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GENDER

GRADES

STARTING MONTH

Kickball
Girls
4-8
August

Football
Boys
3-8
August

Cross Country
Coed
4-8
August

Cheerleading
Girls
4-8
August

Volleyball
Girls
9-12
September

Basketball
Girls
4-8
October

Basketball
Boys
4-8
November

Basketball
Girls
9-12
November

Basketball
Boys
9-12
November

Volleyball
Girls
4-8
December

Wrestling
Boys
5-8
January

Track
Coed
4-8
March

Baseball
Boys
7-8
March

Softball
Girls
7-8
March

Soccer
Coed
4 or 5-8
March

**Season start dates are approximate and represent the start of practice.
...Look in the SPX Athletics Website for specific registration and start dates.

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St. Pius X -- CYO Athletic Programs
Code Of Ethics

Scope:

The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to translate the philosophy and vision of the St. Pius X Athletic Committee into practical guidelines for use by coaches, coordinators, Athletic Committee members, and parents of the young people participating in our program.

Philosophy and Vision Statement:

The athletic programs offered and directed by the St. Pius X Athletic Committee are an extension and expression of the values upon which our religious beliefs are based. As such, love of God and love of neighbor are two (2) goals we strive to attain. It is our intention to provide programs and direction that allow each child to maximize the talents which God bestowed. At the same time, all associated with the program must conduct themselves in a manner that exhibits good sportsmanship and love of neighbor.

Code:

Players, coaches, and spectators shall conduct themselves in a manner that maintains the principles, integrity, and dignity of their parish.

Players, coaches, and spectators should always show an attitude of good sportsmanship and remember that all groups are not equally talented.

Non-permissible behaviors are:

Cheering against opposing teams

Running up scores

Showboating or gloating behavior

(i.e. Chest-bumping)

Players, coaches and spectators shall respect the activity officials and make sure their players do the same. Coaches should urge parents to display proper attitudes. Respectful requests by the coaches for clarifications on rulings are permitted. Arguing and non-verbal gestures are unacceptable.

Players, coaches and spectators shall always treat coaches and players from opposing teams with respect and offer help when it is needed. As home team, our coach should be prepared to greet visiting coaches and make them feel welcome. Opposing teams should be wished good luck before a contest and congratulated after a contest regardless of the outcome. Non-permissible behaviors are:

Overly aggressive play

Trash-Talk

Profanity

Players and coaches shall always respect and follow the rules of the game including:

Strict adherence to CYO rules

Wearing of approved uniform only

Players and coaches shall, at all times, have respect for property.

Players should always show respect for their coaches. They should:

Be on time

Notify coaches in advance of absences

Listen when the coach is talking

Never argue with the coach

Responsibilities and Authority:

The coaches will:

Ensure players are aware of, and adhere to, the Code of Ethics.

Ensure St. Pius X spectators adhere to the Code of Ethics.

Discipline player violations as described below.

Notify the Sport Coordinator of any disciplinary actions.

The Sport Coordinators will:

Ensure coaches are aware of, and adhere to, the Code of Ethics.

Notify the Athletic Committee of disciplinary actions taken by the coaches.

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Disciplinary Actions:

Expulsion from the sports program for one (1) year may be assessed by the full Athletic Committee for:

Expulsion from school (automatic)

Any incident on school property, at a parish function, or while otherwise representing St. Pius X, which can be substantiated, and could result in criminal charges (whether filed or not) such as:

Assault of a coach or official

Serious assault of another player

Destruction of property

Sexual assault

Theft

(Applies to players, coaches or spectators. For coaches, the expulsion may be permanent.)

Repeated violations of the Code of Ethics.

Expulsion from an individual team for the current season may be assessed for:

The second (2) offense requiring an automatic game suspension.

Fighting or bullying behavior (at the discretion of the Athletic Committee).

Repeated violations of the Code of Ethics (at the discretion of the Athletic Committee).

