St. Johns County School District

Pursuing Victory with Honor
Parent Contract

Athletic competition of interscholastic age children should be fun and should also be a significant part of a sound educational program. Everyone involved in sports programs has a duty to assure that their programs impart important life skills and promote the development of good character. Essential elements of character building are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship (the "Six Pillars of Character"). The highest potential of sports is achieved when all involved consciously Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model (T.E.A.M) values and are committed to the ideal of pursuing victory with honor. Parents/guardians of student-athletes can and should play an important role and their good-faith efforts to honor the words and spirit of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and this Contract can dramatically improve the quality of a child's sports experience.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

- **Trustworthiness**- Be worthy of trust in all you do.
- **Integrity**- Live up to high ideals of ethics-sportsmanship and encourage players to pursue victory with honor. Do what's right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.
- **Honesty**- Live honorably. Don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest conduct.
- **Reliability**- Fulfill commitments. Do what you say you will do.
- **Loyalty**- Be loyal to the school and team; put the interests of the team above your child's personal glory.

RESPECT

- **Respect**- Treat all people with respect at all times and requires the same of your student-athletes.
- **Class**- Teach your child to live and play with class and be a good sport. He/She should be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.
- **Disrespectful Conduct**- Don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature or actions, trash-talking, taunting, hazing, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- **Respect for Officials**- Treat game officials with respect. Don't complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

RESPONSIBILITY

- **Importance of Education**- Support the concept of "being a student first." Commit your child to earning a diploma and getting the best possible education. Be honest with your child about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level. Reinforce the notion that many universities will not recruit student-athletes who do not have a serious commitment to their education. Be the lead contact for college and university coaches in the recruiting process.