

SEAS ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT: COACHES, PARENTS, and Student Athletes

“The mission of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School's Athletic Program is to give every child an opportunity to experience athletics in a Christian atmosphere that builds self-esteem and athletic skills while working as part of a team.”

To ensure this mission is being upheld, it is important that our coaches, parents, and student athletes conduct themselves in a way that upholds the values and mission of both the school and athletics program.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Athletic Program exists for the following purposes:

- To develop a sense of belonging while developing teamwork skills;
- To build self-confidence and self-worth;
- To develop tolerance, respect, and good sportsmanship skills;
- To develop athletic abilities;
- To provide physical exercise;
- To positively channel the competitive spirit; and
- To glorify God in all we do.

Expectations and Requirements of Student Athletes:

All students at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School are expected to:

- Realize that completion of required school assignments and maintaining passing grades are a priority to practice and play in games. Only students with a grade of “C” for the current quarter and year will be eligible to attend athletic events that take place during the school day;
- Realize that attendance and participation at practice is expected by coaches and can affect playtime in games;
- Behave in a Christian manner at all times;
- Respect everyone: teammates, coaches, opponents, game officials, spectators, gym volunteers, and workers. Players that receive a technical foul must have a meeting with the principal prior to playing in games the following weekend;
- Understand that playing on a team at St. Elizabeth's is not a right, but a privilege and that each athlete represents the school during practice and games;
- Respect facilities and equipment and clean up after yourself;
- Practice good sportsmanship. This includes shaking hands and congratulating opponents after every game, waiting until the team is released from the coach

prior to leaving the team, not using abusive language, or physically trying to harm anyone;

- Be aware of your coach's guidelines for practice. Any player acting outside of the guidelines established by the coach will be warned of what will happen if the behavior is repeated. Penalties appropriate to the age and maturity of the children will be assigned. Should there be a time when an individual player has a repeated discipline problem, the parents and the Athletic Director should be notified before the next practice so that the issue can be addressed. Possible consequences of inappropriate behavior include requiring the parent to attend all practices and/or a temporary suspension and/or dismissal from the team;
- Players are never to approach officials during or after the game with complaints. All requests from coaches, fans, and players should be brought to the CGSAA or Head of Officials through the school's CGSAA representative. Any complaints filed by referees about this will result in an automatic minimum 1 game suspension. Any player ejected from a game for fighting will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games; and
- Understand and abide by all rules of the CGSAA.

Expectations and Requirements of Parents and Spectators of Student Athletes:

- Parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner. This includes showing respect for players and coaches and volunteers and workers in the hosting gyms. They shall refrain from abusive language and coaching from the sidelines at games or practices. They shall refrain from expressing their disagreement with the calls of those officiating the game. Booming or personal put-downs/threats are never appropriate and have no place in Catholic school-sponsored contests;
- Parents/spectators will avoid engaging in any situation that could result in a negative representation of the program. This includes arguing with any coaches, officials, players, parents or spectators, verbally criticizing or reprimanding others, and any inappropriate verbal remarks or verbal abuse;
- Parents will read, and comply with this Athletic Handbook through the enrollment process. Questions, comments, or suggestions concerning this handbook should be directed to school personnel or the Athletic Director. Your help in ensuring that your student athlete has a safe and enjoyable learning experience through participation in sports is welcome and appreciated;
- Ensure the online student management system is up to date with contact information, student health concerns and allergies. Parents will inform coaches of any health concerns and allergies prior to the first practice;

- If a student athlete cannot attend a practice or game, it is your responsibility to notify the coach in a timely fashion. Coaches are asked to keep a record of absences;
- If your student athlete is ill, running a fever or did not attend school that day he/she cannot participate in a practice or a game;
- All team members are to be present at practices and games, arriving on time and picked up on time. Parents also should be mindful of their responsibility regarding the actions of any family member attending a practice. Practice is a place and time for coaches to work with his/her players, not to supervise other friends or siblings of players;
- Parents should be positive and encouraging. Be supportive of your student athlete and his/her coach;
- When a parent disagrees with his/her student athlete's coach, he/she should visit with the coach in private, out of the sight and earshot of the other players and parents. Parents must wait 24 hours after a game before approaching the coach to schedule a time to discuss their issues;
- Attend the scheduled coaches, parent meeting and/or uniform checkout;
- Parents of each student athlete participating in the St. Elizabeth's athletic program shall be expected to volunteer in some manner during the season or sport in which their child is participating. Such volunteer duties may include making team telephone calls, sending emails, working concessions, game admissions, score-keeping, etc;
- Any parent or who themselves receives a technical foul or is requested to leave a game or are accompanied by a visitor supporting a St. Elizabeth's team who is issued a technical foul is required to contact the school principal prior to attending another St. Elizabeth's game, regular or tournament. At this time a meeting will be set to discuss the behavior resulting in the technical;
- Parents and/or spectators are never to approach officials during or after the game with complaints. All requests from coaches, fans and players should be brought to the CGSAA Basketball/Volleyball/Soccer Commissioner or Head of Officials through the schools CGSAA representative. Any complaints filed by referees about this will result in an automatic minimum 1 game suspension. Any player ejected from a game for fighting will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games; and
- Understand and abide by all rules of the CGSAA