Receiving an "F" on a report card may result in a suspension from games until receiving a "C" average on the next progress report in the failed subject, or until receiving passing grades on the next report card (automatic).

You may practice after receiving an "F" the first (1) time (at the parents' discretion). However, failing to receive a "C" on the next progress report, or receiving an "F" on the next report card may result in suspension from practice as well.

Single game suspensions may be assessed to a coach or player for:

Ejection of a coach or player from a game by an official for conduct (automatic).

School suspension of any kind (automatic).

(Player remains ineligible for the duration of the suspension).

Team disciplinary action (at the Coach's discretion).

Violation of the Code of Ethics (at the discretion of the Sport Coordinator, Coach or Athletic Director).

CYO rule violations by the Coach (i.e. minimum playing time) (at the discretion of the Sport Coordinator).

Reductions in playing time (allowing less than the minimum playing time) maybe assessed for:

Team disciplinary problems (at the Coach's discretion)

Violation of the Code of Ethics (at the Coach's discretion).

Out of uniform

The above disciplinary actions may be assessed as defined in the disciplinary policy of the school attended.

Code of Ethics as voted on and approved by the St. Pius X Athletic Committee on August 10, 1997.

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Constitution of the St. Pius X Athletic Club

(as adopted on May 14, 1994)

Preamble:

This organization has been formed by the authority of the Pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council. The St. Pius X Athletic Club is the primary leadership body for parish athletics and related activities. The primary focus of the St. Pius X Athletic Club shall be grade school level athletics.

Article I:

Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be "St. Pius X Athletic Club".

Article II:

Purpose

The purpose of this club shall be to:

Establish policy with regard to all parish athletics at St. Pius X.

Establish a Christian Code of Ethics for players, coaches and all St. Pius X representatives.

Establish, manage, coordinate, organize, and sanction parish and CYO athletic programs.

Appoint Sport Coordinators for all activities, and name coaches for all teams.

Acquire, maintain, and control all athletic equipment.

Work with the Business Manager to manage the St. Pius X gym with regard to all athletic activities.

Manage all concession activities that relate to sports activities, in coordination with the Business Manager.

Article III:

Powers

In furtherance of all of the objectives described above, but not limited to these, the organization shall have such power as necessary to carry out the above purposes, unless limited by law, the Pastor or Parish Pastoral Council. Those powers include but are not limited to:

To set and collect sport fees.

To execute contracts, and entry forms.

To engage in various funding and fund raising activities.

To acquire, own, hold, operate, and maintain such property as to effectuate its purpose.

Article IV:

Membership

The organization shall have two (2) classes of members. Active membership shall be limited to: parish members who are the parents, custodial parent or legal guardians of children participating on parish athletic teams; and parish members who join the St. Pius X Athletic Club. Associate membership shall be limited to non-parish members who are the parents, custodial parent or legal guardians of children participating on parish athletic teams.

Each active member, in good standing, shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the elections of the organization.

Article V:

Athletic Committee

The powers and purpose of the St. Pius X Athletic Club shall be exercised and its property controlled by the Athletic Committee. The qualifications, the time and manner of election, the terms and duties of office and the manner of filling vacancies shall be set forth in the bylaws. The current St. Pius X Athletic Committee shall serve until their successors have been elected pursuant to bylaws to be adopted subsequently.

Article VI:

Officers

The officers of the Athletic Committee shall be the Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Secretary and Treasurer. The qualifications, the time and manner of election, the terms and duties of office, and the manner of filling vacancies shall be set forth in the bylaws.

Article VII:

Sport Coordinators and Standing Committees

The Athletic Committee shall have individual Sport Coordinators for each parish sport sanctioned by the organization. The Sport Coordinators shall be elected by a majority vote of the Athletic Committee. The qualifications, the time and manner of election, the terms and duties of office, and the manner of filling vacancies shall be set forth in the bylaws.

