



Student Athletics Participation Contract

The following is taken from the **St. Alphonsus/St Patrick School Athletics Handbook** and the **St. Alphonsus/St Patrick School Community Handbook**. It is important that all students who participate in the school athletic programs are aware and understand this information. We ask that parents and students review this together, and the signature section is returned signed by both the student and a parent.

Students must understand that participation in school athletics is a privilege and can be lost if certain conditions are not met.

To be eligible to participate in the athletic extracurricular program:

- Academic average must be compatible with the student's ability level.
- Appropriate conduct must be maintained at all games and practices. Persistent and/or serious misbehavior and disrespect will result in suspension from the program.
- Students' academic progress will be reviewed at the time of progress reports and report cards.
- Students who receive a deficiency notice for academic performance in any core subject or for behavior in any subject will be considered on probation for 2 weeks as a warning to improve studies. During this probationary period the student may participate in practices and games. If the student does not improve, the student will be temporarily suspended from both practice and games until such time as grades or behavior improve. After one week, if steady improvement is noted, the student may return to the program.
- Students will be reviewed every two weeks to insure that progress is maintained.
- After three temporary suspensions, the student will be considered permanently removed from the program.
- If the athlete is absent from school on the day of a game or practice, he/she may NOT participate in that night's game or practice.

-Students who choose to participate in the school's athletic program are representing St. Al's and St. Pat's **at all times**. They must act in a manner that reflects favorably upon the school and themselves. This expectation is not limited to the sports court but should be evident at school, in the community, at other schools, as well as before, during, and after games and practices.

-The student-athlete is responsible for the uniform issued. An appropriate replacement fee will be assessed if it is lost, stolen, or damaged. At the end of the season, uniforms should be returned to the school in good, clean, and reusable condition.

-The student-athlete must show respect for coaches and cooperate with them at all times. This respect is also given to members of their team, opponents, game officials, spectators and fans.

-Each student is required to show good sportsmanship, play by the rules, model Christian behavior and be supportive of the other members of his/her team. Losing self-control, using inappropriate gestures or language, arguing a referee's call or a coach's decision, or other signs of disrespect are reasons for disciplinary action. Consequences of such behavior could be reduced playing time or suspension or expulsion from the team.

-A student-athlete may be asked to submit to a search of gym bags, uniforms, and other athletic gear when the athletic director, coach, or school official deems it necessary.

-Student-athletes are expected to be present and on time for all practices and games. Not attending practices affects the entire team and detracts from the sense of teamwork that coaches are striving to achieve. Any student who knows he/she will be unable to make a practice or game on time should contact his/her coach as soon as possible but always BEFORE the scheduled start time.

-A student-athlete who was absent from school due to illness can not practice or play in a game on that same day. Absence from school on a Friday should not affect Saturday and Sunday playing time if the student has recovered sufficiently to participate.

Student Athlete's Name:	Student Athlete's Signature	Date:
Parent's/Guardian's Name:	Parent's/Guardian's Signature	Date:

Go Celtics!