

## **ST. WENCESLAUS SOFTBALL POLICY**

*The mission of the St. Wenceslaus Athletic Committee is to provide a positive experience while teaching the basics of the game of softball in a Christian atmosphere.*

This Policy must be agreed to by all players and parents/guardians before participating as a player on any St. Wenceslaus team. At least one of the player's parents/guardians must agree to and affix an electronic signature verifying that they have read the policy and agree to abide by the policies of the Athletic Department and Football Program. ***All players and coaches must register through the on-line registration process prior to participating in a practice or game. Coaches may not allow any youth to practice or play without the necessary parent registration.***

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

All softball coaches (both head and assistant) must be certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha as having completed the Safe Environment Training and having a background check completed prior to coaching at St. Wenceslaus. The St. Wenceslaus Softball Committee is responsible for making sure that all coaches are certified.

Any clinic or camp attended by a team in an environment where a coach, staff member, or volunteer is not Safe Environment trained will need to have a Safe Environment trained coach or staff member in attendance at the entire clinic or camp in which the team is attending.

### **TEAM SELECTION**

In order to play St. Wenceslaus Softball a player must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements set out by the South Omaha Saints League (SOSL)
- Attend 5-day School or the St. Wenceslaus Catechetical program
- Be a member of St. Wenceslaus Parish and attend another Catholic school that does not have a South Omaha Saints League team.
- Meet all eligibility requirements set out by St. Wenceslaus School. If a student is deemed ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities due to grades or conduct, the student will not be allowed to attend or participate in practices or any other aspect of the activity until all requirements are met and the student is again deemed eligible.
- Complete an online softball registration form.
- Remit payment of the fee to the Softball Coordinator

## **PRACTICES**

- Softball practice typically begins in March and due to inclement weather conditions, the first several practices may be held inside the St. Wenceslaus gym. During these indoor practices, only throwing and fielding exercises are worked on with the use of rubber balls. No batting is allowed. Only tennis shoes are permissible.
- All players should make a commitment to his/her team and teammates.
- **No practices will be held after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

## **GAMES**

- Games will begin during the first week in May and the season will be completed by the end of June.

## **GRIEVANCES**

- Grievances will first be addressed by the Chairperson of the sport involved. This Chairperson will then take the grievance to the Committee of that sport for resolution. If the issue cannot be resolved by that Committee, the Chairperson will take the issue to the President of the Athletic Committee. The President, at his/her discretion, will either contact all members by email or call a special meeting of the Athletic Committee to resolve the issue. The Athletic Committee will gather information, follow-up with the aggrieved party to allow for due process, make a decision and follow through with this decision. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.
- In the event that a grievance involves a coach who is also the Chairperson of that sport, the issue may be addressed directly with either the President or the Secretary of the Athletic Committee.

Softball Chairperson:	Jean Ahsan	Phone Number: (402) 496-2011
Athletic Committee President:	Chris Pokorny	Phone Number: (402) 289-5098

## **EVALUATIONS**

In order to improve the overall quality of coaching and the softball program at St. Wenceslaus, evaluation forms will be available (via the website) to the parents/guardians of the participants at the conclusion of the season. We encourage these forms to be filled out. Responses will remain anonymous and we will make them available to the Athletic Committee and individual coaches.

# **St. Wenceslaus Softball Policy**

With my electronic signature, which I voluntarily affix to this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read the Softball Program policy, reviewed the policies with my child and we agree to abide by the policies as stated.

As a parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the minor listed below. I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, and our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Wenceslaus Parish, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with this activity, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child participating in this athletic activity or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents and chaperones, and representatives associated with the activity for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which they may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/diocese.