The organization shall have the following three (3) standing committees appointed annually by the Athletic Committee from among the active members:

The Fund Raising Committee

The Gym Management Committee

The Concession Management Committee.

Other committees may be specified in the bylaws or may be appointed from time to time by the Athletic Committee.

Article VIII

Dues

The annual dues required for membership shall be determined by the vote of the active members on the recommendation of the Athletic Committee.

Article IX

Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the St. Pius X Athletic Club, for electing the four (4) officers and four (4) at-large members of the Athletic Committee, receiving reports and transacting other business. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary

Regular meetings of the Athletic Committee shall be held bi-monthly. All meetings shall be open to all parishioners.

Article X

Amendments to Constitution

This constitution may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the active members of the St. Pius X Athletic Club at a meeting for that purpose. The proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting. Notice of the vote on a proposed amendment to the Constitution shall appear in the Parish Bulletin for two (2) weeks prior to the vote on the proposed amendment. The Parish Pastoral Council shall ratify all amendments to this Constitution.

Article XI

Bylaws

The Athletic Committee will hereafter adopt bylaws. Such bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, in the manner provided in such bylaws, and the amendments to the bylaws shall be binding on all members.

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Bylaws of the St. Pius X Athletic Club

(as adopted on October 9, 1994)

Article I:

The annual meeting of the St. Pius X Athletic Club shall be held on the first Sunday in May of each year at 7:00 p.m. or such other date or at such other time as the Athletic Committee shall deem necessary.

At such meeting the order of business shall be:

Minutes of previous meeting

Reports of officers and Athletic Committee

New business

Annual Election

Notice of the annual meeting shall be published by the Secretary in the Parish Bulletin at least fourteen (14) days before the date of such meeting.

Article II

The Athletic Committee shall consist of twenty-one (21) members. Members of the Athletic Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. The four (4) Officers elected in accordance with this Article II;
- b. The thirteen (13) Sports Coordinators elected in accordance with Article III; and
- c. The four (4) at-large members elected in accordance with this Article II.

The officers of the Athletic Committee shall be the Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Treasurer and Secretary. To be eligible for election as an officer or as one of the four at-large members of the Athletic Committee,

a candidate must be an active member of the St. Pius X Athletic Club in good standing. Nominees for election as officers and as at-large members of the Athletic Committee shall be made as follows:

The St. Pius X Athletic Club shall have a Nominating Committee which shall consist of the then current Athletic Director, the Assistant Athletic Director and two (2) representatives to be selected by the Pastoral Counsel. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for selecting a candidate for each open officer position and open at-large seat on the Athletic Committee. The Nominating Committee will solicit candidates in an appropriate manner to insure all interested parties have an opportunity to be considered. From the available candidates, the Nominating Committee will propose a slate consisting of one candidate for each open officer position and open at-large seat. The nominees eligible for election will consist of those individuals slated by the Nominating Committee and in addition nominations from the floor will be allowed at the annual meeting of the St. Pius X Athletic Club. Each oral nomination from the floor must be seconded and the proposed candidate must be present or must have provided written consent to accept the nomination.

The Nominating Committee will publish the names of the candidates in the Parish Bulletin not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting of the St. Pius X Athletic Club. Elections for the open officer and at-large positions will be held annually through a secret ballot by the majority present at the annual meeting of the St. Pius X Athletic Club. If the majority of votes for an office or at-large position is not received by one candidate, there will be a run off ballot between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes. Officers and at-large members will be elected for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Any vacancy may be filled by majority vote of the Athletic Committee at the next regularly scheduled Athletic Committee meeting. The individual filling such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term being filled.

