



*St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School develops life-long learners who live their faith through stewardship and are committed to Catholic virtues and academic excellence.*

Dear Student-Athletes, Parents, and Coaches,

Thank you for being a part of athletics for our school and diocese! Students, we appreciate your dedication to sportsmanship, skill development, and teamwork. Parents, we appreciate the sacrifices you make to support your child in his or her development while representing our school. Coaches, we appreciate your contribution in forming young people in their skills and dispositions.

As our mission commits us to academic excellence, I am writing to explain our athletic eligibility policy. Since our goal is to reinforce that improved effort can have a positive impact on one's academic situation, we evaluate athletic eligibility on a weekly basis. Ideally, each child will be proactive in maintaining his or her grades to ensure eligibility. In the event a student has difficulty, we want the student-athlete to be able to make appropriate changes to play again.

The basic guidelines are as follows:

- All grades must be at 70% or above.
- Conduct must be at a 1 or a 2.

When evaluating **weekly** eligibility, we consider each student's situation individually. We take into account the grade for each course, but we also look at effort. We consider many factors including:

- have offers for corrections and extra credit been utilized
- has the student had an opportunity to improve the grade since the last ineligibility period
- have all assignments been turned in
- is work being turned in on time
- is the student asking for help

Once a student is deemed ineligible for the week, we will not review the situation until the following week. Ineligibility means a student cannot represent our school in competition. The decision to participate in practice is left to parents and coaches.

A student will be removed from a the team upon the third week of ineligibility within a season. These weeks do not need to be consecutive. The third incidence of ineligibility within a season results in removal from the team.

The purpose of this policy is to reinforce that student-athletes are first and foremost students. We also want to encourage improvement while recognizing the importance of team dynamics and player dependability.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Bogol, Principal