

St. Finn Barr Parish Athletics
Athletics/Extra-curricular Activities Student Code of Conduct

St. Finn Barr Parish Athletics' administrator, sports committee, and coaches believe that athletes who choose to participate in the sports program are given a privilege of membership on teams and should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of the parish. In order to assure this conduct, the sports committee and coaches enforce a **Code of Conduct** in addition to the expectations outlined for all Athletes in the Sports Handbook.

Furthermore, members of teams who fail to abide by the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary actions. Members of teams and organizations must always serve as models of high moral character and must demonstrate appropriate sport commitment, which is expected from all athletes. As recognized representatives of the sports program, members are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior during the season (activity) or out of season; in the uniforms, on gym premises off gym premises.

Section A – Coach/Athlete Responsibility

1. Each coach has the prerogative to establish additional rules pertaining to the activity supervised. These rules may include attendance at practices, games, etc. Rules set by the individual coach must be in writing and approved by the Director of Athletics.
2. Athletes are expected to attend all practices (and arrive on time) unless they present a valid excuse to the coach.
3. Absentees – If a student has 5 or more unexcused absences in a given period, they will forfeit the opportunity to participate/play in one game. Continued tardiness and/or absences from practice may result in suspension from the team.
4. Athletes suspended from the team will not be allowed to participate in activities or athletics while they are on suspension.
5. Athletes participating on teams are expected to be representative of the parish and ambassadors of goodwill/good sportsmanship at all times. Athletes will not display any rude, insubordinate, or disrespectful behavior towards any adult. (i.e. Parents, game officials, coaches, other players, etc.)
6. **Quitting a Team** – You cannot quit a team. If you quit a team after joining it, you will be on ineligible to participate in the sports program for the remainder of the year.

Section B – Suspension Procedures

An athlete may be suspended from participation in any sports activity according to the following procedure:

1. All reports of major violations of the **Code of Conduct** and/or the Sports Handbook are to be made to the Athletic Director in writing.
2. The Athletic Director will contact the athlete, parent, and the coach to inform them of the violation and the procedures to be followed. If requested, a meeting will be scheduled within 3 days. This meeting will include the Athletic Director, the athlete, his or her parents, athlete's coach, and a member of the sports committee. Following procedures:

3. All reports of major violation of the **Code of Conduct** and/or the Sports Handbook are to be made to the Athletic Director.
4. The Athletic Director and the Sports Chairperson will determine the course of action. The athlete and his/her parents will be notified of the decision immediately.
5. Any athlete who violates the guidelines and/or does not satisfactorily complete the season or activity may not be eligible for any award or recognition given for participation in the activity.

Section C – Right of Appeal

An athlete and his or her parents may appeal a decision by writing a letter to the Athletic Director with copies to the Pastor within 3 days following the meeting. This letter should request a hearing with Sports Committee.

Within 5 days after the letter is received, the Athletic Director will notify the parents and the athlete of the time and place of the appeal hearing. The Sports Committee and the Pastor will hear both sides of the case and will take action which they consider to be in the best interest of the athlete and the parish. During the time between the original decision and hearing the athlete will be ineligible to participate in any sports program.

Student Name(print): _____ **Signature:** _____

Parent Name(print): _____ **Signature:** _____