



St. Margaret's Episcopal School Athletic Permission Form 2006-2007 Middle School Athletic Contract

St. Margaret's is committed to providing opportunities for all students to participate in team sports. The opportunity to participate is a valuable experience, enhancing the spiritual, academic, physical, social, psychological, and moral growth of our students. We strive to help build character, boost self-esteem, and stress a Christian attitude of sportsmanship, honesty, teamwork, team spirit, respect, and responsibility.

Teams at St. Margaret's are traditionally large, and St. Margaret's has a no cut policy. Participation in team sports does not equate with equal playing time for all participants. Every attempt will be made to balance winning and game playing time. As a participant, I realize that it is a privilege to participate in all athletic activities at St. Margaret's Episcopal School. Accordingly, I accept and will abide by the following Middle School Athletic Contract:

1. I will work daily during the season of the sport to improve my skills and be an asset to my team.
2. I understand that my participation is a season-long commitment to my team, my coach, and myself, and that if I quit or am dismissed from the team after a roster has been formed, I will not be eligible for any other sport this season without the approval of the Athletic Director and both coaches.
3. I will conduct myself in such a manner as to bring respect to my team and myself, both at St. Margaret's and at other schools. I understand that my behavior is a reflection upon my team, my coach, my school, and myself.
4. I understand the time commitment required and will try to be at every practice and competition this season. If for some very important reason I cannot, I will contact my coach at the very latest by the morning before the practice or competition.
5. If I have more than 3 unexcused practices or games, I realize my playing time will be jeopardized and I may be dismissed from the team.
6. I will organize my time so that my academic responsibilities and outside activities do not conflict with practices or games. I understand that my team commitment does not excuse me from maintaining academic excellence.
7. I will be personally responsible for all St. Margaret's equipment and uniforms checked out to me and will return it in good condition immediately following the last contest. I will pay for the replacement of lost/damaged equipment and/or uniforms.
8. I understand that it is the coach's sole responsibility to decide who will play in a game, match, or contest.
9. I realize that my parents are responsible for my transportation to Middle School athletic events. Further, I understand that parents and spectators must agree to abide by the Parochial Athletic League rules for spectators and act appropriately.
10. I fully understand that game schedules are subject to change and that I can acquire the most up-to-date information/changes by listening in convocation for game change/cancellation announcements, checking the www.smes.org (Middle School sports web page), checking one of the bulletin boards dedicated to Middle School Sports, or by calling the switchboard operator at St. Margaret's.

Student Name (please print)

Parent Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date