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STA Athlete Conduct Contract

Dear Parents/Guardians of a Saint Thomas Aquinas Athlete Representative:

Your son or daughter has expressed an interest in being part of a team or organization that will represent our school and community in extra-curricular competition, both in and away from STA. We are proud to have your child on our team, and we want to communicate our expectations clearly. As a representative of our school and community, the following are expectations of each athlete:

- 1) Student athletes are students first, and should maintain passing grades in all subjects. Failure to do so may result in suspension of participation until the grade has improved. A student's classroom behaviour and work ethic will also determine if a student is eligible to participate. Teachers, coaches and administrators will determine if a student is eligible to participate in a school sport.
- 2) Students who are consistently late for class may be forced to miss games and practices. If lates continue to be an issue, the student will be removed from the team.
- 3) Students must be in attendance at school for the day of a practice or game in order to participate in that practice or game. Legitimate reasons for an absence, which would allow a student to participate on the same day as the absence, are:
 - School Sanctioned Activities
 - Appointments with health professionals
 - Planned absence for personal or educational purposes that have been approved by the school administration.
- 4) Our teams are organized to be as competitive as possible, while also balancing competitiveness with a positive attitude, commitment, teamwork and skill level. Playing time is at the discretion of the coach, and is based on the above factors. This means there will not be equal playing time. Growth takes place when on the sidelines also, and players are expected to watch the game to enhance their learning of positions and strategies.

- 5) Athletes are required to demonstrate sportsmanship and respectful communication at all times. Remembering that many coaches and officials are volunteers, athletes (and the families of athletes) will be respectful in communication, and will win and lose with grace.
- 6) Uniforms will be provided for each team. It is up to the player to ensure that the jersey is properly taken care of. If a jersey is not returned in acceptable shape, or simply not returned at all, the student will be responsible for covering the cost of a replacement. Players are expected to follow the dress code as outlined by the sport and/or the coach.
- 7) Players have responsibilities that accompany the opportunity of playing on a team, including the work required to host a game or a tournament. Players are expected to stay until the end of each event to help share the duties (including scorekeeping and tournament clean up).
- 8) Athletes are not allowed to partake in any banned substances during competition and events. This means athletes cannot drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes or vape, or use any drugs for the entirety of a game or event, including travel to and from the event. (Please see asaa.ca for more details) There is a no-tolerance policy in place, where athletes suspected of partaking will not be allowed to play, and may be removed from the event and the team. Discipline will be applied firmly, at the discretion of the coach, the Athletic team of the school and administrators as necessary. A student who fails to follow the expectations outlined above may be released from the team.

I, _____, (Name of Parent/Guardian) agree to the above outlined terms.

In accordance with these terms, I give _____(Name of athlete) permission to play on the team.

Signature of Athlete _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____