

École Secondaire St. Marguerite d'Youville

Interschool Sports Program

Parent/Student Handbook



2018-2019

DESCRIPTION:

ESSMY provides opportunities for many students to participate in competitive athletic activities and is an active member of the St. Albert Athletic Association. This program encourages students to develop competitive athletic skills, as opposed to simply participation skills, which are the focus of the intramural and physical education programs. Participation in the Interschool Sports Program is therefore seen as a privilege and not a right. Students are selected to participate on the basis of their skills and athletic abilities as seen by the coach. This document will assist students, parents, and coaches in developing a common vision for this program.

TEAM SELECTION:

The following are general guidelines and by no means an exhaustive list.

1. All students are eligible and encouraged to try out for the school team.
2. Students shall be selected by the coach to represent the school.
3. The make-up of the team shall be one, which increases the competitive level of the players for the present season, as well as giving younger team members an opportunity to develop their skills for the following years.
4. Unfortunately, not all students who try out will make the team.
5. Players will be chosen and the game time will be awarded based upon the following factors:
 - a. **Work Ethic** - Players are expected to give maximum effort at practices, games and tournaments.
 - b. **Attitude** - Players must cooperate with coaches, teammates and officials. The athletes are expected to represent the school in a positive manner at all times.
 - c. **Commitment:** Players must be committed to their school, academics, athletics and teammates. Team players are defined as players willing to sacrifice personal goals for the accomplishment of team goals.
 - d. **Ability:** Players should display the highest level of skill at all times.
 - e. **Character** – Players are expected to demonstrate character development and always remember that they are representing ESSMY during all games and tournaments.

General Code of Conduct

All participants involved in the Interschool Sports Program will conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the good will and positive spirit of athletics. Participants will conduct themselves with the highest standard of courtesy, integrity and good sportsmanship.

1. All members and participants shall respect other coaches, players, members, fans, spectators, officials, and school employees. Any inappropriate conduct, threats, harassment, or abuse (verbal or physical) directed towards coaches, players, members, fans, spectators, officials, volunteers, parents, team officials, and school employees will not be tolerated.
2. All members, fans and participants of athletic events shall behave in a positive and supportive manner.
3. All players, fans and participants' behaviour is expected to mirror the spirit of the rules and regulations of this code.
4. Violation by any member, fan or participant of this document and the codes of conduct contained within may result in an immediate and indefinite suspension or expulsion from interschool athletic activities: games, practices, tournaments and special events for the family (including the player) or family member(s) involved.

Code of Conduct: Players

I realize that participation on a school team is a privilege and not a right, and because of this, I will adhere to the following code of conduct:

All players will:

1. Demonstrate qualities of integrity, courtesy and good sportsmanship at all times.
 - 1.1 I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
 - 1.2 I will control my temper.
 - 1.3 I will respect my opponents, coaches, officials, fans, etc.
 - 1.4 I will always strive to give my best on and off the field of play.
 - 1.5 I will have a positive outlook regardless of the circumstances.
 - 1.6 I will be a team player that supports the actions, decisions, and the outcomes of my coaches and my teammates.
2. Demonstrate a commitment to coaches and teammates by:
 - 2.1 I will attend and be on time for every practice and game. I will be willing to give 100% effort 100% of the time.
 - 2.2 I will strive to improve in all skills involved in my activity and reach for a higher level of mastery.
 - 2.3 I will communicate to my coach and teammates any information, which will effect my participation and commitment in team activities ahead of time.
3. Coaches are volunteers and are giving of their time freely.
 - 3.1 I will show respect for my coaches and teammates.
4. All players will represent their coaches, teammates, and schools through solid school citizenship.
 - 4.1 I will strive to achieve the best academic standing possible.
 - 4.2 I will conduct myself in a manner that strongly represents my school in all activities.
 - 4.3 I will follow all Codes of Conduct within my school and school division.

Code of Conduct: Parents

I realize that participation on a school team is a privilege and not a right, and because of this, I will conduct myself according to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to provide sporting activities for my child.
2. I will handle disputes between myself and team officials with dignity and through proper team channels: privately with the coach and at an appropriate time. In the rare event that a solution cannot be realized in communication with the coaches I will seek the assistance of the school administration.
3. I will handle disappointment, whether it occurs through disputes, my child's skill, the officials and their decisions, placement on a team, etc. with dignity, maturity, and common sense.
4. I will remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment not mine.
5. I will encourage my child to play by the rules, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or aggressive behaviour.
6. I will teach my child that "doing one's best" is as important as winning.
7. I will be positive and supportive in my comments to my child during competition.
8. I will be a fan not a fanatic.

9. I will support all the guidelines contained in this handbook including the coach's selection of the team and playing time.