Article III

The Athletic Committee shall elect Sport Coordinators from the active members. There shall be two (2) elections for Sport Coordinators, one in April and the second in August unless deemed otherwise necessary by the Athletic Committee. In April, Sport Coordinators will be elected for the following sports:

Kickball

Football

Girls Basketball

Boys Basketball

Cheerleader

Cross Country

High School Sports

In August, Sport Coordinators will be elected for the following sports:

Volleyball

Wrestling

Baseball

Coed Soccer

Track

Softball

The elections will be held at regular meetings of the Athletic Committee. In the case of a tie between two (2) or more candidates, the election shall be determined by lot immediately. If any candidate is not present, the Athletic Director may appoint someone to cast the candidate's lot. The Sport Coordinators will serve for a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Any active member may be a candidate for Sport Coordinator. Any member wishing to be a candidate shall notify the Athletic Committee no less than thirty (30) days before the election meeting of the Athletic Committee.

Article IV

The Athletic Director shall preside at all meetings of the St. Pius X Athletic Club and the Athletic Committee and enforce the rules of the St. Pius X Athletic Club. The Athletic Director shall perform such other duties as shall be imposed upon him/her by resolution of the Athletic Committee. The Athletic Director together with the Secretary, shall sign all written contracts and any written obligations of the St. Pius X Athletic Club and the Athletic Committee.

The Assistant Athletic Director, shall perform the duties of the Athletic Director in the absence of the Athletic Director.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes and other official reports of the St. Pius X Athletic Club and the Athletic Committee; shall keep all records, books and documents and paper relating to the St. Pius X Athletic Club and the Athletic Committee and such other duties as may be assigned by the Athletic Committee.

The Treasurer shall carry out such duties as are normally incumbent upon a treasurer and in so doing shall coordinate the receipt, deposit and expenditure of funds with the Parish's Business Manager and Business Office. The Treasurer shall not pay out or disburse any of the money of the St. Pius X Athletic Club and the Athletic Committee except in such manner and for such purposes as shall be approved by the proper officers of the Athletic Committee, whose approval shall be authorized by motion or resolution of the Athletic Committee. The Treasurer shall not be responsible for money or funds of the St. Pius X Athletic Club and the Athletic Committee paid out or disbursed upon check which have been properly signed or countersigned. At each bi-monthly meeting of the Athletic Committee, the Treasurer shall make a report of the financial condition of the St. Pius X Athletic Club, and at the annual meeting of the St. Pius X Athletic Club, the Treasurer shall submit a detailed report of the financial condition of the Athletic Committee.

The Sport Coordinators shall be responsible and have charge of their sport and shall have such other duties as the Athletic Committee shall assign.

Article V

The Athletic Committee shall have the power to manage all affairs of the St. Pius X Athletic Club on any and all questions relating in any manner whatsoever thereto.

It shall be the duty of the Athletic Committee to determine what sports shall be offered. New sports must be authorized by resolution of a majority of the Athletic Committee. No sport will be disbanded except by resolution of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Athletic Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Athletic Committee to prescribe rules and regulations relating to eligibility, participation, number of teams, team selection and sportsmanship for all sports, players, coaches, coordinators and spectators.

The Athletic Committee shall meet bi monthly.

At the annual meeting of the St. Pius X Athletic Club, the Athletic Committee shall make a full report of their proceedings during the prior year.

The Athletic Committee may fill any vacancy among the Athletic Committee, Officers or Sport Coordinators, by a majority vote of those present at a regular monthly meeting, such election to be for the un-expired term.

Any member of the Athletic Committee who shall be absent from four (4) regular meetings during any fiscal year, shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of the Athletic Committee and cease to be a member thereof, unless a satisfactory excuse is presented to, and accepted by, a majority vote of the Athletic Committee.

The Athletic Committee shall have the following specific powers:

To appoint members to serve on standing committees and such other committees as they may deem necessary.

To suspend or expel any player, coach, coordinator or spectator for any conduct in violation of the Constitution, Bylaws or rules of the St. Pius X Athletic Club or improper or prejudicial to the St. Pius X Athletic Club and/or Parish.

