

**SCECINA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS  
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 2021-2022**

Dear Student-Athletes and Parents:

This Athletic Handbook is our official communication regarding athletic department policies, learning goals, expectations, and other valuable information. Catholic education and athletic participation at Seccina Memorial High School is a priceless gift and privilege handed from one generation to another on the Eastside of Indianapolis.

Because we believe in the school, its tradition, and its standards, countless Seccina Memorial alumni and friends continue to employ time, talent, and treasure to pass this gift to you, the current generation of student-athletes.

Interscholastic athletics is much more than a team of young women or men competing against a comparable group from another school. A successful athletic program requires student-athletes, coaches, and parents to plan and think positively regarding teaching and learning, organization, personal conduct, safety, communication, nutrition, and academic achievement. This Athletic Handbook addresses many vital aspects of participation in a high school athletic program.

Sincerely yours,



Jason Kehrer  
Athletic Director

**PHILOSOPHY**

- The year-round conduct of an SMHS athlete in all places shall communicate the Catholic identity of our school community and embody the morality and educational environment of our school.
- The **Athletic Code of Conduct** is in accordance with the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) Constitution and Bylaws for the benefit of every athlete in our total program.
- *The Athletic Code of Conduct is in effect twelve months a year for all in-season and off-season athletes in grades nine through twelve because of (1) the value of maintaining optimal physical and mental health at all times, and (2) our athletes' ongoing representation of SMHS throughout the calendar year.*

## Mission and Beliefs

*The mission of the Scecina Memorial High School Athletic Department is to provide and foster an environment in which our student-athletes have the opportunity to excel and develop their God-given talents and potential in all aspects of their life skills.*

- *Crusader students, athletes, coaches, parents, and fans will conduct themselves in such a manner to emulate the honor, courage, and pride of Father Thomas Scecina.*
- *Crusader Athletics will foster loyalty to Scecina and to one another and will develop important character traits including, but not limited to, positive work ethic, respect, perseverance, sportsmanship, and fellowship.*
- *Scecina Athletics will be an example of Christian character and Catholic traditions and beliefs.*
- *Scecina student-athletes will be leaders in representing Scecina in all they do, on the field of competition, in all academic responsibilities, and in the community.*
- *Scecina student-athletes will compete at their highest levels and have the opportunity to be successful, thus providing memorable experiences for themselves and all Crusaders.*
- *Everyone involved in Scecina Athletics will live the school motto, "To give that little extra."*

<b>EXPECTED CONDUCT OF ATHLETES</b>
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- An athlete should strive to be a positive influence in all he or she does. He or she works for the betterment of SMHS, the family, him/herself, and the Catholic community in all endeavors. An SMHS athlete is expected to understand that ones-dress speaks loudly about the individual and the school he or she represents.
- An athlete should live by the principle that maximum effort and performance in athletics and academics cannot be attained if one drinks alcohol, uses controlled drugs or tobacco.
- An athlete should strive to be a sportsman or sportswoman, one who knows the use of illegal or unfair tactics to gain an undeserved advantage is wrong.
- An athlete should plan so that energy can be devoted to studies and one's abilities can be rewarded.
- An athlete should appreciate that coaches, teachers, and school officials seek the best interests of all athletes as they conduct and represent the total athletic program and name of SMHS.
- An athlete should treat contest officials with courtesy and respect. An official does not win or lose a contest. He or she officiates to ensure a fair contest for both teams.
- An athlete should care for equipment and property as if it were his or her own. If equipment or property is destroyed through practice or age, the school will replace the item. If an athlete loses or steals the item, he or she will pay for its replacement.
- Athletes are encouraged to participate in religious services provided by Scecina and their Parish Communities.
- Athletes are expected to pay any kit fees or equipment fees. If the fees are not paid, the athlete may not be allowed to participate in athletics until they are paid.

## IHSAA AND SMHS INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

*Before the first official practice in a sport, excluding out-of-season conditioning and open gymnasium sessions, an athlete needs to:*

- Be **enrolled** at SMHS.
- Pass a **physical examination** from a licensed physician and have supporting student, parent, and physician **signatures of consent**. Completed IHSAA physical exam forms are to be turned in to the athletic office. The examination must be administered between April 1 of the preceding school year and the start of the official practice in the current school year (IHSAA By-Laws).
- Complete an **Athletic Medical Emergency Information Sheet (AEIMS)** and a **Athletic Consent Form** with supporting parent/guardian signature and turn it in to the athletic office.
- Meet the IHSAA academic eligibility requirement of having received **passing grades in six full credit subjects or the equivalent** at the end of the last grading period and be currently enrolled in at least six full credit subjects of the equivalent. First and third nine-week grades determine second and fourth quarter eligibility, respectively, and first and second semester grades determine third and first quarter eligibility, respectively. *Athletes must also meet any and all academic requirements, which Secina Memorial High School puts forth.*
- Meet **specific program or team rules** in addition to those included in the **SMHS Athletic Code of Conduct**.

