

St. Bartholomew Athletic Association

Mission Statement

*It is the Mission of
St. Bartholomew Athletic Association
To foster a climate
For competitive athletics
Which ensures a balance of
Individual and team achievement,
Self discipline, good sportsmanship
And respect in the example shown by
Our Lord, Jesus Christ*

St. Bartholomew Athletic Association By Laws

Article I

Name: St. Bartholomew Athletic Association (SBAA)

Article II

Section I – Purpose

The SBAA is established to help provide effective coordination of leadership, supervision and regulation for athletics in the school and parish environment.

Section II – Philosophy

The primary aim of the SBAA is to provide students and parishioners the opportunities to discover their physical potential by being able to participate in various athletic team competitions. It is the aim of the SBAA that through controlled and regulated athletic programs, a student or parishioner will have the opportunity to grow spiritually and socially and through the importance of self-discipline the student/parishioner athlete will develop their fundamental athletic skills and sportsmanship.

Section III – Goals and Objectives

- A. The student/parishioner athletes recognize that athletics are just one part of their total growth and that God, family, and academics come first.
- B. Effective regulation of athletics so that athletes do not dominate the academic program but do enhance the formal education and compliment the curriculum.
- C. Assist the students/parishioners to experience growth in self-confidence and self-esteem.
- D. To instill in the participant the desire to participate in physical activities as a recreational pursuit and to appreciate the knowledge of sports as a spectator.
- E. To expose participants to the experience and encouragement of healthy and successful competition as an education for life experiences.
- F. To allow the participants the experience of team competition as an education for life experiences.
- G. The participants, parents, spectators and coaches will demonstrate sportsman-like behavior at all times.
- H. For each athlete to improve their skills in a positive setting.

Article IV

St. Bartholomew Athletic Association Board

Section I – Members

- A. The Board will be comprised of the following members: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Travel Director, Recreation Directors (3), Tournament Directors (2), Cross Country Director, Members at Large (2).
- B. The Pastor and St. Bartholomew School (SBS) Principal are ex-officio members.

Section II – Voting

Each Board Member has a single vote when issues arise pertaining to the athletic program.

Section III – Term

- A. The term of any board member will be two (2) years.
- B. Any member may be reappointed for an additional term by the Pastor or Principal.
- C. Any member may be dismissed at any time by the Pastor or Principal for cause.

Section IV – Meetings

- A. Meetings of the SBAA Board will be held once a month. Any issue to be placed on a meeting agenda must be submitted to the Board Secretary no later than one week prior to the meeting date.
- B. Special meetings may be called. A simple majority of the voting members present is required for action to be taken. Votes ending in a tie will be determined by ex-officio members.

Article V – Medical Release Forms

All participants must complete forms prior to participating in any SBAA program.

Article VI – Injuries

- A. St. Bartholomew School carries Student Accident Coverage. In case of injury to a “student athlete”, the participant will be covered first through the student’s primary insurance in the home, secondly through the Student Accident Program on an “Excess Basis” only.

- B. Once the injury occurs, it should be reported to the coach who will complete an "Accident Report". He will give a copy of the report to the parent/guardian, with a copy to the Board Secretary. The report must be completed by the parent/guardian and submitted to Bollinger Group within 90 days.
- C. Should an injury be discovered after the participant has returned home, the coach should be contacted immediately and the above procedure followed.

Article VII – Sportsmanship

Section I – Program Reputation

Athletes in our school and parish have earned an outstanding reputation in the area of academics and sportsmanship. Our athletes and fans have always conducted themselves in a commendable manner. Everyone is proud of this reputation and in order to maintain that, the following apply:

- A. A spectator represents the school/parish the same as the athlete.
- B. The good of the school/parish is more valuable than any game won by unfair play.
- C. Decisions of officials are to be accepted without dispute.
- D. All athletes, spectators, and coaches must recognize and appreciate fine play and sportsmanship on the part of opponents.
- E. Game management must be respected at all times as they are there for everyone's safety.
- F. Anyone that chooses not to use good sportsmanship will forfeit your right to be in attendance and will be asked to leave.

Section II - Parent/Athlete/Coach Expectations and Communication

By establishing and understanding everyone's expectations we are better able to accept the actions of all parties and provide greater benefits to the student athlete. When a child becomes involved in athletics, parents and coaches have a right to understand what expectations are going to be placed on the athlete and on each other. This begins with clear communication from the athlete, parent, coach and Board.