To make rules for the conduct of members, players, coaches, coordinators and spectators.

To fix and enforce penalties for the violation of the Constitution, Bylaws or rules of the St. Pius X Athletic Club.

To prescribe additional duties for any Officers and Sport Coordinators in addition to those herein set forth.

A quorum must exist for the Athletic Committee to act. A quorum shall consist of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Athletic Committee members which must include the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director.

Motions shall be initiated or sponsored by a member of the Athletic Committee. No motion shall be called for a vote until seconded by another member. Following discussion, a voice or paper ballot will be taken. Passage of a motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present.

A written proxy vote may be accepted by the Secretary, on motions, nominations or ratifications that have been noticed to the members prior to the meeting at which the vote is to occur.

Any member of the St. Pius X Athletic Club may submit a resolution for the Athletic Committee's consideration. Such resolutions should be presented in writing to the Secretary who will present the resolution to the Athletic Committee at its next monthly meeting. No motion shall be called for a vote until seconded by another member. Passage of a motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present.

Article VI

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at a meeting of St. Pius X Athletic Club called for that purpose. Passage of amendments to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. Written notice of the proposed

amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Athletic Committee and approved by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Athletic Committee before it shall be submitted to the St. Pius X Athletic Club for vote.

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St Pius X Athletic Committee Policies and Resolutions

Program Evaluation (Adopted 1982)

As a matter of overall evaluation of our sports programs, the Athletic Committee will request a questionnaire response by the children's parents, the children and the coaches.

It is the policy of the St. Pius X Athletic Committee to have a post season sport evaluation process. We would like to encourage all to participate in the process. Your feedback is appreciated. Evaluation forms are available from coaches and Sport Coordinators. If you have serious concerns that need to be addressed, please do not wait for the post season evaluation.

We would like to encourage personal direct contact where possible:

For questions about a particular team, contact the Coach.

For more general questions about the sport, contact the Sport Coordinator. You should also contact the Sport Coordinator for issues that can't be resolved with the Coach.

The Athletic Director can handle general questions about the sport program. You should also contact the Athletic Director for issues that can not be resolved with the Sport Coordinator.

Issues that cannot be resolved by the Athletic Director can be put on the agenda for the next Athletic Committee meeting.

Remember, good people can disagree about the best way to run a sports program. It may happen that the current coaches, coordinators and committee members do not agree with your program proposals. The best way to get your changes implemented is to become involved in the program by volunteering and encouraging others of your opinion to do the same.

Participation Policy (Adopted 1985)

One of the primary purposes of CYO athletics is for the KIDS! Participation should be encouraged under all circumstances, however, where the CYO has established a mandatory participation rule, that rule will take precedence. Whereas winning is important, it should be understood by all that winning by character is just as important as winning by numbers. We are not playing for a million dollars.

Priority for Participation (Adopted 1986)

The following is the priority order for participation in St. Pius X athletic functions:

St. Pius X parishioners

Catholics in other parishes not offering the sport

Special courtesy for those who donate their services to St. Pius X athletics

Non-parishioners in the parish boundaries

If a cut must be made, follow these priorities. The Coach and Sport Coordinator, together, will make the final decision.

Individual Awards (Adopted 1990)

No team will give out individual awards to players. The exception is the Bud Nye Award given to the eighth grader who displays the best mental attitude during the year and is presented at the Honors Banquet.

Disciplinary Policy (Adopted 1991, Revised 1992)

If a student receives a "D/F" on a progress report, the student may be put on academic and athletic probation. Participation in games and practices is at the discretion of the student's parents, coach, and teachers.

If a student receives an "F" on a report card, the student may become ineligible to participate in future games depending on the attendant facts and circumstances.

The student receives a passing grade of "D", or better, in all subjects on the next report card.

This rule applies to all participants whether a student attends St. Pius X or any other public or private school. It is the responsibility of all non-St. Pius X students to provide copies of current report cards.

