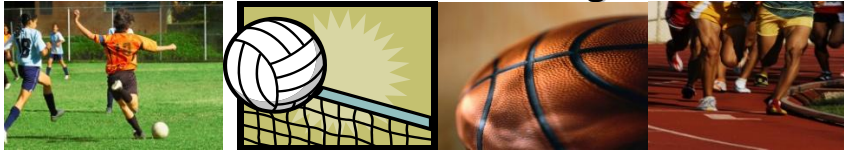


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### **A. PHILOSOPHY**

The philosophy of St. Matthew Parish's athletic program is "To provide for instructional physical education and supervised competition which encourages maximum participation while promoting good sportsmanship, teamwork, dignity and accomplishment."

### **B. ELIGIBILITY**

All students of St. Matthew School and religious education programs are eligible to participate on St. Matthew athletic teams. Eligibility to compete on a parish team shall be determined by the Principal in consultation with school personnel, (public and non-public), the Religion Education Director and the Board of Education. Eligibility will depend on academic effort, attitude and conduct, both in school and at school functions.

### **C. GUIDELINES**

#### **1. General**

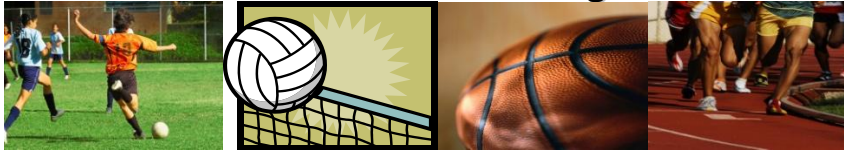
- a. To adhere to the Diocesan regulations regarding physical education and athletics in Diocesan elementary and middle schools.
- b. To seek financial stability for athletics through registration fees, fundraising activities and events of the St. Matthew Booster Club, and through the help of donations from other St. Matthew Parish organizations.
- c. To provide adequate, qualified adult supervision for the athletic programs through substantial parental involvement.
- d. All coaches (head coaches and assistants) and supervisors must complete the Virtus Training program offered by the Catholic Diocese.
- e. All players must be covered by family or student insurance for both travel and home competitions. A written permit from parents is required and a medical examination is highly recommended before participation. A completed "In Case of Emergency" form must be turned in to the coach prior to participation.

#### **2. Competition**

- a. To offer students in grades fifth through eighth a varied program of competitive sports including, but not limited to: girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, eighth grade girls cheer leading, boys' and girls' soccer.
- b. The emphasis in all sports shall be on participation for all athletes. A "no cut" rule will be followed in every sport.
- c. If school is cancelled due to inclement weather all athletic events (games and practices) at that school are also cancelled for that day.
- d. There is to be no practice or contests without adult supervision. Adult supervision means the supervisor must be a minimum of 18 years of age. This includes cheerleading. Coaches and supervisors must be a proper Christian role model.
- e. To encourage those students in these team sports by providing an opportunity to be challenged in supervised games between parochial and public schools in our area.

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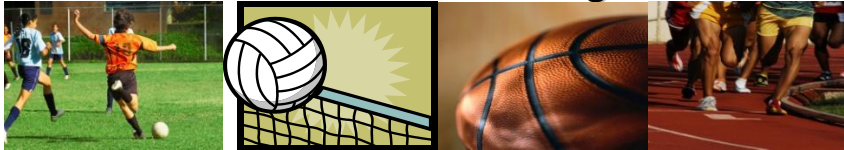
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- f. To enforce the regulation that if individual awards are to be given, that each individual team player must receive an award.
- g. Practice prior to the first scheduled game shall be limited to either 3 weeks before the contest or a total of 12 practice sessions.
- h. Players shall not be switched to other teams for tournament play. A player may not be switched downwards, e.g. an 8th grader to the 7th grade team. Any player switched upwards for more than two games, e.g., 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, that player must remain at the higher level for that school year. In this situation the five-quarter rule does not apply.
- i. Effort should be made to schedule an average of one game or contest per week, excluding tournaments, in all sports.
- j. Games or contests shall not be scheduled after 8:00 P.M.
- k. When tournament play is involved, effort shall be made so that teams are not competing on consecutive weekdays (Monday-Friday) in any sport. Basketball's 5-quarter rule and volleyball's 3-game limit could provide exceptions to this regulation.
- l. Games (contests) per season:
  - BASKETBALL - boys and girls grades 7 & 8 - sixteen games maximum plus tournament(s).
    - boys and girls grades 5 & 6 - sixteen games maximum plus tournament(s)
  - VOLLEYBALL - boys and girls - maximum of 12 matches, plus tournament(s)
  - SOCCER - boys and girls - 12 games for grades 7 & 8 maximum plus tournament(s), 10 games for grades 5 & 6 maximum plus tournament(s)
  - TRACK - boys and girls - maximum of 10 meets
- m. All coaches will, in their best efforts, adhere to the following “time of play” guidelines:
  - BASKETBALL - on a team of 10 players or less, each player must play in every regular season game.
    - on teams of 11 players or more, each player must play in every other regular season game. This means that for every two games that are played, each player on the team must have played at least one.
    - if a team has eight or less eligible players, the team may use the WIAA five-quarter rule. Any time played in a quarter constitutes a full quarter of play. Five-quarter rule applies for same day competition except in tournament play.
    - in grades 5 and 6, no pressing shall be allowed until the basketball has entered the front court, except in the last two minutes of the second/fourth quarter when full court pressing will be allowed.
  - VOLLEYBALL - No player may be in for more than 3 matches per day, except during tournaments. Every player must play in every match.

