

St. Joseph Academy
2026-2027 Student Athlete Participation Application

This application is effective from the date indicated on the form until the end of the current school year. This application must be on file in the Office of the Director of Athletics prior to participating in try-outs, conditioning, practices and competitions.

Student Athlete Name/Date

STUDENT ATHLETE'S COMMITMENT: This application to compete in interscholastic athletics for St. Joseph Academy is entirely voluntary on my part and is made with understanding that I have not violated any of the eligibility rules and regulations.

Student Athlete Name/Date

PERMISSION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: hereby request that the above-named student athlete be allowed to engage in school approved athletic activities as a representative of St. Joseph Academy hereby agree to release and discharge St. Joseph Academy its agents and employees exercising seasonable care within their scope of employment from liability growing out of personal injuries and property damage resulting from occurring during athletic activities, or in transit to and from athletic activities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Street Address, City, State, Zip

Date

MEDICAL CONDITIONS: Please indicate any existing medical conditions that emergency personnel should be aware of (allergies, medications, medical conditions).

INSURANCE: My child is covered by insurance with

Insurance Company Policy #

MEDICAL RELEASE: Sign this section only in the presence of a notary public.

The student athlete and parent/guardian, whose signatures appear below, do hereby consent to any and all medical and surgical treatments including anesthesia and operations which may be deemed advisable by his/her physicians and surgeons. The intention hereof is to grant authority to administer and to perform all and singularly any examinations, treatments, anesthetics, operations, and diagnostic procedures which may now or during the course of the student athlete's care be deemed advisable and necessary. This form will be used only in case of emergencies and after every reasonable effort is made to contact parent/guardian prior to admitting the student athlete for necessary treatment. Consent is also given for release of information for insurance purposes, and I submit authorization for responsible third parties to pay directly to the treating hospital insurance benefits due me for services rendered. **HIPPA CONSENT AUTHORIZATION:** I hereby authorize the physicians, athletic trainers, sports medicine staff and other health-care personnel representing James Grimes MD Orthopaedics or their replacement to release information regarding my student athlete's protected health information and regarding any injury or illness during training for and participation in athletics at St. Joseph Academy. This information is only to be used for the betterment of the student athlete and can only be shared with a coach, athletic director, or school official in connection with participation in interscholastic sports. This protected health information may concern the student athlete's medical status, medical condition, injuries, prognosis, diagnosis, athletic participation status, and related personally identifiable health information. This protected information may be released to other health care providers, hospital and/or medical clinics and laboratories, chaplains and/or clergy members who are related to the student athlete's participation in St. Joseph Academy athletics.

I, _____ parent or guardian of _____ understand that authorization/consent for the disclosure of the student athlete's protected health information is a condition for participation as an interscholastic athlete at St. Joseph Academy and I give my consent for the purpose of allowing the under signed student athlete to participate in interscholastic sports. I understand that my protected health information is protected by the federal regulations under either the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (the Buckley Amendment) and may not be disclosed without either parent/legal guardian authorization under HIPPA or consent under the Buckley Amendment. This authorization/consent expires on the last day of school 2024.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS BOTH SIGNATURES REQUIRED IN THE PRESENCE OF NOTARY PUBLIC.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS,
Before me personally appeared _____
and _____ known to be the persons
described and who executed the foregoing information who
acknowledged to and before me that said information is for
the purposes described.

Signature of Student Athlete

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Notary Public State of FL at Large

Street address (if different from above)

Date/SEAL

Emergency Phone Number

Family Physician/Phone Number

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DANGER BY STUDENT ATHLETE

I _____ do hereby acknowledge that I am fully aware and do understand that by participating in any sport or athletic event, may suffer serious injury, including but not limited to sprains, fractures, and ligament/cartilage damage which could result in temporary/permanent, partial/complete impairment in the use of my child's limbs, brain damage, paralysis, or even death. Having been thus cautioned and warned, it is still my desire and I do request that my child be allowed to participate in athletics.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Date

Signature of Witness/Date

Transportation to and from Athletic Events. If selected for participation on a team, the parent/guardian and student acknowledge and understand that many of the required events take place away from the St. Joseph Academy campus and that the student's presence will be required at such events. St. Joseph Academy normally does not provide transportation to its sporting events. If St. Joseph Academy or Boosters provide transportation to an event or game, the parent and student understand that the student will be required to use that transportation to the game. Return transportation to SJA may also be provided and the parent/guardian agrees that it is in the sole discretion of St. Joseph Academy coaches and administrators to determine whether or not students will be required to return via the provided transportation. The parent/guardian and student do hereby release and hold harmless St. Joseph Academy, its employees and agents, their personal representatives and assigns from any loss or damage due to any injury to the person or property of the student, or death, caused by negligence or otherwise, while the student is engaged in the event or while being transported to or

from the event. Furthermore, the parent/guardian understands that St. Joseph Academy does not play any role in the organization of carpools to or from athletic events. Should the parent/guardian or student choose to participate in such a carpool, they do so on their own initiative and according to their own wishes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Date

