

# **Saint James Student Athletic General Conduct Policy**

The administrative and coaching staffs of St. James High School and St. James Middle School believe that student athletes are representatives of the school and community.

The goals of the St. James Athletic Programs are to encourage our student athletes to excel in both academic and athletic endeavors, to promote the obtainment of optimum health and physical fitness, and to strive for the highest standards of conduct and sportsmanship for the total development of the individual.

Therefore, a student-athlete, cheerleader, manager, scorekeeper, statistician, student trainer, or other student support staff should conduct themselves accordingly in and out of school. Conduct unbecoming a student athlete of the St. James schools in any capacity will not be tolerated. For the purposes of this policy, a student becomes an athlete the first time he/she is selected for membership.

Prior to athletic participation, parents and/or legal guardians and the student athlete must attend the mandatory parent/athlete meeting and turn in the signed code of conduct.

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- 4. For any student- athlete who violates the school's discipline policy which requires the athlete to spend time for Out-of-School Suspension, the athlete will not be allowed to participate, practice, or play in games until the date(s) the assignment is completed. This also includes any disciplinary action resulting in a "Principal Approved Day".**
- 5. If a student-athlete turns his or herself in to their coach for displaying inappropriate behavior without an arrest warranted, the matter will be investigated. The student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in the sport until the investigation is completed. The results of the investigation may include suspension and/or removal from the team.**
- 6. If a student-athlete displays inappropriate behavior on or off campus that does not warrant an arrest, but it is illegal (alcohol, intoxicants, or illegal narcotics) and it is witnessed and/or brought to the attention of the coaches and/or school administrators, an investigation will take place. Suspension from participation will take place until the investigation is completed. The student-athlete will be subjected to a twenty (20) day suspension (excluding Sunday) and a ten (ten) day suspension from practice immediately following the violation. If the violation occurs out of season, the suspension begins following tryouts of the next sports season in which the student is a participant.**

7. A student-athlete must notify the Athletic Director immediately, or not more than five (5) days, of any indictment and/or charges being filed. If a student-athlete does not turn themselves in within 5 days, they will be dismissed from the athletic department from the date of the incident for 180 days.
8. Any student-athlete, who is charged in a court of law for a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic infraction, will be suspended from participation for 20 days and 10 days of practice immediately following the violation. If the violation occurs out of season, the suspension begins following tryouts of the next sports season in which the student is a participant.
9. For a second guilty verdict of a misdemeanor, the student athlete will complete a ninety-day participation suspension from all sports activities.
10. For a third guilty verdict of a misdemeanor, the student athlete will be banned from all athletic participation for the remainder of his/her middle/high school eligibility.
11. Any student-athlete who is convicted of a felony will lose his/her eligibility to participate in athletics for the remainder of his/her athletic career.
12. Unexcused absences from school results in no practice / no game.
13. Head coaches will monitor their athletes' grades throughout the season on a weekly basis. If a student is failing a class, the head coach will conference with that athlete. If a student-athlete is failing two (2) classes, he/she will have two (2) weeks to bring the grades to passing. The head coach will determine participation at this time and will closely monitor the situation. If a student-athlete is failing three (3) classes, they are suspended immediately from all practices and contests until they are passing two (2) classes. Student must attend mandatory tutoring sessions until he/she is passing two (2) classes.
14. If a student gets ejected from a contest and is suspended from the South Carolina High School League, Saint James administration may add another contest suspension.
15. All athletic programs will have additional team policies and consequences that include dress codes, tardiness to practice, missed practices, attitude and actions detrimental to the team, In-School Suspension, etc. Team policies will be on file with the Athletic Director.
16. If a student-athlete is dismissed from a team or quits a team during the season, they are not allowed to participate in any other sport until the season he/she was on is completely over including the playoffs.

We have attended the mandatory parental meeting for participation of the St. James program and have received a copy of the student athlete general conduct. It was reviewed in its entirety and we understand its content.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_