



**ST. BEDE PARISH
CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (CYO)
GIRLS ATHLETIC PROGRAM (GAP)**

St. Bede Parish offers a sports program for girls and boys who attend the parish school, faith formation or live within the boundaries of the parish. The sports offered are cross-country, softball, basketball and volleyball. The importance of being a student athlete is emphasized with the children, and participating in sports is seen as a privilege rather than an expectation.

In our efforts to form children to be hard-working, responsible, and caring individuals, both CYO and GAP expect that student athletes of St. Bede Parish:

Academics:

- Strive for academic excellence. Our participants must understand that their first priority is to focus on being good students who are athletes, as well.
- Student athletes must show their progress report/report card to their head coach when their school publishes final grades for the grading period.
- To be eligible to attend practices and games, student athletes in grades K - 3rd must maintain a "Satisfactory" or better, and students in grades 4th - 8th must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better throughout the current grading period.
- Student athletes can provide documentation from their teacher(s) or principal at any time during the current grading period showing their current academic status of "Satisfactory" for K - 3rd grade, and for 4th - 8th grade, a GPA that is no longer below 2.0. This will allow student athletes an incentive to improve their academic standings and the opportunity to participate in an upcoming practice or game.

Conduct:

- Demonstrate good citizenship, a high degree of sportsmanship, honesty and respect at practice, during games, and in school.
- Failure to comply with these conduct expectations may result in suspension from practice and/or games, which is determined by the head coach or Athletic Director.
- Suspension or expulsion from school will result in an automatic suspension from practice and games until the head coach or Athletic Director allows permission for the athlete to actively participate in the sport.

Attendance:

- Attend school on a regular basis.
- Student athletes absent from school for more than 1 day, including Friday, the athlete can attend practice or games that are held on that Friday, Saturday and Sunday to support their teammates on the sidelines rather than be an active participant.
- Student athletes absent from school during the week, the head coach or Athletic Director can determine whether the athlete will actively participate at practice and games for that week.

I have read and understand the St. Bede CYO and GAP Student Athlete Expectations, and will also allow the coach or Athletic Director to be notified of inappropriate behaviors.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Student Athlete Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Student Athlete Name (printed) _____ Grade _____