





**School Absence** A student may not attend a practice or game the day of an excused or unexcused absence. A student missing more than 3 classes is considered absent for athletic participation.

**Academic Athletic Eligibility** A student must maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale through the end of the previous semester as required by Florida Statutes. This GPA must include all courses taken since you entered high school. FHSAA Bylaw 11.2

**Athletic Playing Time** With the selection of a team, the athlete must recognize the obligation he or she has as a TEAM member. High school competition is played on a different level than recreational or club teams. Performance on other teams does not insure or deny playing time or a position on a school team. Decisions to play and assessment of athletic ability are left solely to the appointed coaches and the athletes and parents must abide by these decisions.

**Athletic Conduct Policy** Students who participate in interscholastic athletics represent St. Joseph Academy and are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, as well as the rules and policies set forth by the Florida High School Athletic Association . Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege and should be regarded as such, therefore student-athletes are expected to exhibit the qualities of integrity, respect and sportsmanship at all times. The Code of Conduct applies to the student-athlete as a representative of St. Joseph Academy and includes: practice, travel, games, pre and post-game conduct. Students who violate any part of the Code of Conduct or the FHSAA policies while representing St. Joseph Academy will be subject to disciplinary action through the Office of the Dean of Students, as well as penalties handed down by the FHSAA. Any misconduct by a student-athlete resulting in a fine by the FHSAA will be paid for by the offending student or billed to his/her account.

**Unsportsmanlike Conduct – FHSAA Policy** A student-athlete who is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or a flagrant foul will be ineligible to compete for the remainder of that contest and in any interscholastic athletic contest for the next seven (7) calendar days at the same level, or any level, of participation in which the student-athlete was disqualified (ejected). If less than two (2) contests are scheduled during this seven-day period fo time at the same level as disqualification (ejection), the student will be ineligible for the next football game or a minimum of the next two (2) contests in all other sports. If the disqualification (ejection) occurs in the last contest of a season, the student will be ineligibile for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates.

A student-athlete who is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for any act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct, or a second or subsequent act of general unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul, will be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic athletic contest for a period of up to six weeks. Acts constituting gross unsportsmanlike conduct are defined in FHSAA Bylaw 11.11.2

**Suspension from School** If a student is suspended from school, he or she may not participate or practice during the suspension period.

**Dismissal/Withdrawal from a Team** If a student is dismissed or withdraws from a team, he or she may not participate or practice with another school team for the duration of the dismissed/withdrawal team's season unless he or she has the permission of the coaches.

**Team Uniforms** All uniform items are to be returned at the completion of each season. Failure to return any item will result in the cost being charged to the student's account and a hold being placed on student records.

**I understand the information concerning Athletic Participation and will abide by all guidelines.**

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Student signature                                      Parent signature                                      Parent signature                                      Date