



Sea Pines Montessori Academy Athletic Standards and Expectations

As a member of the Gators program, you are representing Sea Pines Montessori Academy, your family, and yourself when you are wearing our school colors. You must be familiar with the SPMA athletic standards and expectations and hold yourself to them when representing the program.

Team Organization

As a member of any SPMA team, you are looked upon as the leaders of your respective programs and an extension of the school. For the older student-athletes, you will also be looked at as role models to the younger students and will have to carry out your responsibilities as a student-athlete with the utmost respect. All students will have an equal opportunity to participate with each respective team they want to join. Students in grade 4 through 8 are eligible to participate, while students in grade 6 and older are eligible to participate in varsity competition for cross country.

*To participate in competition, ALL SCISA forms must be completed no later than **the first interscholastic competition.***

Team Philosophies

Our goal is to put the best team on the field or court we can. We want the team to be competitive each and every day. We believe that hard work will pay off. We expect self-discipline and complete dedication to the team. We also expect the utmost respect from all the players to each other and from all the players to us as coaches.

Practice Attendance & Communication

We want to play hard, so we will practice even harder. We want to be competitive, but also focus on basic fundamentals, so practices will emphasize those two aspects. Each player is expected to be at all scheduled practices throughout the season. If there is an issue with illness, schoolwork, or other, you are required to inform us beforehand. An unexcused absence from practice without notification may result in sitting out competition. Just like other major commitments, players are expected to be on time every time. If you know in advance you need to be late for a practice, you must inform the coach in advance. We understand there may be things that are not in your control, but we ask that you be proactive and communicate with us. For any lateness or absences, you may leave a text or voice message to:

Coach Dat
(732) 710-8330

Playing Time

We will put the best TEAM out on the field, track, course or court to play. Most sports are team games and it is the coaches' job to not put the best individuals out there, but the best TEAM out there. As coaches, we will try to get everyone playing time, but aside from ability, it will be your attitude, work ethic, and dedication during practice that will earn you the time. Each player and parent will appreciate the fact that individuals will have earned that right in some way to play. If there are questions about individual playing time, players are encouraged to have this discussion with the head coach outside of game time.

Academic Preparation

Being a student-athlete is tough on a student's academic schedule. therefore time management is key. All student-athletes must maintain a minimum 75% average in academic courses to participate on an athletic team. All student-athletes should also carry themselves appropriately in class. **Teachers will provide guidance to the coaches regarding a student-athlete's classroom activities and whether a student-athlete should take a break from athletics to concentrate on academics, behavior, and/or classroom activities.** Participating on a sports team is a privilege. Remember, you are a student before you are an athlete.

Post Practice/Game Pick Up

All coaches and directors will detail practice/game arrival and dismissal times throughout the year. Student athletes who have not been picked up by the designated time will be charged a late fee of \$25. If Upper School Crew is still in session, the athlete will also be dropped-in for an additional fee.

Offseason

We are building a program for the present and for the future. We also hope to develop you into high school student-athletes and even beyond. Though rest is important, we hope you utilize the offseason to continue to work on your skills. We will always strive for excellence and you can only do so if you are dedicated to improving yourself and the program.

By signing this document, you are agreeing to follow the team policies and coaching rules and support your teammates and the program. You are indicating you will play the best you can, work as hard as you possibly can.

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____