

## **ST. MARK POLICY REGARDING PARENT PARTICIPATION AT PRACTICES**

There are Parish, Diocesan, and State of Ohio policies that must be followed in order for parents to volunteer and/or coach at St. Mark. These policies exist to protect our children and must be followed. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure parents are abiding by these rules.

### **To Volunteer at St. Mark**

- 1) You must be VIRTUS trained and compliant.
- 2) You must have an approved fingerprint background check on file with the rectory.
- 3) You must complete all required forms

### **In order to Coach at St. Mark**

- 1) You must meet all of the Volunteer requirements above
- 2) You must be an approved CYO coach (have CYO coaching credentials)
- 3) You must complete the State of Ohio Online Concussion training.

To clarify, all St. Mark Athletic practices, regardless of the sport, are open for parent observation. As a parent, you may drop off your child and watch practices from a distance (for example, if your child's practice is in the gym, you may stand in the gym lobby during practice and observe through the windows, but may not be present on the gym floor). For football, you may watch practice from the sidelines, but may not be present on the football field. **If you ARE an approved volunteer**, and a Coach has asked you to attend practices to help organize the practices, you may do so, provided your coach has listed you as an assistant. Unless you are a coach, you should not be instructing children on technique and should NOT be the one to address injuries (coaches are required to do this). At no time should a parent who is NOT an approved volunteer be participating in practice.

**Violations of this policy:** The first violation of these policies by a parent will result in the student athlete being suspended from the next sporting event; the second violation of these policies will result in the student being removed from the roster. Please remember, all of this is for the safety of the children.

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