

Santo Nino Regional Catholic School Athletic Packet



Student Athlete Name

Grade

Dear Parents and Student Athletes,

The Santo Nino Athletic Department welcomes your family to the school sports program and encourages and promotes participation to develop skill, sportsmanship, teamwork, self confidence and friendships in a positive Christian environment. Various sports are available to all students in grades K-6.

We will form as many teams as possible to avoid cuts if coaches are available. Our goal is still developmental but winning becomes more important and we will compete on a level playing field within the local leagues. Our program goal is to prepare our student athletes for junior high, high school and club athletics. We want to take them to the next level of competition if their talent permits.

Please review and complete all forms in this packet prior to the first day of practice. Forms will include student athlete contract; parent contract; sports emergency form and a health physical form. Physicals are required for each student athlete and must be current for the school year. If a student athlete participates in multiple sports, his or her physical/contract will be on file for the entire year.

A fee of \$40 check/money order (no cash) will be charged for each sport that the athlete participates in; additional fees may apply depending on individual sport. Fees make up our yearly budget and help pay for uniforms, equipment, officials, tournaments and league fees. Uniforms will not be handed out until all paperwork and fees are turned in. Please carefully read this document before signing, expectations, codes of conduct and behavioral consequences are clearly defined and will be enforced. An organizational meeting for all sports will take place one week prior to try-outs each season.

We will need volunteer coaches for all grade levels. If you are interested please fill out the coach's application as soon as possible. All coaches will need to qualify under the Archdiocese of Santa Fe requirements. Coaching responsibilities will include working with the athletic manager with the following duties: contacting interested athletes, maintaining the gym, collecting paperwork and fees, handing out and collecting uniforms. We have been very fortunate to have talented and knowledgeable coaches in our program. The more coaches we have available, the more teams we are able to field. Without your efforts and commitment to Santo Nino athletes, our program would not exist.

I sincerely thank all of our coaches in advance and promise to support them throughout their season. Communication within our department is crucial and informational e-mails are sent weekly. I am excited and honored to work with your student athletes this year. I am available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have through e-mail or private appointments. I have an open door policy and will support our athletes, coaches and families at all times.

Good Luck to all our participants. Go Angels!!!

Tommy Martinez
Athletic Manager

Santo Nino Athletic Program Philosophy

The interscholastic athletic program of Santo Nino Regional Catholic School is an integral part of the education program. It must, therefore, be in harmony with the Spiritual and educational objectives. Any interscholastic athletic activity should teach:

- An individual to be a responsible and contributing team member
- Selfless effort in working with others to reach a common goal
- Appreciation of others efforts, whether they be teammates, opponents, officials or coaches
- An ability to keep activities and games in proper perspective

Athletics should be a significant, valuable community activity, foster loyalty, school spirit, student participation and healthy competition. Goals of the athletic program should be meaningful to all students in a school.

The main objectives of the Santo Nino Athletic Program should be that of developing qualities of leadership, good sportsmanship, and promoting a Christian atmosphere in which students will grow in respect and concern for others in their own environment as well as in society as a whole. Emphasis should be placed upon the development of game fundamentals. Administration, coaches, and parents should encourage players to give their best, improve their skills and have fun when playing a game.

Participation in student athletics is primarily for the purpose of instruction. During season and tournament play ALL team members at all grade levels MUST PARTICIPATE IN EACH GAME. A coach may request permission through the Athletic Manager with final approval of the Principal to prevent a child from participating due to disciplinary issues.

Athletics play an important role in education when kept in proper perspective. Catholic schools, as evangelistic ministries, work very hard to show our students that their spiritual health and vitality is as important as their physical and mental abilities. We do our students a greater service by instilling in them the faith to seek God's will and to trust Him to lead and guide them into their individual vocations and callings.

— Archbishop Michael Sheehan, Archbishop of Santa Fe

Role of Parents

Parents of children participating in the Santo Nino Athletic Program should be made aware of the philosophy and guidelines. Parents should be encouraged to take an active part in the athletic program at Santo Nino.

