

St. Clement's School  
Athletic Philosophy

The St. Clement's Athletic Program is a graduating type of program in terms of emphasis on playing time for individual athletes and on competition.

- At the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level, skill building, teamwork, the concept of competition, and the discipline required to be on an athletic team, are the primary focus. At the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level participants are given the opportunity to play in all games. Playing time in actual games will vary for each athlete and from game to game. Fifth and sixth grades are the introductory years that allow students to decide if athletics is the direction they want to pursue in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade there may one or two teams maximum per gender. The number of teams is based on the number of interested athletes. The interested athletes will try-out and will be placed on the team that the coaches and athletic director deem will be most appropriate level for each child. If the number of athletes trying out for a team exceeds what would be the most efficient number an elimination process based on skill, understanding of the game, and effort will be used.
- At the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade level the emphasis will be on continued skill development, an understanding of each athlete's role as a team player, a higher level of competition, and the discipline required to participate on a junior high school team. Each 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will operate as a competitive team which seeks to identify the best athletes for preparation and experience into high school athletics. All athletes at this level will be given the opportunity to participate in games as often as possible at the coach's discretion.

Our philosophy attempts to incorporate into our program a variety of skill levels for all students wishing to participate in our athletic curriculum and make the experience as enjoyable as it can be for everyone involved. However, we also have a responsibility to emerging athletes to prepare and cultivate their best ability and talent for their future athletic experience.

This philosophy was developed over a period of years when a choice had to be made between having a highly competitive program that utilizes only the best athletes, or having a program purely for fun without concern for winning. In the first choice, only the advanced athletes could participate while in the second choice athletic skill development at the highest level had to be sacrificed. By this philosophy, we have attempted to incorporate both. We want to help our best athletes excel and be prepared to advance in high school, while giving interested students an opportunity to participate at various levels.

Nick Cobos

## St. Clement's School Athletic Department

### Practice and Games

Practices are mandatory. Players are expected to be on time.

If a player is going to be late or miss practice they must notify the coach in advance.

Players may be excused for school or church functions, doctor's visits, and family emergencies.

If you are well enough to go to school, you are well enough to go to practice.

You may not be participating due to illness, but you need to attend practice.

Missing practice will affect your game playing time.

Practice or games are not reasons for late, sloppy, or missing homework.

Players must be in school from 12:00 on in order to play or practice that same day.

Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration

### Eligibility

The eligibility period extends from Monday to Monday.

Eligibility comprises a cumulative average of 70 or above for every subject or class.

Behavior, attitude, and effort will also be checked at the same time as academic eligibility. A less than satisfactory grade will have the same consequences as academic ineligibility.

A student who fails a subject will be ineligible for game play for one week. Re-evaluation will occur the following Monday but not before.

It will be a parental decision whether their son/daughter will be allowed to practice if ineligible.

If a player is ineligible 4 times during a season, he or she may be taken off the team.

## Sportsmanship

Athletes who display poor sportsmanship at either practice or game, by using disrespectful behavior, including offensive language, signs, signals, bullying or a defiant attitude towards any other person will be immediately benched for the remainder of the game or practice. The player will be permanently removed from the team for a second offense.

If the Athletic Director and Dean of Students consider the first offense to be very serious in nature, the athlete will be removed from the team.

Athletes will not argue or discuss with a game official or stand near an official when a dispute is being discussed by the coach and the official.

The coach is the only person who may speak with the game official in any type of dispute.

## Parents

All persons representing St. Clement's School are expected to exemplify the highest standard of sportsmanship at all home and away games. Support for the team and school pride may be displayed by appropriate cheering and encouragement. Displaying appreciation for the opposing team is also encouraged.

Parents and spectators may not argue with, discuss, or otherwise speak to an official before, during or after a game in regards to any dispute, call or official decision.

Parent concerns will be discussed in a scheduled parent conference, not on the court or field.

Parents are asked to monitor their small children and keep them in the stands or spectator area at all times. Children are not allowed to run on the game floor at any time.

Noisemakers of any kind are not permitted in the gym or field.

## Transportation

The school does not provide transportation to away games. Parents please make sure your child knows who will be driving them to the games. The driver must sign out all players traveling in their car at the Center For Excellence, Middle School Building, or Lower School Building, if they are leaving before the end of the school day.

***Acknowledgement of Rules/Failure to Warn***

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give my consent for the above student to compete in St. Clement's School Athletics.

It is understood, even though protective equipment is worn by the athlete whenever needed, the possibility of an accident still remains. St. Clement's School assumes no responsibility should an accident occur.

The undersigned agrees to be responsible for the safe return of all athletic equipment issued by the school to the above named student.

If, in the judgment of any school representative of the school, the above student needs immediate care and treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I do hereby request, authorize and consent to such care and treatment as may be given to said student by any physician, trainer, nurse, hospital or school representative: and I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the school and any representative from any claim by any person whomsoever on account of such care and treatment of said student.

I fully realize that when participating in athletic activities there is a risk of serious/or disabling injury or injuries.

We are aware of this possibility and consider this a warning of the inherent danger of sports participation.

I understand that should the conduct of either parent or the student caused problems according to the school officials, the coach, or the referees, the parent of player may be asked to leave the game premises.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_