

St. Ignatius Athletics

A comprehensive sports program is available to students in grades 1st - 8th. Competition with nearby schools and teams is organized through the Parochial Athletic League (PAL). These programs are designed to meet and encourage the health, safety, and recreational needs of our students. Parents of students wishing to participate in PAL sports must complete an annual Medical Release Form. This form must be on file in the office prior to the first practice. The River City Soccer Club is not a St. Ignatius school sponsored program and does not fall under the school administration's or the school athletic committees jurisdiction.

St. Ignatius Extra-Curricular Participation Policy

Any student whose report card grade point average falls below a 2.00 or earns any grade lower than a C-, he/she will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity until the next report card. Should a student receive a grade below C- in any subject or fall below a 2.0 GPA during the trimester, he/she will be monitored and will be ineligible to participate until improvement is noted. When a student is removed from an extracurricular activity for the second time, the student will not be allowed to participate in that activity during the same school year. Participation in any Fall sports or extracurricular activities will be based on the report card from the past Spring. Students with identified special needs will be considered apart from this academic policy. When a new season of athletics begins mid trimester, the student's eligibility will be assessed the Friday before the week of tryouts will begin. If the student does not have a 2.0 or a C- or above in all subject areas the student will not be permitted to try out for a team, therefore, ineligible that entire athletic season.

Parent Participation Policy: Each family of a St. Ignatius School athlete (5th - 8th grades) will be required to volunteer 4 hours of service per season per athlete. Failure to complete this commitment to the athletic program by April 15, will result in a fee of \$50 per hour not completed. For hours not completed during the Spring season, a fee of \$200 must be paid to the athletic committee before the student may register for the following school year. Parent hours not completed of a prospective graduating 8th grader of a Spring season will result in a fee of \$200 before a diploma will be presented to the student. Athletic volunteer opportunities are listed on the Athletics page of the school website. Athletic volunteer hours can be completed during any season and are not limited to the season of the sport in which the athlete is a participant.

No Cut, No Quit Policy: At St. Ignatius it is our intention to provide the most optimum environment for student athletes to develop their athletic skills. With this in mind we will actively strive to provide a place for any interested student who wants to participate in a sport. If more than 12 players come out for a sport, SI will actively work to field a Recreation team. With this commitment to finding a team for every participant, the athlete is committed to participate in the sport regardless of what team they are placed on. Quitting after teams are made will result in the student forfeiting their opportunity to play that sport the following year or for 8th grade students the lost opportunity to participate in a following season's sport.

School Absence & Sports Participation: Any student absent from school within 24 hours of a sports activity (practice or game) must get permission from the Principal or Athletic Director to participate in the scheduled activity.

Issue Resolution Process: Always contact the coach first. This should not be done in the presence of any players or other parents. Under no circumstances should a coach be approached during or directly after a sporting event or practice.

- *Wait 24 hours to contact the coach

- *If not resolved to your satisfaction you may contact the Athletic Director

- *If no resolution is achieved, the parent may request a meeting to include the school administrator.