

# **St. Teresa Athletics**

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## **Codes of Conduct**

**Play the game for the game's sake**

**Be generous when you win yet gracious when you lose**

**Obey the laws of the game**

**Be fair always**

**Work for the good of your team**

**Believe in the honesty of your opponent**

**Conduct yourself with honor and dignity**

**Accept the decisions of officials with good grace**

**Applaud the efforts of your teammates and opponents**

Dear Athletes Parents and Coaches,

This brochure contains information vital to the St. Teresa athletic experience. Both a feel for the philosophy of our program as well as eligibility requirements are presented. Our program is an extension and important part of the physical education program where students can get more in-depth instruction in a sport of their choosing. With athletics being a voluntary endeavor, coaches should be prepared to teach as well as have athletes who are prepared to learn. This should happen both in practice and games.

#### **General Rules:**

- Parents are responsible to provide transportation for their child to and from games and practices
- After practice it is expected that students will be picked up promptly
- Siblings may not be left with student-athletes during practices or games
- Students must be in attendance at school the day of a game or the day before a Saturday game to be eligible to play.
- Players will be issued one uniform for the entire year and will use it from year to year. It is expected to be clean and neat for every game.
- When a uniform is outgrown or becomes ruined in the course of play, it will be replaced.
- A \$25.00 fee will be charged for a replacement outside of the context aforementioned.
- Support teams in a positive manner. Yelling and booing does not promote what we strive for at St. Teresa School.

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

- To bring opportunity of participation and learn the role of cooperation and team work in achieving a common goal
- Provide both a safe and enjoyable environment
- Provide athletes mental, physical, and emotional training as to be fit to compete
- To create opportunity for sportsmanship
- Education of the athlete toward their sport
- Teach athlete to accept responsibility for the decisions they make

#### **Eligibility Requirement:**

Participation in sports is a privilege and the following criteria must be satisfied in order to compete.

#### **Academic:**

Students must maintain a "C" average ("S" for range grade) in each individual subject. Academic evaluation will take place periodically throughout each sport season as well as progress and report card time. Students falling below a "C" average will start the remediation process.

#### **Conduct:**

Students must also maintain satisfactory conduct at all times. Any student being deemed, by any teacher, below satisfactory conduct will be started in the remediation process. Detentions or Conduct referrals automatically start the process. Proper behavior and language is expected both on and off the field of play. Unacceptable behaviors involve anything that does not promote St. Teresa School's Philosophy.

### **Remediation:**

The process will involve 3 phases. The first phase is a **Warning** (an athlete may practice and play in regular season games). One week will be given to rectify the situation which initiated the remediation. If after 1 week the student has not improved they will be moved to **Probation** (an athlete should practice, but will be ineligible to play any games). This phase includes one more week to improve. Lack of satisfactory improvement will lead to **Suspension** (removed from team). Suspension from a team will make the student ineligible for the next sport season.

**Note: Any Major Violation Can Lead to Immediate Suspension.**

Also, a student athlete will only have one warning and probation per season irregardless of it being conduct or academic in nature. After starting the remediation process the student-athlete must show continuous satisfactory performance or be moved to the next level of remediation.

During the school year we do take part in one day or short season events. Athletes signed up for these events should understand that falling below in academics or conduct will be moved directly to **Probation**.

### **Parents and Spectators:**

Children have more need of example than criticism. Make athletic participation a positive experience. Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. Young athletes are easily affected by outside influences. Be kind to our child's coach and game officials. The coach is a volunteer giving of personal time and money to provide a service to the community. Please do not approach the coach with anything other than praise 24 hrs. prior to or after a contest. Keep in mind that without an opponent your son/daughter would have no one to play so invite them in and treat them as respected guest. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of opposing teams. Accept the results of the game.

### **Volunteer:**

Parents of athletes are expected to volunteer at sporting events. We need statisticians, line judges, gate workers, clock operators, and concession stand help. Any hours provided should be filled out on your "Share the Spirit" card found in the front office. Coordinators can earn points based on length of service. Check the point sheet in your summer packet for further information. Your volunteer time helps keep the cost of play down.

### **Fees:**

Fees will be due at the beginning of each season following the included pay schedule unless otherwise noted at registration.

1<sup>st</sup> Sport Played - \$40; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sport Played - \$30; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sport Played - \$20.00; 4<sup>th</sup> Sport Played - \$10.00

Fees are non-refundable and will be put directly into our Athletic Booster account to pay for officials and equipment. Parents of athletes will receive free admission into home games for the season.

Checks are preferable when paying and can be made out to St. Teresa Sport Booster.

Booster opportunities which include sports fees are available; please check out the Sports Booster Brochure.

### **Parent Permission:**

- Parents must read and sign the contract with the student athlete
- Remit Proper Payment 1<sup>st</sup> Sport - \$40; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sport - \$30; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$20; 4<sup>th</sup> Sport - \$10
- Return Waiver form attesting to child's health, understanding a physical is advisable
- Fill out the Emergency Medical Treatment Form: A new form is necessary for each new sport that your son/daughter plays

### **Parent Responsibilities:**

- Please Remember you are your child's biggest role model and the way you behave affects them more than anything else
- Encourage good Study Habits
- Return all Forms and Fees Promptly
- Make every effort to be at your child's games
- Make sure your child is at practice as this is an essential element of being a responsible student/athlete  
Practices are usually held 2 or 3 times per week and are mandatory

### **Athlete Responsibilities:**

- Grow both mentally and physically through participation in athletics and other activities
- Remember that your behavior becomes intertwined with the identity of our school and families
- Every positive and negative behavior paints a portrait of St. Teresa School and who we are as people
- Respect your parents as they are crucial to our athletic program's success.
- Repay them by participating to the best of your ability in both school and athletics

### **Coastal Catholic League Members**

Ascension Catholic: 2950 N. Harbor City BLVD, Melbourne 32935	Divine Mercy: 1940 N. Courtenay PKWY, Merritt Island 32953
Holy Name of Jesus: 3060 N. Hwy A1A, Indalantic 32903	Our Lady of Lourdes: 420 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne 32901
Our Saviour's: 5301 N. Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach 32931	St. Helens: 2050 Vero Beach Ave. Vero Beach
St. Joseph's: 5320 Babcock St., Palm Bay 32905	St. Mary's: 1152 Seminole Dr., Rockledge 32955
St. Teresa: 207 Ojibway Ave, Titusville 32780	

### **Commonly Used Venues**

Melbourne Central Catholic: 100 E Florida Ave, Melbourne 32901

Rockledge Soccer Park: Take US 1 South to Barton Blvd. turn right and proceed West. You will be looking to turn right onto Cogswell St. Drive North until you reach the park.

Sport Zone:

Chain of Lakes: Jay Jay Rd. Mims