

The St. Johnsbury School District



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ST. JOHNSBURY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS PARENT CONTRACT

Philosophy

St. Johnsbury Middle Level Athletics supplement and support the academic mission of the school system and assist students in their growth and development; promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. Middle Level athletics is competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play.

Sportsmanship

An important mission of St. Johnsbury Middle Level athletics is to teach and reinforce values relating to sportsmanship, competition, and fair play. It is expected that team personnel, parents, and spectators respect this mission by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events. Please remember that negative comments about coaches, players, opponents, or officials, even in conversation, tend to undermine the coach and harm the team. We understand that contests may get emotional; however we ask that you keep Middle Level sports in perspective and understand that players, coaches, and officials do make mistakes. We ask that you keep yourself under control at all times in the stands and represent our school and community with the dignity that you expect from our coaches and teams.

Communication with Coaches

Parents should not attempt to address coaches before, during, or immediately after games and practices. Coaches have many game/practice responsibilities, including supervision of players. Also, the post game/practice period is often emotionally charged, and not conducive to productive discussion. If a parent feels a need to communicate a concern, the parent should contact the coach and/or athletic director to arrange a time to meet.

Parents by signing this form you are making a commitment that you understand and accept these rules and will support your son/daughter positively throughout the season. Thank you very much and we hope that you will enjoy the season.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Mest
Director of Athletic Programs
St. Johnsbury School

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

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