If a student is required to attend school on Saturday due to disciplinary problems caused by six (6) or more behavior demerits, or brings embarrassment or disgrace while representing St. Pius X Parish and community, an immediate suspension from athletic participation will be enforced pending the findings of the Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Committee will consist of the Principal, Athletic Director, Sport Coordinator, Coach and the parents of the child involved.

The Disciplinary Committee will meet within seventy-two (72) hours of the offense.

City Championship Trophy is issued to each team member who participates in, and completes, a sport where the team wins an end of the year CYO City-Wide Tournament, or CYO City-Wide League Championship or a CYO

Archdiocesan Tournament. Only one trophy will be given for one or both tournaments, but an additional trophy will be given for an Archdiocesan Championship. The Athletic Committee would prefer these trophies remain uniform.

Participation in Non-CYO Events (Adopted 1996)

Whereas one of the primary purposes of the St. Pius X Athletic Committee is to sanction parish activities through the CYO; and whereas the funding and budgeting of parish teams is predicated upon games and tournaments sponsored by the CYO and related organizations; and whereas all teams sponsored by the St. Pius X Athletic Committee should receive nearly equal opportunities and attention: Be it resolved that the St. Pius X Athletic Committee will not pay for any individual team to participate in an event or tournament that is not sanctioned by the CYO or is not designed for participation by primarily traditional CYO teams.

Further, because participation in non-sanctioned events could cause a financial hardship on some families, if additional fees are collected, any non-sanctioned event or tournament must be optional to the players with no threat of repercussions for non-participation.

Additionally, the St. Pius X Athletic Committee reserves the right to restrict any team from participation in non-sanctioned events or tournaments if just cause is determined.

The St. Pius X Athletic Committee acknowledges that although certain sports and activities, such as, but not limited to, Cheerleading, do not fall directly under CYO sanction, their normal and traditional activities are not effected by this motion.

Non-Affiliate Participation

A non-affiliate is defined as a non-parishioner that lives within the parish boundaries

St. Pius X has adopted the CYO policy. In accordance with the CYO policy:

One non-affiliate is allowed per team.

No athlete may participate in a CYO sport while competing for another school at the same time.

No athlete may wrestle in a CYO program if they have wrestled for another school in the same school year.

In an open meeting on April 14, 1995 the non-affiliate policies were discussed. It was agreed to keep the current policy and recommended a registration guideline be adopted to address concerns raised at that discussion. The Registration Guideline (Adopted 1996) includes the following provisions:

The Sport Coordinators shall determine the time and the deadline for the sport registration and advertise the registration in the Parish Bulletin or other appropriate media. The final deadline for registration shall be no earlier than the pre-season athlete skill evaluation.

The Sport Coordinator will determine the appropriate number of teams based on the number of athletes registered and the results of the pre-season skills evaluation.

Affiliates who sign up before the registration deadline will be guaranteed a place in the program, unless, based on registration, the Sport Coordinator determines that there are not enough athletes to enter any teams.

Since the number of non-affiliates per team is restricted by the CYO, non-affiliates are not guaranteed a spot in the St. Pius X program. Non-affiliates will be placed on teams where spots are available. The non-affiliates must be placed on a level matching their skill level (i.e. "A" players must play on "A" teams, etc.)

It is strongly recommended that all athletes participate in the pre-season skill evaluation so that proper team selections can be made. Non-affiliates that did not participate in the St. Pius X program the previous year will not be permitted in the St. Pius X program unless they attend the pre-season skills evaluation.

Based on the pre-season skills evaluation, if there are more non-affiliates available at a given skill level than there are open team spots, the non-affiliates will be chosen with priority given to the number of years of participation at St. Pius X. If the numbers of participation years are equal, the non-affiliates will be selected for program participation by lot.

