

SMA ATHLETIC PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS & ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

We consider parents to be an integral part of the Sarasota Military Academy Athletic Program. Parents have a direct/indirect influence on players, coaches and the program itself. Everyone involved in our program has a responsibility to ensure that their influence promotes important life skills and the development of good character.

ATHLETIC EXPECTATIONS

1. Student First! SMA requires each athlete is in attendance at least ½ day (2 classes) during season to participate in practice or games. Absences needs to be approved through Administration.
2. Promote to your child the avoidance of illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and some over the counter nutritional substances that increase the amount of testosterone in the body. Review the Sarasota County School Board policy for further guidance.
3. Parents should not coach their child while they are on the practice or game field. This is the coach’s time with the players.
4. Treat officials with respect. Do not complain or argue calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.
5. ★When any problem arises, use the chain of **communication** which starts with the Head Coach.
6. Playing time is not up for discussion, what the athletes needs to improve upon most certainly is.
7. Other than playing time, if there is a need to talk with a coach, please do not approach the coach after a game. Contact the next day.
8. The player, not the parent is expected to contact the head coach if they are unable to attend a practice or a game due to being very ill or in case of death in the family. If you have a dental or medical appointment, try to schedule it around practices or games.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY

“STUDENT-ATHLETE” just as stated “Student” is first then “Athlete”. The goal of SMA is to assist our student-athletes balance their lives with the privilege of participating in sports and learning life-long skills. Assistance from SMA as well as at home is vital to our cadet’s successes. RESPECT – HONOR – INTEGRITY applies to SMA academia for all athletes.

ELIGIBILITY & PROBATION

Juniors & Seniors must have a minimal of a 2.0 GPA to participate. 9th & 10th Graders have until the end of their 10th grade year to post a 2.0 GPA. Sophomores who drop below a 2.0 GPA will be placed on probation and cannot participate in contests/games but are still considered to be on the team & can practice until the end of a grading period where the GPA reaches a 2.0 or better. Any cadet who is participating on an athletic team and is placed on academic probation or deemed academically ineligible will remain ineligible until the end of the evaluation/grading period.

Progress reports will be utilized and at any time the cadet does not improve he/she may be dismissed from the team. Study hall and or academic tutoring will be made available to any student-athlete either by request or to assist in eligibility.

 Cadet Name (print)

 Cadet Signature

 Date

 Parent/Guardian (print)

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date



SMA ATHLETIC STANDARDS

Cadets and parents/guardians must comply with the following standards for athletics that represent Sarasota Military Academy. SMA maintains a high expectation for academic achievement and appropriate behavior at all times and at all events. Cadets must comply with the Code of Conduct on and off the playing field when representing SMA and its specific behavior expectations.

To be eligible to play or practice in a(n) practice, event, game, a student must:

- 1) Meet all eligibility requirements a set forth by the FHSAA per sport.
- 2) Cadets must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in all classes.
- 3) Cadets must be present in school for 2 periods out of 4 of the academic day unless excused by an Administrator.
- 4) Cadets must attend required meeting/practices prior to an event/game unless excused by a Coach, Trainer, Advisor or Administrator.
- 5) Cadet and or Parent/Guardian will be responsible for paying ANY and ALL of the fine assessed to the athlete or parent by the FHSAA.

An Administrator/Coach/Advisor may add additional rules to those listed above that they believe are in the best interest of the program and cadet.

The following are the minimum expectations set forth by SMA. Listed below are violations that may result in an immediate suspension from a team:

- 1) The confirmed use or possession of alcohol.*
- 2) The sale, use or possession of illegal drugs*.
- 3) Being charged with a misdemeanor/felony*.
- 4) The confirmed use or possession of tobacco or any vape equipment.
- 5) Failure to adhere to the attendance policy of SMA.
- 6) Failure to adhere to the disciplinary policy of SMA.
- 7) Any act or unsportsmanlike conduct at practice or game/event.
- 8) Any act that brings embarrassment to the school in accordance with the SMA student contract.

*Automatic suspension for the remainder of the season.

Severity of consequences are subject to change at the discretion of the
Administration/Athletic Director/Coaches.

STUDENT AND PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We, undersigned, acknowledge the rules and our responsibilities as specified above.

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Cadet Name (print)	Cadet Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian (print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

