

ST. SIMON ATHLETIC BOARD POLICIES

Registration

A player is eligible to participate in the St. Simon Athletic Program in the following manner and order:

1. They are registered as a parishioner of St. Simon.
2. They are a full-time student of St. Simon Catholic School.
3. They attend or have graduated from St. Simon's Parish School of Religion.
4. They reside in St. Simon's parish boundaries. (Note: If they are registered as a parishioner of another parish, or attend a full-time Catholic school that is not St. Simon School, that Parish or School must not have an eligible team for said player.)

Registration for each sport shall be:

1. Volleyball two weekends in April
2. Soccer two weekends in May
3. Basketball two weekends in September
4. Baseball and Softball two weekends in January

There are two ways to register.

1. In person after the 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am masses on the dates indicated.
2. Through school by completing a Registration form, attaching the appropriate checks and dropping them off at the school office.

Fees

All fees to register a player will be set by the Athletic Board and may be raised at any time by the Board.

Activity Fee

Fees, approved at the October 2006 meeting, are as follows:

One child = \$55.00

Two children = \$85.00

Three or more children = \$100.00

*Note: Any family that has a financial hardship and is unable to pay the activity fee, should contact the Athletic Director to determine if the activity fee could be waived.

Late Fees

Registrations submitted after the published period will be subject to a \$25 late fee per family, and will not be guaranteed a place on a St. Simon team. The late fee will be waived at the discretion of the Lay Director in order to fill out a team, or the family is new to the parish or school.

Uniform Deposit

The \$20 uniform deposit was eliminated at the October 2006 meeting. Instead of collecting a deposit, a \$50 fine will be imposed per non-returned uniform, and collected before that family is allowed to register for any additional sports.

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Refunds

If a player is registered and does not compete in more than 1 game (tournament or regular season) a full refund will be given. The appropriate Lay Director must approve any refunds.

Managers and Coaches

All Managers and Coaches have the responsibility of setting a good example for their players to follow. Any violation of the policies and bylaws will not be tolerated. The Board has the right to deny a person from participating as a Manager or Coach if he/she does not comply with the policies of this Board. If more than one person applies to manage a sports team, the Lay Director of that sport shall make a decision on who will be the Manager. The Lay Director may use guidelines such as which person manages other teams, regardless of the sport, so as to be fair in determining who manages. If the results are not satisfactory to the individual not chosen to manage, that person may present their case to the Athletic Board.

Forming of Teams

- A) Teams will be put together by the Lay Director of each sport as per the policies set forth by the Athletic Board.
- B) When a grade has too many players for one team and it is determined that two or more teams are needed, the following procedures will be followed:
 - 1) The Managers of all teams along with the Lay Director will split the teams accordingly.
 - 2) After the Manager of each team remove their children from the pool, each Manager takes turns picking a player until all players are chosen.
 - 3) These teams will stay intact as long as there are enough players for multiple teams.
 - 4) In the event a situation arises where one team loses players for whatever reason in the off season, the teams will be adjusted so as to even out the players per team. This being done to the satisfaction of the Managers. If an agreement can't be reached, the Lay Director and Athletic Director will be called upon to determine the final results.
 - 5) When following the aforementioned guidelines to form teams, everyone involved must keep in mind that we at St. Simon do not adhere to stacking, tiering, or to categorize teams based on players physical talent levels.
 - 6) When transferring a player from one team to another, both Managers and players involved must come to an agreement on how to transfer the player and keep equal number of players per team. If this cannot be done, the Lay Director and Athletic Director shall intervene and try to reach a fair verdict. All families must keep in mind that at St. Simon we do not encourage players switching teams. Everybody involved must remember that in a catholic environment we must try to set a good example to our children.

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- C) In a situation where teams were split and then needed to be combined the following guidelines may be used by the Lay Director to determine who continues as the Manager of the team.
 - 1) Are both Managers interested in managing the combined team?
 - 2) The team that maintains the most number of players
 - 3) Does either of the Managers manage other teams, either for the sport involved or other sports (we encourage involvement by parents and look to give opportunity to multiple individuals to manage our teams)?
 - 4) Who managed the team before the split (this should be when the teams were formed after intramurals or at the time of the split)?
 - 5) Comments from sign up sheets
- D) As a rule, players are discouraged in “playing up in grade” for any sport. If it is deemed that a player should “play up”, the Parents of that player, both Managers involved, the Lay Director, and the Athletic Director must agree to it in writing.
- E) It is the Manager’s decision whether a team goes Open or Closed. In the event that a player is left off a roster due to a decision regarding Open/Closed, the Lay Director of that sport will attempt to place that player on another St. Simon roster (if possible). Otherwise, that player will be placed in the South County CYC district pool to be placed on another parish’s team.
- F) Players from registrations submitted after the published period may or may not be placed on a St. Simon team. This is at the discretion of the Lay Director and Manager. If a player cannot be placed on a St. Simon team, the player will be placed in the South County CYC district pool to be placed on another parish’s team.