### Age

To be eligible for athletic participation in a given sport, an athlete may not be twenty years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in the sport (IHSAA By-Laws).

### Transfer Students

A student, who transfers his or her enrollment to SMHS from a different high school, or from a junior high school if that school includes the freshman year, is required to complete an ***IHSAA Athletic Transfer Report***. The parent or guardian of the transfer student must contact the athletic administrator as soon as possible upon enrollment at SMHS to begin the reporting process. Otherwise, forfeiture of team and individual interscholastic athletic contests will result from one receiving eligibility clearance from the IHSAA. The report is then sent to the student's former (sending) school and the IHSAA. ***The IHSAA makes the eligibility determination for the athlete*** (IHSAA By-laws).

### Three eligibility rulings are possible:

- No eligibility
- Limited eligibility: Participation is allowed at the freshman or junior varsity level for 365 days from the date the athlete last competed at his/her previous sending school.
- Full eligibility: Participation is allowed at the freshman through varsity levels immediately upon notification from the IHSAA.

Full eligibility is frequently granted when the student's custodial parent or guardian experienced a legitimate change of residence and SMHS has not exerted undue influence in recruitment of the student for athletic purposes.

***SMHS does not grant eligibility for interscholastic competition before receiving the IHSAA ruling.***

## Athletic Participation Outside the SMHS Athletic Program

### Participation during authorized contest season. Rule 15-1.1 & Rule 15-1.2

- Participation in organized non-school sports competition during the authorized contest season, including the IHSAA tournament series, in that sport shall cause the student to become ineligible for their school team in that sport for a period not to exceed 365 days.
- Student-athletes may receive private lessons so long as:
  - They are not mandated, scheduled or paid for by the school.
  - No school practices or competitions are missed.
  - No student from another school is participating in the lesson.

An outstanding student-athlete may participate as an individual during the authorized contest season of a sport, without loss of eligibility, provided the following criteria are met:

- A completed waiver application form signed by the parent, coach, and principal is forwarded to the Commissioner seven days prior to the event and approved by the Commissioner.
- Certification by State, National, or International non-school organization verifying the student's qualifications.
- Arrangements to complete academic lessons, assignments, tests, etc. is made in advance.
- Student may not miss an association sponsored tournament series or a school contest for which he/she is eligible.
- Student and parent agrees to not accept, directly or indirectly, any awards, gifts, trips, merchandise, etc. which would violate the IHSAA rules on amateurism, awards, prizes, and gifts.

### **Amateurism**

To retain amateur athletic status, a criterion for interscholastic athletic participation, an athlete may not play under assumed names; accept payment directly or indirectly for athletic participation; or participate in athletic activities, tryouts, auditions, practices, and games held or sponsored by professional sport organizations, clubs, or their representatives. An athlete may not accept awards, medals, recognition, gifts, and other honors from colleges/universities or their alumni (IHSAA By-Laws).

### **School Attendance**

***An athlete must be in school at least half of the school day during the school day in order to practice, compete, or participate in any other team activities on that day.*** Rare exemptions will be granted for documented reasons such as lengthy medical appointments, college visits or funerals. A written exemption request from the parent or guardian, with documentation of the reason for absence, must be present to the coach or athletic administrator ***before that athlete will be allowed to participate.***

**An athlete who is absent five or more consecutive school days due to illness or injury must present written verification to the coach or athletic administrator from a licensed physician stating that the athlete may resume (IHSAA By-Laws).**

If an athlete does not enroll in a high school during the first fifteen days of a semester, or has been enrolled more than eight consecutive semesters beginning with grade nine, or has represented a high school in a sport more than eight semesters, he or she is ineligible for further interscholastic athletic participation (IHSAA By-Laws).

### Team Rules

*An athlete is expected to abide by all team expectations in addition to those stated in this Athletic Handbook.* These expectations may apply to facets of participation such as **attendance, punctuality, conduct, dress, and haircuts.**

### DEFINITIONS

A student-athlete is defined as a player, manager, trainer, statistician, cheerleader, or other student participant in the SMHS athletic program, consisting of eighteen IHSAA-sanctioned sports, cheerleading, and student athletic training.

