

**St Albert Athletic Ministry**  
**Sports Sign-Up and Participation**  
**November 2014**

St Albert the Great strives to provide the children of the parish the opportunity to participate in team sports within a caring, safe and fun environment. The Saint Albert Athletic Ministry (SAAM or Athletic Ministry) is organized for the purpose of facilitating the sports programs and to promote sportsmanship and good relations among the players, coaches, parents and spectators. A parent becomes a participant in the SAAM when his/her child participates in a sport. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all participants to conduct themselves as good Catholic role models and set an example for the children, the St Albert Community and the sports community as a whole.

**Conduct**

Coaches, athletes, parents and spectators should at all times conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful to all others involved in, officiating, or watching the sport. Expectations are to:

- Be a positive role model for the children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every practice, game or other sporting event.
- Treat the coaches, players, officials and other players and fans with respect.
- Remember that participation in a sport is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

**Participation in SAAM**

SAAM consists of many officers, committees, coordinators, coaches and managers, all of which are filled by volunteers. There are also many other jobs to be filled by volunteers. Expectations are to:

- Help support SAAM by working a shift in the concession stand or admission gate.
- Support fundraising initiatives of SAAM, namely the fish fries, by working at least one shift at a fish fry.
- Volunteer time and talent by being a coach, assistant, field manager, gym manager, sport coordinator or in any other capacity.

Your failure to participate could result in the athlete not participating in future practices and/or games.

**Sign-Up Period**

A designated sign up period is provided for each sport within a season: Fall / Winter / Spring / Summer (see Appendix A). The sign-up period is to be utilized for sports registrations. Registration includes completing the required information regarding the athlete and parents and payment of the registration fee. If the registration fee is not received, then sign-up has not been completed and the athlete will not be allowed to try out or be placed on a team.

Late sign-ups cause many problems with obtaining sufficient coaching staff, registering teams with Catholic School Athletic Association (CSAA), ordering uniforms and scheduling practice facilities. All available resources will be utilized but it is not guaranteed that a student who is signed up late for a sport will be placed on a team. In the event late sign-ups are accepted a late fee of \$50 will be included with the registration fee.

**Cancellation / Refund Policy**

- Any cancellation of a sport registration prior to the completion of try-outs or the first scheduled practice for non-tryout sports will be refunded 100% of the fee paid for the sport.
- A student dropping a sport at the completion of try-outs or the first scheduled practice for non tryout sports will not be refunded the fee paid.

**Quitting a Team**

When an athlete quits a team, it leaves the team short on players and affects the morale of the team. It is not fair to the remaining team members and coaches. In an effort to dissuade quitting, any athlete that quits a team from the time team rosters are posted to the end of the season will receive a suspension of eligibility and will not be allowed to participate in any sport within the next two (2) seasons (see Appendix A) and will not be eligible to participate in the same sport the following year. The suspension of eligibility can be appealed by the athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s) with the SAAM Executive Committee. The parent(s)/guardian(s) must contact the SAAM Chair and request the appeals process. The Executive Committee will vote to uphold the suspension or restore eligibility.

Not being able to participate in the sport due to injury, illness or academic reasons is not considered quitting if the reason presented is substantiated. In such situations, fees will be refunded to the family less \$25 to cover cost of uniforms if a substantial amount of the season will be missed.

This policy does not apply to Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade sports.

The St. Albert Athletic Ministry is dedicated to providing the best environment possible for the spiritual and physical growth of the participating athletes. This is accomplished with the support from all parents and parishioners involved in the sports programs.

## **APPENDIX (A)**

### **Sports offered by season**

#### **Fall (signups in May):**

Tackle Football: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Grades will be combined unless there are enough players for separate grade teams.

Girls Volleyball: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Tryouts are held for each grade combination to determine team selections.

Cross Country: Grades 3 through 8. All members included as St. Albert team and participate in meets according to grade level.

*Non-CSAA sports:*

Flag Football: Grades 1/2. Grades are combined and divided into equal teams based on number of players and volunteer coaches.

Girls Flag Football: Grades 5/6 and 7/8. Grades are combined and divided into equal teams based on number of players and volunteer coaches.

Soccer: Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teams are co-ed and divided based on number of players and volunteer coaches. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams are boy – girl and divided based on number of players and volunteer coaches.

Girls Volleyball: Grades 1/2. Grades will be combined unless there are enough players for separate grade teams.

Cheerleading: All grades – cheering for fall and winter sports, usually football and basketball.

#### **Winter (signups in October):**

Basketball: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Girl's and boy's leagues. Tryouts are held for each grade combination to determine team selections.

*Non-CSAA sports:*

Basketball: Kindergarten teams are co-ed, grades 1/2. Are girl's and boy's leagues. Teams are separated by grade and divided based on number of players and volunteer coaches.

Cheerleading: All grades – cheering for fall and winter sports, usually football and basketball.

#### **Spring (signups in January):**

Boys Volleyball: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Tryouts are held for each grade combination to determine team selections.

Girls Softball: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Tryouts are held for each grade combination to determine team selections.

Soccer: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Grades will be combined unless there are enough players for separate grade teams. Tryouts may be held if necessary.

Swimming: Grades 1 through 8. All members included as St. Albert team and participate in meets according to grade level.

Track: Grades 5 through 8. All members included as St. Albert team and participate in meets according to grade level.

### **Spring (signups in January) Continued:**

*Non-CSAA sports:*

Soccer: Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teams are co-ed and divided based on number of players and volunteer coaches. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams are boy – girl and divided based on number of players and volunteer coaches.

### **Summer (signups in March):**

Girls Field Hockey: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Tryouts may be held for each grade combination to determine team selections.

Boys Baseball: Grades 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8. Tryouts may be held for each grade combination to determine team selections.

Golf: Grades 3 through 8. All members included as St. Albert team and participate in meets according to grade level.

Tennis: Grades 3 through 8. All members included as St. Albert team and participate in meets according to grade level.

\*\* Tryouts may be necessary for any CSAA sport based on the number of participants for the grade combination.

\*\* In the event there are not enough athletes signed up for a sport to constitute a team or there are not enough adult volunteers to coach and facilitate a team, St. Albert will not host a team and fees paid will be refunded.