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Frequently, participation on an athletic team at St. Joseph Academy is a commitment embarked upon through a tryout skills to the coaching staff of a particular sport. SJA is confident that each coach maintains an unbiased opinion during the selection process. When a limited number of students are allowed on a roster, the tryout process is employed as the fairest way to field the most capable athletes. Inherent in the process is the need to inform some students that they have not qualified for the team.

Selection to a team is based solely on the tryout procedure. Previous performance or involvement with a program does not influence any decision of the coach. If not chosen, an athlete should be of the attitude that he or she will do whatever is necessary to improve his or her skills and try out the next season. Parents are expected to support the coach, abide by his or her decision and encourage their child to set a goal for the next season and assist him/her in attaining it.

Those who are selected to be members of any team expected to give 100% and demonstrate true sportsmanship on and off the playing arena. They are valued representatives of SJA and should exhibit Catholic values. Parents of team members must follow the same guidelines, accept and abide by the decisions of the contest officials, and respect at all times the opposing coaches, participants, cheerleaders, and fans. Disrespectful or derogatory yells, changes, songs, or gestures will result in your removal from the campus. Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest. Be a fan, not a "fanatic". There should be a total effort by all parties to continue to make the Flashes athletic programs successful.

During the season, there may be situations that require a conference between a coach and a parent. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following should be done to promote resolution. 1) call the coach to set an appointment, 2) if the coach cannot be reached, call the Director of Athletics to set up a meeting, 3) please do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. This can be an emotional time for both the parent and the coach – meetings of this nature will not promote good dialogue or resolution. If the meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution, the next step would be to set an appointment with the Director of Athletics. Please refrain from immediate contact with the Principal concerning a problem. If a situation requires the Principal attention, the Director of Athletics will direct it to that office.

School Absence: A student may not attend a practice or game the day of an excused or unexcused absence. A student missing more than first hour of school is considered absent for athletic participation.

Academic Athletic Eligibility: A student must maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale through the end of the previous semester as required by Florida Statutes. This GPA must include all course taken since you entered high school, per FHSAA Bylaws.

Athletic playing time with the selection of a team, the athlete must recognize the obligation he or she has as a team member. High school competition is played on a different level than recreational or club teams. Performance on other teams does not insure, or deny playing time or a position on a school team. Decisions to play and assessment of athletic ability are left solely to the appointed coaches and the athletes and parent must abide by these decisions. Students who participate in interscholastic athletics represent St. Joseph Academy and are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, as well as the rules and policies set forth by the Florida High School Athletic Association. Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege and should be regarded as such, therefore, student athletes are expected to exhibit the qualities of integrity, respect and sportsmanship at all times. The Code of Conduct applies to the student athlete as a representative of St. Joseph Academy and includes practice, travel, games, pre and post-game conduct. Students who violate any part of the Code of Conduct or the FHSAA policies while representing St. Joseph Academy will be subject to disciplinary action through the Office of the Dean of Students, as well as penalties handed down by the FHSAA. Any misconduct by a student athlete resulting in a fine by the FHSAA will be paid for by the offending student or billed to his/her account.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: FHSAA policy a student athlete who disqualifies (ejected) from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct or a flagrant foul will be ineligible to compete for the remainder of that contest and in any inter-scholastic athletic contests for the next 7 calendar days at the same level, or any level, of participation in which the student athlete was disqualified (ejected). If less than 2 contests are scheduled during this 7 day period of time at the same level as disqualification (ejection), the student will be ineligible for the next game or a minimum of the next 2 contests in all other sports. If the disqualification (ejection) occurs in the last contest of a season, the student will be ineligible for the same period-of-time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student athlete who is disqualified (ejected) from a contest for any act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct, or a second subsequent act of general unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul, will be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic athletic contests for a period of 6 weeks or more. Acts constituting gross unsportsmanlike conduct are defined in FHSAA bylaws.

If a student is suspended from school, he or she may not participate or practice during the suspension period. If a student is dismissed or withdraws from a team, he or she may not participate or practice with another school team for the duration of the dismissal or withdrawal team's season unless he or she has the permission of the coaches.

Team uniforms are to be returned at the completion of each season. Failure to return any item will result in the cost being charged to the student's account and a hold being placed on student records.

I understand the information concerning Athletic Participation and will abide by all guidelines.

Student Signature/Date

Parent Signature/Date