A violation of the SMHS Athletic Code of Conduct includes, but is not limited to, the use, possession, purchases, sale, or consumption of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products; felonies, misdemeanors; or other acts of delinquency or misbehavior harmful to or disrespectful of others and/or oneself. Athletic Code of Conduct violations are cumulative from the beginning date of athletic participation at SMHS. If an athlete's violations carry consequences into future sport seasons, he or she may try out for future teams, but may not participate in interscholastic competition until the athlete's consequences have expired. It is not a violation for an athlete to use or possess an authorized drug prescribed by a licensed physician or behavioral health expert. Parents are asked to inform coaches or the athletic administrator of these situations in advance of the athlete's athletic participation.

Defaming a varsity letter is defined as being removed from a team for the balance of the SMHS season as a result of disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior unbecoming of an SMHS student. If an athlete defames a varsity letter he or she will be asked to return the letter to the athletic administrator.

An athletic contest is an interscholastic competition that results in a win, loss, or tie added to the team record. For example, a volleyball contest is a match, not one game of a match. A tennis contest is a match, not one set of the match.

Causes for consequences to be enacted will include, but not be limited to, documented charges or arrest by law enforcement officials, observation or direct first-hand knowledge by a school staff member, or admission by the athlete.

## ENFORCEMENT

*All coaches, teachers, administrative staff, athletes, and parents should work together to uphold and enforce the Athletic Code of Conduct.* A possible code violation shall be reported promptly to the athletic administrator, who will include the athlete, parent, coach, and principal when needed in an investigation of the matter.

If the athletic administrator decides that an **Athletic Code of Conduct** violation might have occurred, the administrator will contact the athlete and his or here parent/guardian immediately.

**Upon further investigation, if it is decided that an athlete has violated the Athletic Code of Conduct and will be temporarily or permanently excluded from interscholastic athletic participation, the athletic administrator will inform the athlete and his or her parent/guardian of the administrator's decision and the consequences of the athlete's action(s).**

An athlete who voluntarily quits a team or is dismissed from a team because of a rule violation(s) may not practice or train under an SMHS staff member until that team's season is complete. This rule is in effect from the first official practice date of the season until the completion of the particular SMHS team season.

If an athlete is cut from a team during the try-out period, he or she may try out for or join another SMHS team in the same interscholastic athletic season.

Under extenuating circumstances, if an athlete is not allowed to move to a sport after quitting another sport, the parent/guardian may request an appeal hearing by the Athletic Advisory Council. This request must be made by the parent or guardian in writing to the athletic administrator within five school days (or five week days during vacation periods) of being notified of the initial decision. The right of appeal is forfeited if not requested within this period.

The athletic administrator will notify the parent/guardian within five subsequent school days of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The athlete, parent, guardian, and varsity coaches will be invited to the appeal hearing to share constructive viewpoints and suggestions for the athlete's well-being and participation. Upon reaching a council decision, the athletic administrator will notify the parent/guardian within five school days.

## RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

### **I. Substance Use or Abuse**

An athlete can harm himself or herself by consuming alcohol or tobacco or by illicit drug use. This can harm an athlete's physical and mental health, athletic and academic performance, and personal reputation. An SMHS athlete shall not use, consume, possess, buy or sell alcohol or tobacco without consequence. Similarly, an SMHS athlete shall not be involved in illicit drug activity without consequence. This rule applies year round on and off school grounds.

#### **A. First tobacco usage, alcohol or illicit drug involvement violation:**

- An athlete will lose the opportunity to compete in 30% of the total consecutive contests in the sport they are currently competing in, including tournaments. Or, if the athlete is not currently participating they will lose participation in 30% of the consecutive contests in the next sport they participate in, even if it is in another calendar year. If a violation occurs late in a season, including tournaments, the athlete will serve out the remaining percentage of contests in the post-season tournament or in the next season for a total combined punishment of 30%.

**Note:** *As it is possible for an athlete to join another sport for the express intent of completing a required punishment, the athlete must both fully participate and complete 100% of the next sport or the punishment will carry over until the athletic administrator is satisfied that the terms of the punishment are fulfilled. This is to prevent both athletes and coaches from abusing this policy.*

B. Second tobacco usage, alcohol or illicit drug involvement violation:

- An underclass athlete may be athletically ineligible for one (1) calendar year from the date the violation is confirmed. The underclass athlete is required to obtain substance abuse counseling from a licensed counseling service, recommended by the school, before returning as a participant in the athletic program.
- A senior athlete may be athletically ineligible for the remainder of his/her senior year.

