

St. Christina Athletic Association

Athletic Eligibility/Disciplinary Policy & Agreement for Religious Ed Student Athletes in 4th thru 8th Grades - 2017-2018 School Year

The **St. Christina Athletic Program**, as an extension of the **St. Christina Religious Education Program**, is subject to **the authority of the Pastor, Coordinator of Religious Education and the School Athletic Association**. Participation in athletics is viewed as a privilege. Discipline, attendance and academic standards must be met **from the onset** of the Religious Ed school year for a student athlete to participate. The discipline, attendance and academic standards are consistent between the St. Christina Religious Ed students and the St. Christina School students.

The following criteria and procedure will be applied in ALL cases:

Attendance: Athletic policies dictate that any student who is absent from school due to illness or is on a suspension status is ineligible to practice or participate in games on those days of absence. **Student athletes cannot miss more than (3) three Sunday classes per semester or they will be reported as ineligible to play sports.** The ineligible list due to absences will be reviewed monthly and reinstatements will be made based on future attendance and participation in class as determined by the Coordinator of Religious Education.

Discipline: Unacceptable behavior before, during and after Religious Ed classes will not be tolerated. Any behavior and/or class disruption issues will result in the student athlete being ineligible to participate in the St. Christina Sports Program. In these cases, the Coordinator of Religious Ed will meet with the parent/guardian to discuss the situation. Reinstatement will be made based on the student's cooperation, attitude and behavior. Chronic disciplinary situations will be referred to the judgment of the Pastor, Coordinator of Religious Education and the School Athletic Association Board.

Academics: Any student athlete who allows their grade, in any subject, to slip below a 70% average will be ineligible to participate in the sports program until they improve their grade to a passing mark. Being ineligible means the student is not allowed to play in or attend any practices or games until they are reinstated. The ineligibility period will begin each Monday and continue through Sunday evening. The following process for verification of academic eligibility must be followed for the student athlete's participation in the sports program.

Almost all of the public schools offer an online grade review features that allows parents/guardians to access student progress reports via the Internet at any time. A grading scale, indicating passing and failing grades, is included in the report. It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the student athlete to print the progress report from the Internet every Friday after school and drop it off at the Rectory by Sunday night. Insert the report into the mail-slot at the back door of the rectory in an envelope marked to the attention of Mrs. Mary Stokes.

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The progress report can only be dropped off to the Rectory. Do not hand to coaches, athletic coordinators, or anyone else. EVERY student athlete MUST turn in a weekly report. Failure to do so will result in the student athlete being ineligible to participate in practices and games for the full week (Monday through Sunday). Late reports will not be accepted.

Mrs. Stokes will identify any failing student athletes plus those that have not turned in a report, and submit the ineligibility list to the Athletic Association President by Monday morning. The AA President will notify AA coordinators of all ineligible student athletes for that week (Monday through Sunday).

Reinstatement into the sports program will take place when the following weeks progress report is provided to the rectory office on time and showing all passing grades.

This policy and agreement must be signed by both the student and parent/guardian at Religious Ed registration or on the first day of Religious Ed class. This form must be on file in order for your child to participate as a student athlete.

I have read and understand the 2017-2018 St. Christina Student Athlete Eligibility Policy and accept its terms and conditions.

Student Athlete Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Student Athlete Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

2017-2018 Grade Level

Date