- A. Communications that Parents/Athletes should expect from Coaches:
 - 1. Expectations the coaches have for all their team members.
 - 2. Locations and times for all practices.
 - 3. Team requirements, fees, and special equipment
 - 4. Policy dealing with excused and unexcused absences

5. Team rules beyond the SBAA Code
6. The coaches act as role models for good sportsmanship appropriate language, promoting a healthy environment and safe teaching techniques.
7. Well-planned practices.

B. Expectations/Communications coaches should expect from Athlete and Parent:

1. Notification of any schedule conflicts that may occur well in advance of the date.
2. Special concerns regarding coaching expectations.
3. Support SBAA Code and team rules.
4. Support all teams members and coaching staff.
5. Positive support at the games for their son/daughter, teammates and staff.
6. Exhibit good sportsmanship and appropriate language.
7. Bring all concerns to the coach as soon as possible.

Article VIII – Programs

Section I – Travel Basketball

- A. Participation is open to all students of St. Bartholomew School, regardless of residence.
- B. Parish participants must show active membership in the parish life, ie. CCD membership, membership in the parish.
- C. Sister parishes that do not have sports programs are invited to participate on the parish teams.
- D. Participants must meet specific age requirements.
- E. Student athletes must be in school during the entire day in order to participate or practice in an athletic contest. They are also expected to be in school on time. In case of illness in the morning, students must be in attendance within three hours of the first class.
- F. Team establishment will be determined by the number of available players.
- G. SBS teams and Parish teams will be established.
- H. Depending on the number of SBS students participating at a particular team level, SBS teams may open registration to parishioners.
- I. Final team rosters must be approved by the Board prior to notifying the players.
- J. Only 7/8 teams will be subject to cuts, depending on the number of interested participants.
- K. Registration fees will be determined by the Board.
- L. Players will be required to purchase their uniforms through the Board.
- M. Players may chose their uniform number, subject to availability. Individual digits in the numbers must be between 0 and 5.

N. Postponement and Cancellation Policy

Whenever school is not held because of inclement weather, the following procedures will be followed:

1. If school is completely cancelled because of snow, ice cold, or dangerous conditions, athletic teams may not practice or hold games.
 2. Games held at other venues are the responsibility of that facility.
 3. Delayed openings will have no effect on that day's schedule.
 4. Early dismissals will cause cancellation of that day's activities.
 5. Certain SBS events may require cancellation of Travel program activities.
- O. Each player must provide a \$100 work bond. This will be returned if the family satisfies the time commitment for the St. Bartholomew Msgr. Kelly Tournament.
- P. Each team will be eligible to participate in the following:
- a. Two (2) Leagues
 - b. St. Bartholomew Msgr. Kelly Tournament
 - c. One (1) outside tournament
- Q. All league and tournament registrations must be approved by the Travel Director. There are no exceptions to these rules.
- R. Team practice schedules will be determined by the Board, taking into account conflicts and special requests when possible. All 7/8 Grade teams will equally share the later time slots.
- S. All coaches must complete the Virtus training prior to the first practice.

Section II – Recreation Basketball

- A. Participation is open to all boys and girls in Grades 1-8.
- B. Team establishment will be determined by the number of available players in each age bracket.
- C. Team selection will be coordinated by the Recreation Directors.
- D. Each team will practice for one (1) hour each Saturday. Practice schedules are determined by the Board, taking into account conflicts and special requests, when possible.
- E. All games are held Sunday.
- F. Cancellation of practices and/or games due to inclement weather is at the discretion of the Board.
- G. Certain SBS events may require the cancellation of Recreation Program activities.
- H. Registration fees will be determined by the Board.
- I. Tee Shirts will be provided to each player.
- J. Each player must provide a \$50 work bond. This will be returned if the family satisfies the time commitment for the snack bar duty.
- K. All coaches must complete the Virtus training prior to the first practice.

Section III – Cross Country

- A. Participation is open to all SBS students in grades 5-8.
- B. Student athletes must be in school during the entire day in order to participate in a meet or practice. They are also expected to be in school on time. In case of illness in the morning, students must be in attendance within three hours of the first class.
- C. Registration fees will be determined by the Board.
- D. Players will be required to purchase their uniforms through the Board.
- E. Practices will be held at SBS on weekdays immediately following dismissal.
- F. Parents/guardians must provide the athlete's transportation to the meets.
- G. All coaches must complete the Virtus training prior to the first practice.