Code of Conduct: Coaches

All coaches will embrace the philosophy that the game is a game of enjoyment. It is played not only in the pursuit of excellence, but to promote a healthy lifestyle in the social, mental and physical development of the student. All coaches are to lead by example, and should therefore follow the same expectations of conduct as the players.

1. All coaches will focus on maintaining a high level of integrity and good sportsmanship as leaders of their teams.
 - 1.1 I will follow the rules of the game, which are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to evade or break. No advantages, except those of superior skill, are to be sought over others.
 - 1.2 I will regard and treat all officials and opponents as being honest in intention.
 - 1.3 I agree that decisions of officials, no matter how unfair they may seem, are to be accepted without show of outward disgust.
 - 1.4 I agree that it is desirable to win but to win, at any cost, defeats the purpose of the game and the philosophy of the ESSMY Sports program. Losing can be a triumph when the best has been given.
 - 1.5 I will treat all visiting teams as honoured guests.
 - 1.6 I will treat all others as I, myself, would like to be treated.
2. The coach will promote the mental, social and physical development of values in the athletes under their care.
 - 2.1 I understand that the primary aim of school is education and the student's success in the classroom.
 - 2.2 I will be sensitive to the emotional needs of the athletes I coach.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct:

Breaches by Players

If a player is exhibiting ongoing inappropriate behaviour in school, or is often late for class, they will not be allowed to play in the next -game, tournament or practice as decided by administration in discussion with the coach.

The coach will deal with individual breaches. Serious breaches may be referred to school administration if deemed appropriate by the coach.

When there is a breach involving participants from two or more schools, administration from all of the schools involved should consult with each other to ensure there is a fair and consistent discipline in dealing with these incidents.

When an incident arises involving two or more schools, communication regarding the disciplinary action taken shall be reported to administration of the other schools involved by the school administration.

Possible consequences of breaches of conduct may include but are not limited to: limit of playing time, suspension from the team, suspension from interschool sports program, and possible suspension from school.

Breaches by Parents

Breaches of conduct during Interschool activity shall be handled by the coach or teacher sponsor. Breaches may result in the following:

- a. The offending parent(s) will be requested to stop the inappropriate actions immediately.
- b. If the actions do not cease, then the interschool activity will be stopped and the parent will be asked to leave the site.

- c. If the individual refuses to leave the game will be forfeited to the opposing team.
- d. If the individual continues the R.C.M.P. will be called to remove the parent from the area.
- e. An individual who has breached the Code of Conduct may be suspended from attending future activities.

Breaches by Coaches

1. Coaches Governed by the ATA Code of Conduct

The code stipulates minimum standards of professional conduct of members (Coaches and administrators) but is not an exhaustive list of such standards. Any member (Coach or administrator) who is alleged to have violated the standards of the Association may be subject to a charge of unethical behaviour under the discipline by-laws of the Alberta Teacher's Association.

2. All other Coaches

All breaches of the Code of Conduct may be dealt with by the administration of the school in consultation with any of the following: teacher sponsor, and other coaches involved. A review hearing may be called and all involved parties will have an opportunity to be present. Upon completion of the hearing a decision shall be made as to the future of the coach with the team. Possible consequences warranted may include but are not limited to: a reprimand, a suspension of coach from the team for a period of time or the banishment of the coach from the team.

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Interscholar Sports Program
Player/Parent Contract

Student Athlete

I have read, accept and support the intent of this handbook. I agree to uphold the guidelines outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook.

Signature of the Player _____

Parent (Guardian) of the Athlete

I have read, accept, and support the intent of this handbook. I have discussed the implications of this handbook with my family member. I understand the responsibilities regarding transportation and supervision, I give my permission for my child to participate in all practices, games and tournaments as a member of ESSMY's extra-curricular sports teams.

**Signature of
Parent/Guardian** _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ month _____ year

Transportation:

League Games: The school will provide transportation to all away league games, the parent is responsible to pick their child up at the school where the league game occurs. (For league games in Morinville the school will provide transportation both directions, parents are to pick up their child at the school).

Tournaments: The parent is responsible for transportation for all tournaments. The parent is also responsible for supervision of their child throughout the day.

Fees:

Please return this signed sheet to the coach with the team fee and uniform deposit. For Volleyball and Basketball, the uniform deposit cheque will only be cashed if the uniform is not returned, or returned damaged. Fees cover costs such as: referees, transportation to league games, uniforms, tournament entry fees, etc.

Fees:	Gr. 7/8 Junior team	Fees:	\$75.00	
	Junior High 'A' team	Fees:	V-Ball: \$175.00 B-Ball: \$200.00	Uniform Rental: \$50.00
	Senior High team	Fees:	\$200.00	Uniform Rental: \$50.00

This form must be signed and returned to the coach with all fees paid prior to a player being eligible to play.