

ST. RAPHAEL

STALLIONS



ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

Procedure for Registration

A student can become a full, participating member of a St. Raphael athletic team once the following requirements are met:

1. Physical exam turned into the school nurse
2. Student and parent/guardian have completed and returned St. Raphael Athletic Permission Form and the Athletic Contract
3. Signed release form
4. Paid the Athlete and Booster Fee.

Fees

All sports offered at St. Raphael School have a cost of operation. Student athletes and their families are required to pay a \$50 fee per athlete, per sport to cover part of the operating costs, league and tournament fees, with the exception of soccer which is \$40 per athlete. In addition to the Athletic Fee, students are required to pay a \$75 Booster fee to contribute towards the cost of uniforms, equipment and sponsored events. Students and their families may be asked to provide their own personal equipment for certain sports.

Holding Tryouts

Students in grades 5 through 8, (grade 3 & 4th for soccer, and cheerleading varies every year) may try out for any St. Raphael sports team. There is not an expectation that all students will be able to be members of a team, but when cuts are necessary, students should be treated fairly and with compassion. When individuals fail to make a team, alternative team roles should be considered, if possible. The manner that the coach posts tryout results is to his/her discretion. Tryouts are closed; only coaches and athletes are allowed to attend.

Student Expectations and Requirements

Students and parents should recognize that participation in the athletic program is not a right of all students, but rather a privilege to those selected individuals who possess the ability, attitude, disposition, cooperative spirit, and desire to represent the St. Raphael community in a favorable way. By joining the school's athletic program, a student becomes a representative of his/her team and of St. Raphael School.

Eligibility and Probation

We expect student-athletes to maintain academic and behavioral standards in keeping with the St. Raphael Catholic School Student-Parent Handbook and the teachings of the Catholic Church. These regulations and procedures apply while on school premises, during practices and competitions, and in the public arena. A student will be considered *ELIGIBLE* to participate in interscholastic athletics at St. Raphael School if their most recent academic report reflects:

- ❖ A passing grade of 75 or above in each core subject (ELA is NOT averaged out this is; English, Spelling, Vocabulary)

A student-athlete will be considered *ON PROBATION* should his/her most recent academic report reflect any one or a combination of the following academic grades or conduct:

1. One failing grade in any subject
2. One *Incomplete* in any subject
3. Below *Satisfactory* conduct in any subject

A student-athlete will also be considered *ON PROBATION* should his/her behavior require:

1. Removal from a classroom
2. Level four in the Upper Hall Discipline Plan
3. Out-of-school suspension

The “*Probation Period*” for a student athlete begins the Monday after grades are finalized and ends the Monday after progress reports are finalized. If the student-athlete is still ineligible when progress reports are issued then they must wait until report cards are issued again to see if they may return to play. * During this period, a student must attend practices but may not play in diocesan games, however athletes are still required to attend games to support their teammates and be dressed in a professional manner. Student-athletes are encouraged to seek extra help from those teachers in courses where he/she is struggling either before school or after school. St. Raphael School faculty and staff are always willing to assist students in their academic studies and personal growth as young adults.

*The only exception to the probationary period is a grade marking of “*Incomplete*”. As soon as the student-athlete makes up the work that caused the incomplete AND the work is to the satisfaction of the appropriate teacher, the student-athlete is no longer on probation.

Student-Athlete Expectations

A student-athlete’s behavior is governed by the same rules, regulations, and procedures that apply to all students as set forth in the St. Raphael Parent-Student Handbook. Each student-athlete is expected to demonstrate and encourage in others behaviors that reflect good sportsmanship. If behavior infractions occur, student-athletes may face both a school and a team consequence.

Attendance

All student-athletes must be marked as present in school on the day of practice or a game in order to participate. Please see the *Student-Parent Handbook* for what constitutes as an absence. If a student misses school for an excused reason such as a school function, doctor visit, emergencies, etc., they may still participate in practices and/or games. Student may return after an injury or an illness with a written, and signed doctor note stating, “Return to practice/game.”

