

St. Brendan School

Athletic Philosophy and Code of Conduct

St. Brendan School Athletic Department provides competitive and developmental athletic programs, while promoting and embodying the ideals of teamwork, sportsmanship, hard work, and self-discipline. Developing the student athlete's character through a positive and supportive environment increases self-confidence and therefore is essential to personal success on and off the playing fields.

At St. Brendan School we create an environment that encourages and allows for participation by students competing at all ability levels. We aim to promote Christian character and teach many values to our students. Among the values that help our student athletes and competitors to become responsible adults include but are not limited to sportsmanship, leadership and character, commitment to one's team or activity, critical thinking during practice and competition, time management, self-discipline, and enjoyment. We believe that students will gain these and other values by taking part in the athletic programs offered at St. Brendan School.

St. Brendan School: *Student-Athlete*

The St. Brendan School student-athlete understands that being involved in the athletic programs is a privilege, not a right. Our student-athletes will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including but not limited to inappropriate language, taunting, and unnecessary or deliberate physical contact. The St. Brendan School student-athlete accepts the responsibility and privilege of representing our school and community and will display positive behavior at all times.

The St. Brendan School student-athlete respects the judgment of the officials and abides by the rules of the contest. Official's decisions are to be respected and honored at all times. Never criticize or question an official's decision. Use athletic competition, whether in victory or defeat, as a positive tool for self improvement.

St. Brendan School: *Parent*

As a parent, remember that school athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for our students. We all must show respect for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators. Parents will participate in cheers that support, encourage and uplift the teams involved. Parents will understand the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship expected by our school and community. Parents will be a positive example and a source of support for their child, coach, team, and St. Brendan School.

Opponents make playing games possible and your child needs your help to handle competitive pressure. Help your child learn and understand that taunting, inappropriate language, and rough play will not be tolerated. Good sportsmanship and good character go hand and hand in the athletic arena. Never shout criticisms, questions or instructions at officials, coaches, or players. Remain seated in the spectator area during the games. Never approach an official to criticize or complain. Always remember, parents WILL be role models.

St. Brendan School: *Coach*

The St. Brendan School coaches stress the importance of good sportsmanship, character, integrity, and respect. While teaching the skills of the game our coaches teach student athletes how to win or lose graciously and that sports are meant to be educational and fun.

St. Brendan School Coaches Understand:

- Positive encouragement is the strongest tool for learning
- Coaches need to provide a safe environment for kids to experiment and grow
- Activities should be meaningful and fun
- Fundamental skill development and practice are the building blocks for a successful athlete
- Coaches are a key role model
- Every team member has a responsibility to encourage one another
- The importance of commitment and responsibility
- How to develop a positive team attitude
- How to encourage, cooperate, and collaborate with peers

St. Brendan School coaches accept the responsibility to be a model of ethical behavior, integrity, and good citizenship.

Please sign a return this form indicating that you have read and understand your responsibility in our St. Brendan Code of Conduct.

Student: _____

Parent: _____

Coach: _____