either competition level, the teams shall be formed as follows:
  - 3.6.1.** Qualified students related to a coach may be placed on the roster of that coach if the student so requests
  - 3.6.2.** Junior varsity teams shall be formed randomly with each qualified student not related to a coach assigned a number. Fifth grade students shall be segregated into a Fifth Grade pool; Sixth Grade students shall be segregated into a Sixth Grade pool. Each coach, on an alternating basis, shall make one selection from each pool until all numbers are selected.
  - 3.6.3.** Varsity teams shall be formed through a competitive tryout process to insure that all qualified students are provided with the greatest opportunity to achieve their maximum current potential.

#### **4. Student Qualification**

- 4.1.** A student must sign-up for the sport on or before the deadline published in the annual Athletic Calendar.
- 4.2.** A student must be in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh or Eighth Grades.
- 4.3.** A student must be meeting at the time of sign-up and continue to meet during the season the standards published in the St. Patrick School Handbook as well as the standards established by the principal for extra-curricular activity participation.
- 4.4.** A student must make a written commitment to the success of the team and make those contributions to the team as defined by the Athletic Director and the teams coach that are consistent with his or her current physical and mental capacities. Such contributions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 4.4.1.** Attending team practices and games.
- 4.4.2.** Attaining and maintaining that level of physical conditioning necessary to permit the execution of the physical efforts required to play the game.
- 4.4.3.** Maintaining a focus upon the learning of the principles, rules and strategies of the game.
- 4.4.4.** Cooperating with teammates and making personal sacrifices for the benefit of other members of the team.
- 4.4.5.** Exhibiting sportsmanship and an outward demeanor that casts a positive reflection upon St. Patrick School.

**GO PANTHERS!**