



Suncoast Academy Middle School Athletic Department Policies

At Suncoast Academy our goals for student athletes align with the CARES of our school (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control). We believe student participation in school athletics has a positive impact on a student's view of themselves and their school. As an extension of the school day, student athletes are a reflection of their school and their behaviors during practice and competitions are expected to reflect CARES.

Objectives for Student Athletes:

- *Recognize that each individual has a unique set of skills and to provide the opportunities for maximum participation for all students*
- *Develop individual and team skills necessary to compete successfully*
- *Grow strong school/team spirit*
- *Learn and reflect the characteristics of good sportsmanship*
- *Apply CARES within sports programs*
- *Understand body growth and development and learn healthy living habits*

The Suncoast Academy Athletic Department recognizes the vital role that coaches, parents, and students all play in the healthy development of a student athlete and in the success of an athletic program. The athletic director has been assigned by the principal to administer the athletic program. Head coaches report to the athletic director and are charged with responsibility for the student athletes involved in their program. The coach is also responsible for communicating relevant information to parents throughout the season. Student athletes represent our school and are, therefore, held to a high standard of conduct at all school events.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Advisor: _____

Athletic Discipline/Eligibility Policy

- **Academics** - student athletes **MUST** maintain a **GPA OF 2.0**. Failure to maintain this standard will result in that player missing games until the minimum GPA is achieved. The player will be able to practice and stay on the team, but will not be able to participate in the game(s).
- **Outstanding Monies Due to SSA** - Any student who owes money to the cafeteria, After Care, or has not returned library books or uniforms from other sports will not be allowed to try out.
- **Cost** - Each participating student will contribute **\$50.00** to defray the costs of uniforms, coaches, equipment, and other associated expenses. Checks should be made payable to Suncoast Academy and turned into Justin Kamlade or Erin Peggs.
- **Absence From School** – The student may not participate in practice or in a contest on a day that they are absent from school, unless excused by an administrator.
- **School Conduct** - Students must be in compliance with all of SSAM’s behavioral and attendance expectations. Athletic events may be forfeited due to misconduct during the school day.
- **Disciplinary Action** – Disciplinary action by an administrator may result in the following penalties:
 - **1st Incident as directed by administrator = 1 game suspension**
 - **2nd Incident as directed by administrator = 1 week suspension**
 - **3rd Incident as directed by administrator = removal from team (possibly from all sports for the year)**
- **Language** – Profanity will not be tolerated. Violation of this rule will be referred to administration.
- **Appearance** – Students involved in interscholastic athletics are required to follow the school’s guidelines for proper appearance as well as any additional requirements from the coach. Students who are not properly attired will not be allowed to participate.
- **Practice** - Athletes are expected to attend all practices. Athletes must be excused in advance by the coach for any practices missed. Injured athletes who are able to attend practices and games will be expected to do so.
- **Missing a Contest** – If a student has to miss any game or contest, the coach must be notified at least 1 week in advance. If the absence is excused, no penalty will follow.
- **Quitting Without Notifying the Coach** – Suspension from all athletics for the remainder of current season and the next sport season.
- **Transportation** – Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from all athletic events and practices. Any carpool arrangements must be made by parents in advance and the school must have written permission for students to be driven by anyone other than their parents.
- **Playing time** - No player is guaranteed an equal amount of playing time in each game and may not be chosen to play in a game. If you do not get playing time in a game it is important to maintain a positive attitude during that game and in practices.

I AGREE WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND WILL UPHOLD THE SARASOTA SUNCOAST ACADEMY MIDDLE ATHLETIC POLICIES.

Athlete Signature (Date)

Parent Signature (Date)