Expectations and Requirements of Coaches:

- All coaches will have met the Archdiocesan requirements of Safe Environment;

- If required and offered by the CGSAA; All returning head coaches will have attended the required Play Like a Champion Training provided by the Archdiocese of OKC. These trainings are offered by the Archdiocese of OKC and are generally in August and January. It can be completed during the first season as a coach in the CGSAA;
- Use their knowledge and appropriate equipment necessary to perform their coaching duties;
- Contact the Athletic Director regarding any issues or problems that are questionable in nature for further direction or actions to take regarding the situation;
- Coaches shall set an example for their players, other coaches and spectators by behaving in a Christian manner. No booing, cursing, jerking/pulling or derogatory comments toward players, opponents, scorekeeper, official bookkeeper, or the officials will be tolerated. All coaches shall follow the CGSAA rules pertaining to decorum for the season;
- Encouraged to start and/or end practices and games with a prayer;
- Supervise all student athletes in a responsible and Christian manner. Be positive, build self-worth and stress skill improvement. Treat all fairly and with respect;
- Coaches are responsible for the safety of all student athletes at all practices, games and team related functions from the time the players are dropped off until they are picked up by a responsible party. Under no circumstances should student athletes be left unattended;
- If a coach needs to have another individual take over in their absence, they must notify the Coordinator for the sport and ensure the person taking their place has Safe Environment clearance. The school office can assist coaches with this information;
- A coach is expected to be at practice before student athletes scheduled arrival time and ensure all student athletes have left before he/she leaves or designate another safe environment cleared adult who agrees to take on those responsibilities;
- Coaches should not tolerate any abuse or mistreatment of players, parents or others by any member of a St. Elizabeth's team. This means a zero-tolerance policy for "poking fun" at people or verbally (and physically) abusing others;
- Head coaches complete the required concussion and first aid online training annually. Head coaches must also complete sudden cardiac training in accordance with Senate Bill 239, the "Chase Morris Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Prevention Act." This training must be completed prior to coaching. Links to the training will be sent by email by the athletic committee;

- Make certain that a first aid kit (one is located behind the concession stand and one in the scoreboard closet, near midcourt) is present at all practices, games, and team functions. If needed, a blood-borne pathogen video is available at school for training purposes;
- Coaches are provided with team equipment before the start of the season and are to return it in good condition at the end of the season;
- Coaches must communicate with student athletes, parents, and the school office practice times and notify parents of the schedule and any changes posted on the CGSAA website;
- Any issue or question to be taken to the CGSAA shall be forwarded to St. Elizabeth's Athletic Director;
- In accordance with CGSAA Policies, coaches are not permitted to inhale, smoke or chew tobacco at practices, games and team related functions. This includes the use of alcohol;
- Coaches are encouraged to keep a record of players' absences;
- Coaches submit their requested practice times to the basketball/volleyball/soccer coordinator and also relay any changes or cancellations;
- Use of St. Elizabeth's gym; student athletes are required to stay in the gym and can only enter the development room with a parent or coach. The coach or assistant coach must obtain any equipment and return equipment to the development room. Equipment should be returned to its original location and the room left in good order for others. Entry code must be kept private and should not be shared with parents or students for the safety of all. The gym is not to be used for private lessons of any kind without permission/coordination from the school; and
- All requests from coaches, fans, and players should be brought to the CGSAA Basketball/Volleyball/Soccer Commissioner or Head of Officials through the schools CGSAA representative. Never approach officials, scoreboard, or scorekeeper after the game with complaints. Any complaints filed by referees about this will result in an automatic minimum 1 game suspension. Any player ejected from a game for fighting will be suspended for a minimum of 2 games;
- Any technical foul issued to a coach, student athlete and/or parent or visitor must be reported to the Athletic Director by the coach as soon as possible.

Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge:

- I will place the emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win;
- I will treat each player with respect as an individual, remembering the differences in the emotional and physical development of all players;
- I will provide a safe playing situation for my players;
- I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat the injuries of my players;
- I will do my best to organize practices that are centered around building the skills of all student athletes entrusted to my care;
- I will lead, by example, in demonstrating respect, fair play and good sportsmanship to all players, parents, and officials;
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and that I will teach these rules to my players; and
- I will remember that I am a youth coach and that the game is for developing their abilities.

I acknowledge that I have carefully reviewed and fully understand the information and expectations outlined above. I agree to comply with all stated guidelines, policies, and responsibilities. I understand that failure to adhere to these standards may result in disciplinary action, including removal from my position.

Parent:

Parent Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Student Athlete:

Student Athlete Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____