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Summerville Catholic School Athletic Policies

Dear Athlete and Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the athletic program for Summerville Catholic. We are happy that you have expressed a desire to participate in our program. As a member of one of our athletic teams, you will have the opportunity to make new friendships, develop athletic skills and learn about cooperation, sportsmanship and commitment. The athletic program for Summerville Catholic continues to grow each year. With the help of volunteers and teachers, the program promotes a sense of belonging and embraces outstanding sportsmanship and fair play.

The philosophy of the Summerville Catholic sports program is to maintain a variety of sports that will allow all students with athletic interest an opportunity for safe, healthy participation in the sports of their choice. All student athletes are expected to maintain a high standard of behavior on and off the playing field. Showing a spirit of good sportsmanship is expected for all our athletes. This is achieved when participants play hard, play safe, respect the opponent, coaches and officials and accept the results of competition. Students must also stay in good standing academically as stated in the student handbook. Failure to adhere to the terms and conditions of this agreement could result in the loss of a student's athletic participation at Summerville Catholic.

We appreciate your support of our athletic program as we strive to strengthen our students in spirit, mind, and body.

SCS Sports

Fall	Winter	Spring
Soccer 4yrs-15 (co-ed)	9/10 girls/boys Basketball	3 rd -8 th Tennis (co-ed)
Golf 5 th -8 th (co-ed)	5 th -6 th girls/boys Basketball	4yr-12yr Baseball YMCA co-ed
Girls Volleyball 5 th -8 th	7 th -8 th girls/boys Basketball	7 th -8 th Baseball boys
	6 th -8 th Archery (co-ed)	K4-8 th grade soccer

PRE-SEASON GUIDELINES:

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Volunteers:

You must complete all 4 components of the Diocese of Charleston volunteering process and turn them in all the forms to the SCS office **before** volunteering.

1. Read and sign the volunteer's code of conduct.
2. Complete the VIRTUS class "Protecting God's Children."
3. Read our diocese's policy on "Allegations of Sexual Misconduct or Abuse of a Minor" and sign the acknowledgement of receipt form.
4. Sign the diocese "Background Screening" form to consent to background check.

A mandatory coaches meeting will take place before each season. At that time, the athletic director will meet with coaches, assistant coaches, and the sports coordinator to review guidelines and policies. Coaches will also set up a parent meeting before the season begins to review the schedule and expectations for practices, games, etc. The Athletic Handbook will be reviewed and parents will be reminded to sign the last page.

Registration Process:

Once all registration forms have been returned to the office, team rosters will be made. Our philosophy is to promote an athletic program that fosters new friendships, develops athletic skills and teaches cooperation, sportsmanship and commitment. If we have an abundance of players in one age division, teams will be divided equally based on input from the coaches involved. New players to the sport will be welcomed and placed on a team. We will try to honor coach and/or team requests, but this is not guaranteed.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

On the Field/Court Conduct:

The athlete must

1. Never use profanity
2. Understand that both winning and losing are part of the game
3. Be a good loser as well as a gracious winner
4. Not engage in fits of temper
5. Show respect to officials
6. Not fight with peers, opponents, coaches or referees.
7. Show respect for coaches
8. Show respect for opposing teams property
9. Shake hands with opponents at the end of the contest

Attendance Guidelines

Players are asked to make every effort to attend practices and/or games on a regular basis. Players unable to attend a practice or game are asked to notify the coach in advance. All players will have an opportunity to play in every game; however, the amount of playing time will be at the discretion of the coach and will be based on attendance, behavior and effort.

Unacceptable Behavior for Athletes and/or Parents

Engaging in

1. Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures
2. Booing or heckling
3. Criticizing officials in any way
4. Blaming the loss of a game on an official, coach or participant
5. Taunting or name calling to distract an opponent
6. Using profanity
7. Using air horns

Consequences to Unacceptable Behavior

Coaches, the athletic director and the principal are responsible for overseeing the behavior and consequences of our student athletes for each sport.

1. The first incident of unacceptable behavior will result in a verbal warning.
2. The second incident of unacceptable behavior will result in removal from the game.
3. The third incident will result in removal from the current game and loss of the privilege to participate in the next game.
4. Athletes removed by the official for any reason will be ineligible to play in the next game.
5. Further incidents will result in loss of the privilege to participate on a St John the Beloved/Summerville Catholic team

Parent Code of Conduct and Consequences

All parents are expected to be positive role models for their son/daughter and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.

If parents fail to abide by the aforementioned guidelines, they will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
2. Written warning
3. Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved.

Travel

All athletes represent the community and school. Therefore, the following behaviors are expected when team travel is required:

1. Dress in acceptable manner
2. Be mannerly in restaurants
3. Respect the opposing team's facilities
4. No boys are to be in girls rooms or vice versa at any time
5. All athletes must be in their rooms by 11:00 pm

Sports Banquet

Each spring, athletes in grades 5 through 8th will be honored at a Sports Banquet held at SCS. Families are invited to a dinner and awards ceremony to recognize those who have played a sport as well as honor those who receive special recognition from the Trident League and Bishop England. At this banquet, athletes who have played two or more sports for the first time in one year will receive their SCS Letter. This letter can be used to collect additional sports pins that will be awarded each year. The Seahawk Award will also be presented to a qualifying 8th grader(s). Information about the Sports Banquet will be sent home in early spring.

Academic Probation Policy on Sports Program Participation

The mission of Summerville Catholic School includes "strengthening our students in spirit, mind and body." This statement indicates that the first priority is spiritual development, followed by academic achievement with the third area being physical health. Therefore, students who are not achieving academically, defined as having a grade of **"F" in two or more major subjects**, will be ineligible to play in any game in the sports program during the four week period following the receipt of these grades. Grades are calculated approximately every four weeks with progress reports sent home at the four week mark of each quarter and report cards sent home at the end of each quarter. Once the next set of grades are calculated and sent home, if the student no longer has a grade of "F" in two or more subject areas, the student will then be eligible to play in games. Students are required to participate in practice during the period of ineligibility if they wish to play in games when they re-establish eligibility.



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Summerville Catholic Seahawks Athletic Policies

Please sign and return this page of the Athletic Policy **with your registration forms**. Keep the policy at home for future reference.

We have read and understand the SCS athletic guidelines as well as the academic and behavior policies for student athletes at Summerville Catholic School.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

As a Catholic school community, we believe in the uniqueness, dignity and potential of every student. Following the life and example of Jesus Christ, we strive to build character while teaching compassion. By strengthening our students in spirit, mind and body, we prepare them to lead lives based on faith, values and learning.