

## EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES

- ★ Accepts his or her role as a Christian parent who is watching and enjoying a sport.
- ★ Enrolls the child into the sport, with the realization that being part of a team is a commitment to both practices and games by both the child and parent(s).
- ★ Insists that the child enter into the sport with enthusiasm even if the child is not a gifted player.
- ★ Sees to their child being prompt for all practices and scheduled games, and is prompt when picking up a child at the end of practice.
- ★ Does not permit a child who was absent from school to attend practice or a game within that same day.
- ★ Understands that children must perform in their academics to be eligible to play. Poor report card grades equal removal from practice and games even if these practices or games are in preparation for a tournament.
- ★ Understand that excessive detentions may lead to removal from practice and games even in preparation for a tournament.
- ★ Grades can and should be monitored by parents via School Tools.
- ★ Does not encourage a child who wishes to miss a practice to use the excuse of illness. Understands that s/he is NOT the coach and must be supportive of the coach.
- ★ Controls his/her emotions both during and after games.
- ★ Speaks with the coach privately regarding any topic of concern, (i.e. equal playing time, a biased call, etc.) in regards to their own child ONLY.
- ★ Never shouts at the coach or steps out of the bleachers to approach a coach while the game is in session or immediately following the game. Abides by using a 'cooling' off period before contacting the coach. (i.e. 24 hour rule)
- ★ Realizes that sports at St. Alphonsus are meant to be instructional, developmental and preparatory, but are only a part of the elementary school program.
- ★ Realizes that the best gift s/he can give a child is the good example s/he sets as a parent.
- ★ Helps his/her son or daughter to see an injustice, accept a missed call, work through hurt feelings and deal with all facets appropriately.
- ★ Agrees that sports are one facet of a child's life and not a life threatening or life altering event.
- ★ Never ridicules the Home Team, the Guest Team or the coaches in public.
- ★ Lets the officials call the game despite their disagreement with a call.
- ★ Being disrespectful or physical in any way to players, visitors, coaches, or referees at either home or away venues is cause for dismissal from the Ryan Center.
- ★ Knows that every child of every sport is an integral part of a team which represents St. Alphonsus School. No one who contributes to defamation of the school's name in any way may continue to belong to the sports' program.

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Printed Name

Parent(s)

Signature

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