

Return by August 1 to SMA

## ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT

### ATHLETES:

#### As an athlete, I recognize that it is my responsibility to:

1. Represent myself, my team, and my school with the utmost pride and exemplary behavior.
2. Prioritize academic studies and adhere to eligibility requirements. I understand that students must be in good standing in a class to be dismissed early to attend away contests.
3. Attend all classes and understand that I am not eligible to participate in practices or contests if I am absent more than one period of the school day.
4. Commit to all scheduled practices and contests. Notify my coach in advance if an unavoidable situation prohibits my participation. I understand that missing a team commitment will result in reduced playing time, and acquiring 4 or more unexcused absences will result in ineligibility, as well as loss of PE credit, Varsity Letter, or JV/C-Team Certificate.
5. Display utmost respect for my teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials, respecting their integrity and judgment.
6. Display exemplary sportsmanship on and off the playing field, remembering that I represent SMA at all times.
7. Return and care for team uniforms and equipment. I will return items promptly at the end of the season, and understand I am responsible for lost or damaged items.
8. Be a team player, and honor the commitment and value of every member of my team. Encourage the efforts of others, and put the needs of the team before self.
9. Follow all St. Mary's Academy rules as stated in the student handbook.
10. Win humbly and lose graciously.

**If an athlete does not comply with the statements above the coach and the athletic director will meet with the athlete, and parents may be notified. The severity of the consequences will be determined by the coach and the athletic director.**

#### As an athlete, I also understand:

**The use and/or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, and/or tobacco in any form is illegal for minors and a violation of Academy rules. I recognize that the use of all chemical substances is forbidden and will jeopardize my participation in all activities as listed in the consequences below.**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

The athlete will be suspended for 50% (25% if self-reported) of the total number of regular season contests scheduled. If necessary, the suspension will carry over the next season or post-season play. The athlete will be required to attend all practices and contests during the suspension (the level of participation during practice is left up to the coach's discretion). The athlete will have a meeting with the HS principal, athletic director, coach, and parent/guardian. The athlete will forfeit team leadership positions and post-season honors.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** (only applies if 1<sup>st</sup> offense was self-reported)

The athlete will be suspended for 50% of the total number of regular season contests scheduled. If necessary, the suspension will carry over the next season or post-season play. The athlete will be required to attend all practices and contests during the suspension (the level of participation during practice is left up to the coach's discretion). The athlete will have a meeting with the HS principal, Athletic Director, coach, and parent/guardian. The athlete will forfeit team leadership positions and post-season honors.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense**

Suspension from all athletic participation for one calendar year.

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*Due to the illegality of these infractions and the threats posed by the use of chemical substances, all infractions under this agreement accumulate over the entirety of the student's enrollment at St. Mary's Academy. The administration may elect to impose more serious penalties based on the severity of the violations.*

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

**As parent/guardian, I recognize that it is my responsibility to:**

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, spectators, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other team sporting event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
4. I will ask my child to treat other players, spectators, coaches, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
5. I understand that the St. Mary's Academy Athletics Department abides by all CHSAA rules, policies, and procedures.

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ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT  
2016-2017**

STUDENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a student athlete at St. Mary's Academy have read the SMA Athletics Handbook and understand and agree to the "Code of Conduct."

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Student Signature

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Date

PARENT/ GUARDIAN

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the SMA Athletics Handbook and understand and agree to the "Code of Conduct."

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date