Practice Times

- A) St Simon’s sports facilities i.e.; soccer field, ball fields, batting cages, basketball and volleyball courts are to be used by St. Simon CYC rostered teams only. No one is allowed to bring select, club, or other non-CYC teams on to St. Simon’s playing fields. If said person violates this rule after being told to leave the premises, that person will be removed from managing and coaching duties at St. Simon. This includes practices or practice games.
- B) Practice times will be picked by Team seniority (i.e. 8th grade, Parochial, 7th grade, Pre-K). The Athletic Director and Lay Director of the particular sport being picked get 1st choice of practice times.

Playing Time

CYC policy states that a player must receive a minimum of 25% of each game/match in both league and tournament games/matches unless that player is injured or being disciplined. The St. Simon Athletic Board believes that a player should be played in 50% of each game/match. This does not mean equal time for all players. As long as all players receive this 50% minimum, other players can be played more than 50%.

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Example: Basketball - 12 minute halves – 24 minutes total game time. Team has 9 players. Players 2 through 9 received 12 minutes playing time. However, Player 1 played the whole game. This Manager is in compliance with this policy as all players received 12 minutes (i.e. 50% of playing time).

Uniforms

Uniforms will be provided by St. Simon. Managers will be responsible for distributing and collecting all uniforms. Players will be responsible for taking care of the uniforms. Players should make sure all uniforms are clean before returning.

Tournaments

The Holy Name Society will pay for one tournament, not to exceed \$125.00 per team per season. All tournaments must be approved by CYC Athletic Association. The Dennis Mignerone Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament is not considered a paid tournament for St. Simon teams.

Trophy (Grades 5 through 8 and parochial only, not High School teams)

All teams that win their respected league will receive an individual trophy. Teams that win South County playoffs will receive a bigger individual trophy. Teams winning city/county playoffs will receive a wearing apparel that sponsors St. Simon athletics for each player and the Manager. The value of the trophies and or wearing apparel will be determined by the Athletic Board. The current values are as follows:

League trophy - \$9
District trophy - \$13

City/County wearing apparel

- o Grades 5 through 8 - \$65
- o Parochial - \$41

Concession Stand Policy

- A) It is understood that the St. Simon Concession Stand is a fundraiser to help support the athletic program. All families should keep in mind that we all must work together in maintaining a clean, orderly and productive Concession Stand.
- B) All families who register their child or children for a sport must work the Concession Stand during that sport.
- C) St. Simon will collect a \$100.00 deposit check from each family who registers for a particular sport.
- D) In the event a family does not adhere to the policy of working their shift, they will lose the \$100.00 deposit check to the Concession Stand. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- E) All Athletic Board members, Holy Name Officers, & Managers only during that sport are exempt from working the Concession Stand.

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Recruiting from CYC teams

If you are a Manager at St. Simon and take more than your child to a team outside CYC, and manage them, you are permanently barred from coaching any team in any sport at St. Simon.

CYC Award Banquets

The Holy Name Society will pay for all Athletic Board members and a guest to attend the District Award Banquet in the spring, and the CYC Award Banquet in the fall.

Issue Resolution

- A) From time to time issues will arise. The protocol for dealing with such issues is as follows:
- The Parents and Coach will try to reach agreement.
 - If agreement cannot be reached, the Parents, Coach, and Lay Director will try to reach agreement.
 - If agreement cannot be reached, the Lay Director and Athletic Director will determine a final decision.
 - If the decision is not satisfactory to the Parents or Coach, they can appeal the decision to the Athletic Board.
 - If the Athletic Board upholds the decision, the decision can be brought before the Holy Name Board.
 - If the Holy Name Board upholds the decision, the Parents or Coach can bring it to the Pastor's attention.

Date Updated	Updated by	Description of change	Version
October 2006	Joe Tapella	Based upon motions that were made during this meeting, the following was added/changed: - Activity Fee information was changed. - Uniform Deposit was eliminated. - Added clarification regarding the Dennis Mignerone Holiday Classic in the Tournament section. - Added verbiage for Parochial and City/County wearing apparel in the Trophy section.	1.1
January 2009	Joe Tapella	Based upon motions that were made during this meeting, the following was added/changed: - Added guidelines for combining teams after they were originally split to the Forming of Teams section. - Added item regarding "playing up" in the Forming of Teams section. - Added section on Issue Resolution.	1.2
February 2009	Joe Tapella	Based upon motions that were made during this meeting, the following was added/changed: - Revised the Registration section to make it more like what is in the CYC Constitution. Added the paragraph about how there are 2 ways to register. - Revised the Late Fee section to reflect that the Lay Director has the discretion to waive the fee. - Revised the Refunds section with the verbiage "more than 1 game".	1.3

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised the Forming of Teams section (Item B-2). Eliminated the words "& Coach). - Revised the Forming of Teams section to add items E (Decision on Open/Closed), and F (Handling Registrations after published end-dates). - Changed how practice times are picked. It is now by Team Seniority rather than by Lottery. - Added the Playing Time section. - Added the CYC Award Banquets section. 	