- Parents can have a great influence as spectators at the game. It is of importance that this influence is of a positive nature.
- Coaches and player are encouraged and motivated by the support of parents and the greatest support and encouragement is needed after a loss.
- When relating to coaches and officials, parents should be an example of cooperation and respect.
- If you have question or concerns regarding your athlete please make an appointment with the coach away from the team and other spectators.
- Parents are to refrain from offensive language and actions. Taunting and/or swearing are not to be tolerated.
- Parents will respect the judgment of an official.
- Parents must monitor the academic progress of their child according to the standards as delineated by Santo Nino. The athletic manager will contact parent after report cards or progress reports are received if there is a problem.
- It is not the responsibility of the coaches to look after siblings during practice or games.
- Pick up your athlete on time from games and practices.
- Make sure athletes turn in paperwork and \$40 sports fee before the first practice of every season.
- Remind athletes to turn in uniforms to their coaches after the last game. Otherwise an \$80 replacement fee may be charged to the athlete's account.

Contract for Parents

I have read and understand the Santo Nino Athletic Philosophy and the role of the parents at Santo Nino. I agree to commit to its intended purpose and to support, follow and encourage the commitments, philosophies and expectations contained in this contract.

Date: _____

Parents Names: _____
Father **Mother**

Parent Signatures: _____
Father **Mother**

Role of the Student Athlete

Athletics is a valuable part of our Christian community. Participation in athletics fosters loyalty and commitment, builds confidence as well as individual, team and school spirit and teaches sportsmanship through competition.

- Punctuality to practices and games is an absolute in order for the student athlete to be prepared for competition. The student athlete shall notify the coach in advance if he or she will be late or miss a practice or game.
- Student athletes are expected to dress properly for all practices and games. For safety, no necklaces, earrings or wrist jewelry are allowed.
- All players will show respect for Santo Nino and opposing team's equipment and facilities. This includes picking up trash, water bottles and all debris upon the completion of a practice or game.
- Santo Nino athletes need to demonstrate a Christian attitude and sportsmanship towards officials, coaches, team members, opponents and spectators.
- Playing time and positions are to be determined by the coach; disciplinary issue will be handled by the coach and athletic manager with final concurrence and approval from the principal.
- Student athletes need to maintain a GPA which meets Archdiocesan guidelines. The GPA must be maintained for the playing season and prior to the next sport.
- If a student athlete is absent from school he/she is not allowed to play in a game or participate in practice that day.
- If a student athlete is serving time in detention after school, he/she cannot participate in game or practice that day.
- A student athlete is issued a uniform for each sport and they are responsible to taking care of it. The uniform will be checked out at the beginning of the season and collected by the coach at the end of the season tournament. Failure to return a uniform will result in a charge to the student's account. A lost or damaged uniform must be replaced at the expense of the student athlete.
- A positive attitude is everything. Student athletes are expected to maintain and demonstrate a positive, Christian, team-oriented, teachable and coachable attitude.
- The student athlete needs to turn in all paperwork and fees prior to the first practice of the season. .
- Try-outs will be posted prior to the season starting.
- Treat teammates and opponents with respect regardless of their level of talent.
- Refrain from offensive language and actions.
- Respect the decision of officials.
- Give fully of him/her during practice and games.
- Accept the guidance of coaches.
- Be a good winner as well as a good loser.
- Have Fun!!!

Contract for Student Athletes

I have read and understand the Santo Nino Athletic Philosophy and the role of the student athlete at Santo Nino. I agree to commit to its intended purpose and to support, follow and encourage the commitments, philosophies and expectations contained in this contract.

Student Athlete Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SANTO NINO SPORTS EMERGENCY FORM

Student Athlete's Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Allergies to any medicines: _____

Allergies to any foods: _____

Doctor to be called in case of an accident:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Hospital Preference: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy/Group Number: _____

Note: In case of an accident may we choose a physician? Yes _____ No _____

Parent Signature

Date