All student-athletes must recognize the time commitment made to a team. One is expected to attend all practices and games. If one cannot attend a practice or game, please make sure the coach and/or athletic director has been notified in advance. Consequences for a missed practice or game will be made clear by the team rules as outlined by the coach at the beginning of the season.

Practices

Only coaches, athletes, and team managers are allowed to attend practices. If a practice is held outside the gymnasium (such as at a park), anybody not on the team is asked to adhere to the practice policy guidelines of *St. Raphael Catholic School*. Coaches will be present to instruct our athletes during the allotted practice time and remain on duty until all athletes are picked up by their parent/guardian. Please make plans to pick up your child on time. If an athlete is not picked up 15 minutes after the

practice has ended they will be sent to the school daycare. If daycare is not available then the student will be suspended from participating in the next game. All students may not wait for practice unsupervised. They must be at a club, tutoring or after school care. Athletes are to wear proper attire and have the required equipment for the practice session.

Dress Code/Uniforms

Student-Athletes are highly visible representatives of the school and, as such, are responsible for using good judgment in their overall appearance. All teams, regardless of level, have a responsibility to ensure that their game attire speaks volumes of their class and excellence. No player should make modifications to his or her uniform. Athletes are to wear a school issued uniform and treat their uniform with respect.

Uniforms must be returned to the athletic director within seven (7) days of the last game. Progress reports and/or report cards may be withheld until the uniform is returned. If a uniform is not returned, cleaned and in good condition, parents are responsible for the cost of replacing the uniform.

Removal from Team – Parent Decision

The principal, athletic director and coaches will respect and support the decision of a parent to remove his or her child from a team for any reason. However, once the child is removed, he or she may not return to that team for the remainder of the sport season.

Coaches/School Academics

The Athletic Director as well as the entire coaching staff has no influence or involvement in St. Raphael's academic grading process. As part of the athletic program we are only allowed to take care of problems dealing with athletics. Coaches cannot and will not talk to teachers about grades or ask for extra credit assignments.

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Chain of Command

If a problem arises please allow the head coach proper time to resolve it. If the head coach cannot solve the problem they will then contact the Athletic Director for a solution. If that fails the athletic director will contact the school administration with the problem and find a solution.

Revisions/Modifications to Policy

The Principal may make changes to any policies outlined in this handbook as needed and has the final decision with regards to any policy.

The Principal has the authority to remove a student or cancel a season if student-athletes or parents are not adhering to St. Raphael Catholic School standards.



Athletic Permission/Emergency Contact Form

The following information must be completed and signed by the appropriate parent or legal guardian and turned in to the main office before the student is allowed to participate in any student athletic related activities. If the following information is not complete, this form will be returned to you.

Must Fill One Form Per Athlete Per Sport

Name of Athlete _____ Grade: _____

Sport: Volleyball Flag Football Basketball Soccer Cheerleading

Athletic Fee- Please Check to Authorize to Make Permission Slip to Play Valid.

I authorize the charge of **\$50 Athletic Fee** to FACTS account.

I authorize the charge of **\$40 Athletic Fee (Soccer)** to FACTS account.

I authorize the charge of **\$75 Booster Fee** to FACTS account.

I already paid the **Booster Fee** for a different sport.

Primary Contact

Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact

Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Liability Waiver

I agree as parent/guardian to hereby release and hold harmless ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL AND ITS STAFF, AND ALL OTHER VOLUNTEERS from all legal responsibility including claims, demands, and lawsuits, resulting from or related to any incident and all activities arising from or connected in any manner with this activity.

In case of an emergency, parent/guardian will be notified immediately. If parent/guardian does not respond, then with the approval of the activity sponsor or ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL, they have permission and authorizations for any treatment by local physicians and/or hospital for above participant.

I as the parent/guardian agree to accept responsibility for payment of any charges that may occur.

Sign the form at the bottom and return to the Athletic Director to be eligible for participation.

I have read the athletic handbook and agree to follow the policies and procedures as stated.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____