

Basketball Program Guidelines

- All games and practices are governed by the current rules of the Minnesota State High School League.
- Each player is required to play the equivalent of one quarter of the game, unless on probation.
- Referee decisions are final. No player, coach or fan, will show disrespect to the officials by disputing calls.
Technical fouls may be called by officials for player, coach, or fan misconduct.



**Student/Parent/Coach
Athletic Handbook
2016-2017**

St. Anne's School exists to pass on our Catholic Faith and an excellent education. We
**"Enter to Learn Christ,
Exit to Serve Christ."**

I, _____, will participate in the basketball program. I have read this handbook and agree to play according to the rules and responsibilities set forth in this handbook.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

Grade _____

*"Father, we thank you for life and strength to play this game.
We thank you for the other team who helps us play.
When we win, help us not to be vain.
When we lose, help us not to be discouraged.
Help us play fairly and do our best.
Saint John Bosco, pray for us."*

The purpose of the St. Anne's Sports Program is to insure the parents and their children who wish to have an athletic experience in a Christian environment have a program available to them. Our children must be encouraged to be creative and use their mental and physical skills in an unselfish team environment, without fear of humiliation from their coach, parents or other players.

The real measure of success of the basketball program is

- Show Christian example in speech, action and self-discipline. Team discipline reflects the coaches' and parents' attitudes.
 - Stress playing hard to win - over winning itself. While winning is the objective of the game, make sure you use all of your players, don't over use the more skilled players. Participation is the name of the game.
 - Team morale has the same importance as skills and tactics.
 - Maximize praise and minimize criticism in dealing with all team members.
 - Be a skills teacher... for younger players, stress individual skill development more than team tactics. For all ages, demonstrations are far superior to lectures.
 - Keep open communication between players, parents, athletic coordinator, teachers, and principal.
 - Coach all players with equal vigor, regardless of ability.
 - Treat the officials with respect, no matter what the call.
 - Help the officials keep order on the sidelines during the games.
 - **Encourage camaraderie among teams. (i.e. 6th grade teams root and cheer for 3rd grade teams)**
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whether it develops individual players into a cooperative team that feels good about themselves because of their participation. If they play the "organized" games with better skills and the same enthusiasm and imagination as they play back-yard games then our purpose has been fulfilled.

To help in achieving these pleasurable sports experiences, the school offers the following coaching philosophy as a guide for coaches and parents:

Student Responsibilities

- Any student in grades 3-6 is eligible to be a part of the team.
- Complete assignments on time. 3 consecutive late assignments result in loss of privilege to play in the next scheduled game. 5 consecutive late assignments result in loss of privilege to play in the next scheduled game or tournament and future games until school work is complete.
- Any noon detention during the week will result in loss of privilege to play in the next scheduled game. A second detention will result in the loss of privilege to play in the next scheduled game or tournament.
- Retain a C- average during the basketball season. Failure to do so will result in nonparticipation in the program until grade is improved.
- If three weeks of play are forfeited during the season due to missing assignments or detentions, the student will not be allowed to participate in the program.

Parent Responsibilities

- Any parent may assist with the basketball program. Contact the program coordinator or principal.
- Assist with concession stands and

gym clean-up. Concession stand proceeds help to cover field trip expenses.

- Set an example to students by cheering positively and respecting referee's calls.
- Provide transportation to games.
- Monitor their child's whereabouts during games, ensuring students are not roaming school halls.

Coaching Responsibilities

- Assign uniforms to players and collect them at end of season.
- Maintain "equal play" philosophy.
- Set an example to students by cheering positively and respecting referee's calls.
- Report any damage to gym or supplies to principal.
- Keep food and beverages, other than water, out of the gym.
- Remain on premises until all players have been picked up.
- Report any delay to a practice or a game to the school office, athletic coordinator, or principal.
- Provide a practice and game schedule to school office at the start of the season.
- Comply with coaching philosophy guidelines. (see pg. 2)

Successful Athletes are: Disciplined in their Training, Self-controlled, Purposeful, and Follow the rules. We are all reminded to continually develop and practice these extremely useful habits in our spiritual lives as well. As athletes, we should remember that we can do everything through Christ who strengthens us.