C. Third tobacco usage, alcohol, or illicit drug involvement violation:

- The athlete may be ineligible for interscholastic athletic participation for the rest of his or her high school career.

- II. **An athlete shall not commit acts of vandalism, theft, or disrespect that affect the SMHS community.** Should such an offense occur, the athlete will face consequences determined jointly by the athlete’s in-season varsity coach, the athletic administrator, and, when applicable, the Athletic Advisory Council. Such consequences may include suspension or dismissal from the team, depending on the severity of the offense.
- III. An athlete who is found guilty of a criminal offense outside the scope of the Athletic Code of Conduct will face the same or similar consequences as those in the **SMHS student Handbook and Athletic Code of Conduct**. The same applies to an athlete who admits to such criminal activity but is not charged or arrested.
- IV. An athlete who is at the scene of criminal activity (including but not limited to the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs) may face consequences determined by the coaching staff and athletic administrator.
- V. An athlete who is in violation of school rules will be discipline according to the **SMHS Student Handbook**. The athlete may face additional consequences based on his or her team’s rules set by the varsity coach. If an athlete is suspended from school, he or she is ineligible for interscholastic athletic participation from the start of the school suspension until the end of the suspension. An athlete may not attend or participate in SMHS extracurricular activities during the suspension period.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS
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FRESHMAN, JUNIOR VARSITY, AND VARSITY AWARDS

Numerals	Numerals are the first award for any freshman athlete at Seccina. Subsequent freshman awards are certificates. Upperclass athletes who may not have competed at Seccina in their freshman year will also earn numerals for their class year. The numerals represent the athlete's graduation year and should be worn on the upper left sleeve of the varsity letter jacket.
JV Insignia	The JV insignia is given upon successful completion of the first junior varsity season in a sport. The insignia is a four-inch chenille patch that is placed on the right sleeve of the letter jacket. Subsequent JV awards will earn certificates.
Scholar Athlete	This award is given to Seccina students who maintain a B average while playing a sport for the previous 2 semesters. (Freshmen; previous semester) This should be worn on the right sleeve of the athlete's jacket under the mascot.
First Varsity Letter	Given upon successful completion of the first varsity season in the athletic program. The letter is a six inch gold letter that is placed on the left breast of the letter jacket purchased by the athlete.
Addition Varsity Letters	Given upon successful completion of second or additional varsity participation in the athletic program. The award is a chevron with insert representing the sport the athlete participated in. These should be worn on the left sleeve of the letter jacket below the numerals.
Letter Jacket Names	<b>Recommended:</b> Name may be displayed in script in a variety of locations suggested by the manufacturer. No nicknames should be used. Girls may have their names displayed in block letters in the hood of their jackets. <b><i>Names on the jackets are optional.</i></b> Cost of the Jacket and lettering is not paid by the athletic department.

<h3>VARSIY LETTER CRITERIA</h3>
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**The determination of who shall receive a Varsity Letter, JV Letter, Freshmen numbers, are up to the individual Head Coach in that sport. These guidelines will be given to the athletes at the beginning of the season. In all sports, to earn season-ending awards, an athlete must finish the season in good standing according to the SMHS Student Handbook, and specific team rules. Certain athletes may not attain the standards below due to illness, injury, or other unusual circumstances. In these cases, the varsity coach and athletic administrator reserve the right to award the varsity letter in the presence of additional valuable contributions to the athletic program, including consistent support of the team and setting a positive example for others through continued involvement in the athletic program.**

## MAJOR ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AWARD

### Scholastic Achievement Award

To the senior female and male athlete with the highest cumulative GPA after 7 semesters of high school. Candidates must have earned at least one varsity letter as a senior and must have been enrolled in Seccina from the first day of his/her senior year.

### Mental Attitude Award

To the senior female and male athlete with the best character and mental attitude in regard to athletics and classroom leadership. Candidates must have earned at least one varsity letter as a senior and must have been enrolled at Seccina from the first day of her/his senior year.

### Carole J. Hamilton Award

To the senior female athlete who exemplifies courage and bravery in holding uppermost in her mind the respect and feelings of her fellow classmates and opponents and who displays outstanding character, leadership, and devotion to others.

