



**St. Augustine Athletics
2018-2019**

Player & Parent Handbook



Welcome to the 2018-19 Athletic Year

Dear Student-Athletes, Parents, and Guardians,

My name is Kyle Howell and I am the new Athletic Director at St. Augustine Catholic High School. Let me be the first to welcome you to the 2018-2019 academic and athletic school year.

My family and I have just finished the move to Tucson from Wichita, Kansas. My wife, Kassie, and I have three children: Khloe (6), Kelsea (3), and Kannon (1). My background is in college and professional baseball, but I am excited for the opportunity to impact students across all platforms.

Following this letter you will find our Athletic Handbook. The handbook contains relevant information on academic eligibility, team selection, parent involvement, and much more. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email at khowell@staugustinehigh.com. Thank you for supporting Wolves athletics, and we are looking forward to an exciting year!!

Sincerely yours,

Kyle Howell



Mission Statement

Saint Augustine Catholic High School facilitates academic excellence in a Catholic environment where students are encouraged to grow in the Christian life through dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship, and celebration.

Philosophy

Saint Augustine Catholic High School believes in the dignity and worth of all individuals. We believe that with parents as primary educators, the school will develop the unique and valuable qualities our students possess and create thoughtful, constructive members of society who live and exemplify Catholic values.

Integral Student Outcomes

An *Active Christian* who lives the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church:

- Engages the heart and seeks communion with God through participation in the Sacraments, individual and communal prayer, and retreats.
- Engages the mind and seeks to know about God through study of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the teachings of the Magisterium.
- Engages the hands and seeks to serve the Lord Jesus through the service of his people, following the principles of Catholic social teaching.

A *Life-Long Learner* who:

- Seeks to continuously learn for the improvement of self, family, and community.
- Uses the skills of informed critical thinking, problem solving, and appropriate research.

A *Well-Rounded Person* who:

- Recognizes all people are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore creates healthy and positive relationships with them, regardless of race, culture, or creed.
- Participates in activities that enrich the mind, body, and spirit.
- Makes moral decisions using a conscience informed by Scripture, Church teaching, and life experience.

An *Involved Citizen* who:

- Contributes to the common good and democracy, and engages in the political process.
- Acts according to the principles of justice in a manner consistent with Catholic teaching.
- Recognizes and responds to global issues.

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap a harvest, if we do not give up.”

-Galatians 6:9



Expectations of Parents

Parents play an important role in enriching the experience for all student-athletes. This includes supporting not only their own child but in also supporting the programs, coaches, and administration. This includes but is not limited to being physically present, being emotionally and financially invested, and providing continued spiritual guidance.

What parents are encouraged to discuss (with coach)

- The treatment of their child
- Concerns about their child's behavior
- Team rules and requirements
- Sanctions incurred by their child
- Scheduling
- College placement
 - Families are encouraged to seek guidance and instruction on the process of pursuing athletics at the various collegiate levels.
 - Contact Mrs. Siath for more information.

What parents may not discuss

- Placement on teams
- Playing time
- Strategies used by coach during competition
- Other student athletes

Steps of Conflict Resolution

1. Student-athlete speaks with coach. (This is the final step if it is regarding playing time or strategy.)
2. Parent contacts the coach. Please make sure the subject matter is listed underneath the "what parents are encouraged to discuss" section.
3. Contact athletic director. The coach involved will always be present at these meetings. Our goal is to resolve issues in a Christ-like manner.
4. Contact the principal; the athletic director will be present.

Note: Do not approach a coach or play during a competition. Please make an appointment to speak to the coach at a different time if you have concerns.

"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many."

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14



Playing Time

Playing time will never be equal however, there are different expectations for playing time at the JV and Varsity levels. Playing time is earned through hard work, determination, and the ability to execute the necessary skills in both a game and practice setting. Please note that coaches determine playing time, in the best interest of student-athletes and their program.

Team by Team

Rosters - Rosters are set and final 5 days from the first contact date. Any additions to rosters will be at the discretion of the athletic director.

Junior Varsity (JV) - This is a level designed to teach the game at a higher level to student-athletes. This level is to prepare students to potentially make a varsity roster in years to come. St. Augustine adheres to a “no-cut policy” for JV teams and for sports where there is only one team.

Varsity- This is the highest level of HS sports. Our goal as an institution is to compete for championships. Student-Athletes and parents alike are expected to support the program regardless of playing time in games.

Expectations

Attendance

The expectation is for student-athletes to be present not just for competition, but also for practices and team activities. Student-athletes must attend at least half of their classes the day of the competition or they will not be allowed to compete. Exceptions to this must be cleared in advance with school administration.

Character

You are representing yourself, your family, and St. Augustine High School at every practice, match and tournament. We are a program that will be known for good sportsmanship and integrity by our players, coaches, and parents. Players and parents arguing with officials, opponents, or fans is never appropriate or tolerated.

Uniforms

St. Augustine has purchased uniforms or team issued gear for every sports program. Please take care of the apparel while it is in your possession and follow given instructions on cleaning. Should you not return school issued gear, or damage gear beyond the scope of regular use, you will be charged \$100 to cover the cost of replacement. If your uniform is damaged due to regular use, please contact your coach so we can replace it for you.



Academic Eligibility

Current and transfer students who are in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better will be eligible at the beginning of the school year to participate and compete in athletics.

Students become ineligible for competition during the season if they are earning one or more F's at any progress or grade-reporting period. Grades will be checked every two weeks to determine eligibility. During this time of ineligibility, the student is expected to attend at minimum a weekly session with the teacher of the class(es) he or she is failing. This session could be a tutorial or a mandatory homework period. Students are expected to continue to attend all home practices, games, and performances during this time, but will be unable to compete. Students will not be permitted to miss any class time to travel with the team during the period of ineligibility.

Administrative Detention

Detention is an extension of the school day. All school rules and policies (including those involving uniforms, cell phones, and electronic devices) are in effect throughout the detention. Students will not be allowed to leave early for a sports game or extra-curricular event on days they serve a detention.

Varsity Lettering Policy

Student-athletes who compete at the varsity level will be eligible for a letter if they compete in a quarter of the competitions for the season. Student-athletes receive one letter for their high school careers. The first year they compete at the Varsity level in a sport, they will receive a pin corresponding to that sport. Every year after their first year, they will receive a bar to pin on their letter.