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### **D. CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

- a. The Board of Total Catholic Education is responsible for administration and implementation of the total program.
- b. Parents are to call coaches in the case of problems. If the problem continues, parents are to call the athletic director. If the problem still can not be resolved, parents are to call the Principal. Coaches will direct calls to the athletic director, who will, when necessary, bring issues to be resolved to the Principal. The Principal may, at his or her sole discretion, bring the issue to the Athletic Advisory Committee. In the event of any further questions or conflicts, whether by coaches, parents, Principal, athletic director or Athletic Advisory Committee, they will then go through the Board of Total Catholic Education, who will take the issue and make a decision.

### **E. ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- a. The Athletic Advisory Committee is a group of individuals that will assist the athletic director in his or her duties as they relate to policy and procedures of the athletic program.
- b. The Athletic Advisory Committee will be comprised of one representative from parents, St. Matthew School Board and faculty. The Principal will select the representatives.

### **F. BOOSTER CLUB**

- a. The purpose of the Booster Club is to give support to the school and/or athletic program. All fund raisers, expenditures and budget must be approved by the Principal.
- b. All parents/guardians of student athletes are eligible to participate in the Booster Club.
- c. Officers will be elected on an annual basis.

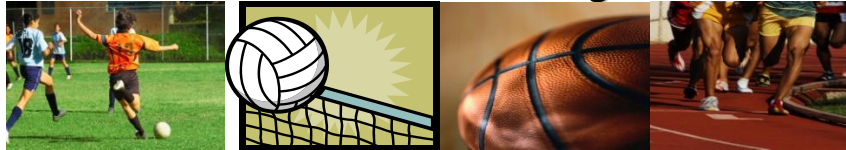
### **G. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS/SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Students are strictly prohibited from using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, intoxicants, altering substances, or a substance which is represented as a drug or intoxicant, and/or drug paraphernalia at any time, 24 hours per day, and 365 days per year. We also prohibit nicotine and recognize it as a highly addictive substance, a serious threat to wholesome growth and maturation, as well as a potential milestone along the road toward substance abuse. In addition smoking on school property is a violation of the Wisconsin State Statute 120.12 (20).

- a. First Offense: Athletes during season must sit out two contests.
- b. Second Offense: Athletes during season sit out 50% of total season contests.
- c. Third Offense: Suspension from all athletics for one calendar year.

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### **H. ENFORCEMENT OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

- a. Teacher will notify the student athlete, and his/her parents, of the athlete's failure to maintain class studies to their academic level or failing to complete classroom requirements and
- b. It is the recommendation of the Board of Total Catholic Education that the parents give the child a two week probationary period to improve their academic level. If improvement is determined, by the teacher, during the two week probationary period, the student athlete may continue participating in practices and games.
- c. As per your signed agreements, a lack of improvement shown will result in suspension from practices and games for a period of time determined by the teacher accessing student achievement.

**Keep the attached policies for your reference. Return the signed Student-Athlete and Parent Contracts to your coach. No athlete will be able to participate in the first or any subsequent practices until these forms are returned.**