



## St. Margaret's Episcopal School Athletic Permission Form

### 2008-2009 Middle School Athletic Contract

St. Margaret's is committed to providing opportunities for all students to participate in team sports. The opportunity to participate is a valuable experience, enhancing the spiritual, academic, physical, social, psychological, and moral growth of our students. We strive to help build character, boost self-esteem, and stress Christian attitude of sportsmanship, honesty, teamwork, team spirit, respect, and responsibility.

Teams at St. Margaret's are traditionally large, and St. Margaret's has a no cut policy. Participation in team sports does not equate with equal playing time for all participants. Every attempt will be made to balance winning and game playing time. As a participant, I realize that it is a privilege to participate in all athletic activities at St. Margaret's Episcopal School. Accordingly, I accept and will abide by the following Middle School Athletic Contract:

1. I will work daily during the season of the sport to improve my skills and be an asset to my team.
2. I understand that my participation is a season-long commitment to my team, my coach, and myself, and that if I quit or am dismissed from the team after a roster has been formed, I will not be eligible for any other sport this season without the approval of the Athletic Director and both coaches.
3. I will conduct myself in such a manner as to bring respect to my team and myself, both at St. Margaret's and at other schools. I understand that my behavior is a reflection upon my team, my coach, my school, and myself.
4. I understand the time commitment required and will try to be at every practice and competition this season. If for some very important reason I cannot, I will contact my coach at the very latest by the morning before the practice or competition.
5. I understand unexcused absences may affect my PE grade as well as jeopardize my playing time.
6. I will organize my time so that my academic responsibilities and outside activities do not conflict with practices or games. I understand that my team commitment does not excuse me from maintaining academic excellence.
7. I will be personally responsible for all St. Margaret's equipment and uniforms checked out to me and will return it in good condition immediately following the last contest. I will pay for the replacement of lost/damaged equipment and/or uniforms.
8. I understand that it is the coach's sole responsibility to decide who will play in a game, match, or contest.
9. I realize that my parents are responsible for my transportation to Middle School athletic events. Further, I understand that parents and spectators must agree to abide by the Parochial Athletic League rules for spectators and act appropriately.
10. I fully understand that game schedules are subject to change and that I can acquire the most up-to-date information/changes by listening in convocation for game change/cancellation announcements, checking the [www.smes.org](http://www.smes.org) (Middle School sports web page), checking one of the bulletin boards dedicated to Middle School Sports, or by calling the switchboard operator at St. Margaret's.

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Student Name (please print)

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Parent name (please print)

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Student Signature      Date

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Parent Signature      Date