



## St. John the Baptist Youth Activities Committee

### YAC Policy and Procedures for Cuts

The YAC Board believes extracurricular activities to be an essential facet to every student's physical, emotional and social development. It is our objective at St. John to give every student the opportunity to participate in any activity he/she wishes to pursue. The goal of this objective is to develop:

1. A strong sense of self-confidence.
2. Both individual and group skills and strategies.
3. Social interaction skills through teamwork.
4. A sense of responsibility for and commitment to a team or group.

Unfortunately, due to limited facilities and sometimes limited numbers of volunteers for coaching positions, it may be necessary for a coach to implement a "Cut Policy" so the number of participants in any given activity may be kept to a manageable number. **The intent to cut must be brought up to and approved by the YAC Board before actual cutting takes place.**

**Coaches must cut 3 or more students.** Every attempt will be made to keep all those students wanting to participate involved in some manner (i.e. student manager, trainer, substitute, etc.). The following guidelines must be followed in order to afford a fair chance to every hopeful participant and ensure the proper feedback to those who do not make the team. **No student will be cut from a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade athletic team.**

1. On the first day of tryouts/practices, common objectives must be communicated to the students as to what criteria will be used to determine who makes the team, if cuts become necessary. Students should receive the criteria both verbally and in writing. Common criteria could be attendance, sportsmanship, attitude, athletic ability, skills, strengths, endurance, etc. (Sample criteria will be provided for the coaches to help them design evaluation sheets.)
2. To prevent possible problems or misunderstandings, it is required that the coaches hold a meeting with players and parents at or before the first week of tryouts/practices.
3. Before the team roster is posted, coaches must contact each student they plan to cut to explain why they did not make the team.
4. If a student is cut and further explanation is desired, the coach is the first contact. Coach's phone numbers should be available, but if this is not possible, other arrangements to contact them will be announced. If the response is not satisfactory, contact the Athletic Director or other YAC Board members according to the YAC Protocol for Handling Athletic Complaints. This procedure can be found on the St. John website ([www.stjohnsfw.org](http://www.stjohnsfw.org)) by clicking on Sports and then Athletic Forms.
5. The YAC Board does not encourage 7<sup>th</sup> grade athletes to be "moved up" to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. If the occasion arises, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade coach must speak to the following people in the order presented:

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| 1) 7 <sup>th</sup> grade coach | 3) Player's parents |
| 2) YAC Board                   | 4) Player           |