

St. Maria Goretti Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches & Coaches Responsibilities

The coach has the role of first and foremost of a good role model. Coaches need to recognize that the main goals are to make the athletic program fun for the players, emphasize teamwork, and emphasize good sportsmanship and support self-esteem. The coach's responsibilities are listed below:

1. Coaches are approved by the Athletic Association Board and the principal. Coaches may be asked to participate in determining team composition.
2. Coaches are responsible for upholding all policies set forth by the Athletic Association Board, the Athletic Director, the school principal and the Madison Area Independent Sports League (MAISL). Coaches must comply with these policies.
3. Coaches must act in a respectful manner toward players, parents, fellow coaches, officials, athletic board, athletic director and school staff.
4. Coaches are responsible for all team practices and game activities in consultation with and guidance by the SMG Athletic Director. Coaches must have a parent meeting at the start of the season. They are expected to have two practices a week during the sport season. Coaches should send weekly reminders to their teams of upcoming weeks schedule.
5. Coaches are responsible for all team practices and game activities in consultation with and guidance by the SMG Athletic Director.
6. Coaches are responsible for arranging team practice schedules and informing parents of practice beginning and ending times. Coaches are responsible for supervision of students from the scheduled beginning to the end of practice times. Note: If male coaches are coaching a girls team, a VIRTUS trained female must be present at all practices. If female coaches are coaching a boys team, a VIRTUS trained male must be present at all practices.
7. The coach assumes the role of "instructor" for basic skills in the sport he/she is coaching. They must be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport and teach the rules to the player.

8. Coaches will organize and coach the team within the program philosophy and goals. Coaches will organize practices that are fun and challenging for the athletes. Coaches are responsible for informing the parent(s) of any student athlete who is not following the rules of conduct and for working with the parent(s) and Athletic Director to determine the discipline that may be needed. No abusive behavior/contact of any kind is acceptable between coaches and student athletes.

9. Coaches must have in their possession the medical release forms of each athlete at all practices and games.

10. Coaches are responsible for equipment, keys and first-aid kits, which are issued to them. Coaches will work with the Athletic Director to obtain and return equipment, first-aid supplies and facility keys.

11. Coaches are reminded of the philosophy and goals of the SMG athletic program. All coaches are expected to model good sportsmanship at all SMG athletic events. They are expected to conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect positively on themselves, their families, SMG Catholic Parish School and the team.

12. Coaches and volunteers that will be working with student athletes are required to have VIRTUS training before any participation with student athletes can take place. Coaches are also required to submit necessary information for a background check.

COACH AGREEMENT FORM

I have read, understand and agree to adhere to the conduct, considerations and responsibilities required for St. Maria Goretti coaches. I agree to follow the rules, policies, procedures and regulations stated in the Athletic Handbook and to fully support my fellow coaches, student athletes, Athletic Director, Athletic Board and Principal

Coach Signature _____ / _____ Date