Use of the St. Pius X Equipment for Non-Sanctioned Activities (Adopted 1997)

St. Pius X uniforms and equipment furnished by the Athletic Committee shall not be used outside of the CYO season. The uniforms and equipment may be used for non-sanctioned activities only during the CYO season.

High School Athletic Sport Coordinator (Adopted 1999)

A position of Sport Coordinator for High School athletic participation has been established. The purpose of the position is to oversee all St. Pius X CYO sports with high School student participation. The position will include all duties and responsibilities of a Sport coordinator as described in the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures.

Volunteer Background Check Policy (Adopted 2000)

Background checks will be issued on all volunteer coaches for the St. Pius X Athletic Programs. A background investigation check refers to the review of police records to determine if there is a history of criminal activity. A conviction of a crime does not automatically preclude placement as a coach. Individual circumstances will be considered.

This policy is implemented as a result of the CYO and Archdiocese of Indianapolis mandating this procedure begin in the spring of 2000. A member of the Indianapolis Police Department will conduct the background investigation and the results will be sent to the CYO Office. City and State Police records will be searched, as well as the Indiana Sex Offender Registry. All of these records are public records.

Practice Policies

The following policy recommendations were established as the result of discussions between the St. Pius X School Advisory Board and the St. Pius X Athletic Committee. These policies have been adopted for the purpose of ensuring protection of the St. Pius X student athletes.

Students with after school practices or games at 3:30 will...

Go to the gym or field and be met by the Coach (or responsible adult) 3:00. Otherwise the students must remain seated in the gym or on the field until the coach arrives.

Change clothes in the gym restrooms or other VIRTUS approved restroom after the Coach arrives.

Students with practices or games after 3:30 will...

Go home, or be signed into extended care.

Bring a note from the parents allowing the child to check himself/herself out of extended care for activities.

Coaches will ensure the gym is cleaned up after practice.

A coach, or responsible adult from the student's team, should be present before students are dropped off. Do not expect coaches from other teams, who are in practice, to supervise other students.

Students should not be left alone after practice or other activities. Coaches, or other responsible adults, should stay with the children until they are picked up. It is important that parents pick up children on time.

Students should remain in the area of the scheduled activities and should not roam the halls, the kitchen or other areas. They may wait in the St. Pius X foyer to be picked up.

When practicing at locations other than St. Pius X, students must always remain in the room of the scheduled activity at all times. Parents should pick them up at that location.

Athletic Team Selection Guide

Considering that CYO sports are competitive, St. Pius X will field competitive teams in a manner that puts the athlete first. St. Pius X will follow a course that gives every athlete his or her greatest opportunity to excel.

St. Pius X will form teams that place athletes at their appropriate level (A, B, C) based on athletic skill.

Typically one "A" team is formed at the Cadet and "56" level. Multiple numbers of teams are typically formed at the "B" and "C" levels.

It is preferable to create a "second tier" "A" team if a sufficient number of "A" athletes remain after the first team is selected.

It is not necessary to form a "C" team if all athletes are capable of competing at the "B" level. The preference is to challenge the athletes rather than win a sure championship at the "B" or "C" level.

St. Pius X will comply with CYO rules for playing time for participants of all sports. Where multiple teams are required, we will have an appropriate number of team members to maximize playing time for all participants, while compensating for absenteeism and maintaining sufficient numbers for effective practice.

The recommended number of team members per sport is:

Kickball 12 to 14

Basketball 8 to 10

Volleyball 8 to 11

Baseball 12 to 15

Soccer 15 to 20

Football 24 to 40

Softball 12 to 15

Fees

Participation fees are charged to individuals participating in each St. Pius X athletic event. The fees are designed to compensate the CYO for team entry fees, participation fees, game fees, umpire fees, gym rental etc.

The fees charged and collected do not cover the entire cost of participation in the sports and are supplemented by funds raised by the Athletic Committee through various fund-raising activities.

We encourage you to support Athletic sponsored functions.

