

Student-Athlete Behavior Contract

As student athletes, you are bound by a stricter moral and behavioral code than non student-athletes. If you choose to accept this responsibility, you and your guardian must sign this contract, and in doing so, you agree to abide by the consequences set forth below.

Every student athlete at **John Paul II Catholic School** has a duty to represent themselves, the team, and the school in the best manner possible. This applies to your behavior both in school and out of school. You are expected to avoid situations where you might be accused of wrongdoing. Being in the discipline problems resulting in detention or suspension may result in dismissal from the athletic program.

Code of Conduct: An athlete is expected to govern his/her behavior in accordance with the rules and regulations found in the JPII Student Handbook and as set forth in team rules which shall be communicated to each athlete by their head coach(es). Violation of the student's obligations under the handbook, the athletic policy and team rules may result in removal from competitive athletics. Any athlete exhibiting behavior(s) which cause(s) embarrassment to himself/herself, the team, the Athletic Department, or the school may be suspended from the team. The principal, athletic director and the head coach will determine if the athlete is eligible to return to participate in future athletic events. Athletes are also expected to have exemplary behavior outside of school. An athlete arrested, under investigation, on probation etc., will be suspended from competition until cleared by the principal. (Excluding minor violations, such as traffic violations).

The following violations may also result in suspension or dismissal from the **JPII Athletic Program:**

1. Using illegal drugs, vaping, alcohol, or tobacco at any time.
2. Allowing yourself to be in a situation, in or out of school, where you are accused of/arrested from an illegal activity.
3. Missing practice (unless excused by the Coach).
4. Skipping class/school
5. Poor sportsmanship
6. Harassment (verbal, physical, sexual/etc.) of another student or teammate.
7. Any act (either in/out of school) which in the opinion of the coach and /or school administration reflects in a negative manner on the JPII Athletic Program.
8. Electronic communication (text, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) should be positive and should never negatively reflect on other teammates or coaching staff

Personal Health Practices: Due to the harmful effect upon the health of the individual, all athletes will refrain, in or out of season, from the use of tobacco (in any form), all alcoholic beverages, steroids, or illegal drugs or mood-altering substances found in legal over-the- counter products. Verification of the above behaviors will result in immediate disciplinary action detailed below:

Tobacco/Vaping/Drugs/Alcohol Violations:

1st offense: Athlete will not be able to participate in practices or games for the duration of the school suspension. Additionally, a 1 game suspension will be enforced upon return, if no game takes place during school suspension.

2nd offense: Athlete will no longer be able to participate for the team they are currently on.

3rd offense: In or out of season, exclusion from all interscholastic activities for the remainder of the academic school year.

Parent Policy: Parents must exhibit good character, sportsmanship and manners while attending all JPII sporting events. Offensive language or behavior to coaches, teams, and officials will not be tolerated and may result in removal from current and future events.

Only JPII faculty and coaching staff are permitted to attend practices. Parents will not be allowed to sit in on practices.

At the coach's discretion, playing time may not be equal for all players. Parents must observe the *24-hour rule" and may not contact a coach in any way either during or immediately following a game to discuss a concern. Parents must email the coach and/or AD the next day to set up an in-person meeting to discuss any concerns that they may have.

Chain of command. Steps to handle a conflict:

1. Athlete meets with coach
2. Athlete and parent meet with coach
3. Athlete and parent meet with coach and AD
4. Athlete and parent meet with Principal and AD (coach if necessary)