

## **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FORM**

Dear Parents:

Your son/daughter has expressed interest in participating in the extra-curricular program at St. Peter School.

### **The Philosophy for Regina Catholic Schools Elementary Inter-School Activities**

Elementary inter-school activities are an important part of the education program that contributes to students' mental, emotional and social development. These activities are organized to foster sportsmanship, fair play and respect for others before winning.

Participation on an extra-curricular team demands a commitment that involves both dedication and sacrifice. Advisors, coaches, and parents can help students develop positive character habits by discussing, modeling and reinforcing the desired attitudes and beliefs.

### **The Beliefs that Guide Our Actions**

Inter-school activities in Regina Catholic Elementary Schools are guided by the following beliefs.

1. We believe students who are engaged in inter-school activities develop better social skills and life skills.
2. We believe inter-school activities provide opportunities for students to explore different interests and to enjoy positive interaction with others who have similar interests.

At St. Peter School, administration and coaches have established the following criteria for participation in inter-school activities:

- 1) *I must attend school for the full day to be eligible for a practice or a competition that evening. If I must be absent, the reason must be acceptable to the teacher advisor and the office. If I am going to be absent, it is my responsibility to inform the office.*
- 2) *I must attend practice to be eligible to compete. Missed practices may result in decreased competition time. The amount of lost competition time will be dependent upon the circumstances surrounding the absence(s).*
- 3) *I must maintain a satisfactory standing in all my subject areas. I must remember that education comes first, the school activity is second.*

- 4) *If my classroom behavior is not acceptable, I will be ineligible to participate. (Breaking rule 3 or 4 may lead to a probation period, a time when the student can make improvements and avoid being suspended from the activity. All decisions regarding imposed probationary periods or suspensions will be made after consultation between the teacher, the student/participant, the coach/advisor, and an administrator).*
- 5) *I understand that being suspended from class/school automatically carries with it a participation suspension.*
- 6) *I will conduct myself at practice and at competitions in a manner that brings both admiration and respect to myself and St. Peter School.*
- 7) *I must not break any school or team rules. In such matters, the decision of the advisor/coach and the office is final.*
- 8) *I must assume a responsible attitude for any social behaviors that may affect my representation of or my performance on the school team.*
- 9) *I must always exhibit sportsmanlike behavior. If I fail to do this, I may be suspended from the activity.*
- 10) *I understand that once a commitment to the activity has been made, I must follow through with this commitment. This commitment should not be based on the amount of participation time I receive. It is unfair to fellow participants and advisors, as well as those students who failed to earn a place on the team, to quit during the year. Therefore, I understand that if I leave the team in mid-season I will not be eligible to participate on any school team for 1 year. An exception would be if the coach and I reach a mutual agreement that my departure is in the best interest of all concerned. Failure to attend practices will be interpreted as a lack of commitment.*
- 11) *I must adhere to the transportation rules, expectations and procedures set out by RCSD.*
- 12) *I will enjoy being a part of the team and realize it is an honor and a privilege to represent St. Peter School.*

In the event that a student does not meet any of the criteria listed above, the following process will be followed:

- 1) If applicable, the classroom teacher will remind the student of their curricular/behavioural expectations, and that failure to meet them could impact their extra-curricular participation. The coach(es) must be verbally made aware of the problems at this time;
- 2) If the poor choices continue, the teacher, coach(es) and student will meet with an administrator to decide on the extent of the extra-curricular loss, and the decision of the office will be final. The parents will be contacted at this time, as well.

We look forward to working with you and hope that you support your child to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities that inter-school activities provides.



## **Regina Catholic Elementary Inter-School Activities Participation Agreement Form**

Students are required to return this signed form to be eligible to participate in the inter-school activities program. Your signature indicates:

- that you wish your son/daughter to attend and participate, and...
- if selected for the team, you understand and agree to the criteria (1-12 above) for participation with inter-school activities.

Please sign and return this form to the team advisor/coach to indicate that you have read the above letter and that you are willing to accept the outlined guidelines.

We have read and understand the guidelines for participation in elementary inter-school activities and agree to comply.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Return Form to the Office.**