

# Code of Conduct

## Athlete & Parent Agreement

St. Louis Academy (SLA) values sportsmanship, fair play, skill development and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials & spectators. The opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities, including athletic events, is a privilege – not a right. This Code of Conduct has been established and adopted to ensure the guiding principles of St. Louis Academy (SLA) are understood and met by all individuals associated with this organization.

This Code of Conduct applies to all sports and extracurricular activities associated with SLA. These activities include, but are not limited to, practices, SLA sponsored games and any other activities attended under the SLA banner that are run by other organizations.

### Athletes Code of Conduct

Each player will ensure that his/her playing conduct is that of a young lady or gentleman, fairly competing to the limit of his/her ability. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the player is expected to:

- a. Know the rules and abide by them.
- b. Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during the play of the game.
- c. Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive language or profanity, humiliating remarks, gestures of ill temper and/or physical assault against another player at any time.
- d. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of game. Be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- e. Respect all SLA school officials, volunteers and staff.
- f. Follow all building rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- g. Realize, accept and practice the principles of a team's reputation being built not only on its playing ability but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and manners of each individual player.
- h. Attend every practice and game that is reasonably possible. Notify the coach, in advance when reasonable, of any foreseeable absence.
- i. Achieve at least a "C" average in all areas of academics.
  - a. If a player's grade at midterm or quarter is at a D status, the player's overall performance will be reviewed by Principal. Principal will provide the AD with the players improvement plan and associated timeline.

## Parents Code of Conduct

Each parent and associated spectator will ensure that his/her conduct is that of a responsible adult or youth, positively encouraging all participants to the limit of his/her ability. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, each parent and spectator is expected to:

- a. Respect the rules of the game.
- b. Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during the play of the game.
- c. Cheer for their team in a positive, supportive manner.
- d. Place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- e. Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive language, profanity and/or gestures of ill temper. Refrain from making hostile or negative remarks about the opposing team, players and/or fans.
- f. Allow for a 24-hour "cool down, be objective" period before discussing issues or concerns with the coaches, including playing time.
- g. Follow all building rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- h. Leave school grounds in a timely fashion after the conclusion of a game and/or volunteering to clean up and moving equipment back into storage.
- i. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose. Do not interact in a negative fashion with fans, players or coaches of the opposing team and/or game officials.
- j. Realize, accept and practice the principles of a team's reputation being built not only on its playing ability but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and citizenship of its fans.

This player/parent Code of Conduct is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of rules concerning behavior. All players and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is above and beyond respectful of others and that reflects positively of SLA.

## Discipline Policy & Consequences

Each player and parent is advised of the following discipline policy and consequences for any and all inappropriate conduct:

- a. Any and all disciplinary action shall be reviewed by the coaching staff and report to the Athletic Director.
- b. Any and all actions may include, but are not limited to, the following repercussions:
  - a. Verbal warning
  - b. Suspension
  - c. Dismissal & forfeit of privilege of playing and/or attending SLA events.

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Player Printed Name / Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name(s) / Signature

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Date