



St. Leo Catholic School Sportsmanship Contract

Coaches are expected to:

- Teach children the gospel values of unselfishness, respect for others, empathy, integrity, and help players lead Christian lives.
- Treat players, parents, opponents and officials with respect.
- Teach and inspire players to love the game, compete fairly, and conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner.
- Demonstrate exemplary behavior and character as a model for their student-athletes.
- Put players in a position where they can develop to their fullest potential through proper teaching and nurturing.
- Believe in every player. I will build up and not tear down. I know the difference between shaming and coaching, and choose to coach.
- Respect and abide by all PECSAA rules and regulations for their sport.
- Report any breach of conduct by their student-athletes to the appropriate school authority.

Players are expected to:

- Adhere to all PECSAA rules and regulations regarding sportsmanship and participation.
- Give 100% effort to practices and games. I understand that effort demonstrates my commitment to the team and my respect for my coaches and teammates.
- Respect and accept all officials' calls and decisions without gestures or arguments.
- Win with dignity, lose without excuses. Treat opponents with respect.
- Understand that the good of the team always comes first.
- Accept responsibility for my behavior on and off the court. I understand that what I do and say is a reflection of my teammates and St. Leo Parish School. Demonstrate strong character and good sportsmanship
- Adhere to all school and team rules.

Parents are expected to:

- Be positive role models at athletic contests. Your son or daughter is aware of your behavior and models it.
- Respect the judgment of the officials and refrain from openly criticizing the officials.
- Be supportive of the coach. The team is the coach's responsibility, not the parents. Do not coach from the sidelines.
- Communicate with the coach at the appropriate time and place. Refrain from speaking to a coach about any issues or concerns at the conclusion of an athletic event. It is highly inappropriate to do so. If necessary, call for an appointment to speak with the coach at a later date and time. (Read the coach/parent relationship online document)
- Realize that the coach is an educator and understands the sport they are coaching and the proper conduct for that sport.
- Remember that the primary value of athletic participation is to provide our youth with an opportunity for physical, emotional, and mental growth.
- Understand that our programs would not be successful without volunteers and that parents **ARE REQUIRED** to donate their time and talent. Membership on a SLS Team is a privilege, not a right. Games require a huge parent volunteer commitment in order to be successful. In return for my child's participation on a St. Leo Team, I agree to fill the minimum volunteer spots (varies with each sport) for each student athlete in my family. I understand that if I do not sign up for the volunteer spots of my choosing when the sign-up sheets are posted on SignUp, I will be assigned volunteer spots by the Volunteer Coordinator and the Athletic Director. If I am unable to perform the duty I signed up for or the duty assigned to me, it is my responsibility to find someone else to fill my spot.
- Understand and respect the different roles of parents, coaches and officials. Parents should parent, coaches should coach, officials should officiate, and student-athlete should play their sport. ALL should be treated with respect.
- Drop-off and pick-up athletes at practices and games on time. I understand that if I am more than 5 minutes late in picking up my child from practice, my child will be sent to After School Care(if available) and charged appropriately.
- **UNDERSTAND THAT A SCHOOL CAN (AND SHOULD) REMOVE SPECTATORS FROM THE PREMISES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE AND CAN PROHIBIT THEM FROM ATTENDING FUTURE CONTESTS DUE TO UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOR.**
- **I UNDERSTAND THAT BEING ON A ST. LEO TEAM IS A PRIVILEGE. MAKING THE TEAM DOES NOT GUARANTEE ANYONE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PLAY TIME.**
- **I UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE PART OF THE PECSAA LEAGUE AND THAT PHOTOS OF MY CHILD MAY APPEAR ON THE PECSAA WEBSITE.**

Coach's Signature _____

Date _____

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Participant's Signature _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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