### Michael C. McGarvey Award

To the senior male athlete who most nearly exemplifies the courage and bravery of that gentlemen and who held uppermost in his mind the respect and feelings of his teammates and opponents and who displays outstanding character, leadership, and devotion to others.

### Sister Lavonne Long Outstanding Senior Female Athlete Award

To the senior female athlete who contributed the most to the Seccina Athletic Program during her high school career. Candidates must have earned at least one varsity letter as a senior and must have been enrolled at Seccina from the first day of her senior year.

### Kenneth Leffler Outstanding Senior Male Athlete Award

To the senior male athlete who contributed the most to the Seccina Athletic Program during his high school career. Candidates must have earned at least one Varsity letter as a senior and must be enrolled at Seccina from the first day of school in his senior year.

### Indiana Crossroads Conference Medal of Honor Award

To the senior male and female athlete who excelled in athletics, academics, and service to our school and school's athletic program.

For all awards, grades of transfer students are accepted and converted to the SMHS grade point scale. All other criteria must be met for an athlete to be considered for these major awards.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

### Staff

The SMHS team physician is Ryan Taylor. Dr. Taylor is a member of the American Board of Family Medicine. Dr. Taylor and a staff of Franciscan Health Hospital physicians administer annual physical examinations for SMHS athletes. Either Dr. Taylor or a Franciscan Health Hospital physician is present at all varsity football games. Dr. Taylor sees injured SMHS Athletes at her downtown clinic upon referral by the certified athletic trainer.

SMHS contracts certified athletic training services for all sports and cheerleading with Franciscan Health Sports Medicine.

**Unless an athlete's injury is extremely severe, he or she is strongly encouraged to seek medical care and guidance first from the SMHS certified athletic trainer or team physician, rather than from a general practitioner.** Athlete health care professionals have extensive knowledge and experience in the prevention, rehabilitation, and management of sports injuries.

### Insurance

The SMHS coaching and athletic training staffs prioritize the health and safety of our participants above winning. The staff is trained to instruct athletes in the safe and proper skill and training techniques of their individual sport(s). Due to the nature of athletic activity, however, injury sometimes serious, may occur.

Parents and guardians are highly encouraged to have a family insurance policy provided by the Archdiocese. For injuries sustained during school-sponsored activities, school insurance normally pays the balance of medical invoices after the family insurance ceases payments to health-care providers.

Should an injury requiring medical attention occur, the coach must file an incident report to the athletic office as soon as possible to begin the reporting process to the school insurance company. The next step in this process is for the family to obtain the insurance company form from the athletic office. This form asks for family insurance information and athlete information such as date of birth, residence, and injury. The family must return the form, signed, to the athletic office in order for the reporting process to continue.

## SCHOOL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

### Facilities and Individual Items

All athletes and team members are expected to care for equipment, uniforms, supplies, and facilities as if they were personally owned. This responsibility includes proper attention to washing and drying instructions, inspections, and security of all items.

Locker rooms should be clean and safe areas. All team members share in the responsibility to fulfill this expectation for the health and safety of the team. Athletes are expected to keep their personal areas organized and their personal items clean.

Unauthorized use of another person's personal or school-issued items will not be tolerated. Participants will be expected to reimburse the school for school-owned items that are not returned at the designated time in specified condition. A bill for such items will be passed on to the Tuition Office and will appear on future tuition billings.

### **Weight Room**

All athletes are expected to work hard while intelligently employing techniques and programs specified by the coaching staff. Everyone in the weight room is expected to respect the rights of others at all times.

The purpose of the weight room is to be an environment in which athletes develop speed, strength, power, and flexibility. Activities other than prescribed workouts are not allowed.

- When in use by students, the weight room **must be** supervised by a member of the SMHS staff.
- Lifters **must be** properly attired: Shorts or sweat pants, T-Shirt or sweatshirt, athletic shoes, and socks must be worn. T-shirts and sweatshirts must have sleeves.
- Spotters and weight collars **should be** utilized at all free weight stations.
- Weight belts should be worn.
- Weights **are to be** properly stored on racks at the conclusion of workouts.
- Disrespectful music and language **are not** allowed in the weight room. Supervising coaches are the authorities.
- Jewelry, (rings, watches, earrings, etc.) **are not** to be worn while lifting weights.

### **Transportation**

As often as possible, the school will provide team bus or van transportation to athletic events. When this is not possible, coaches will drive personal vehicles. Parents may also be asked to help transport teams. In certain sports that practice or compete off campus immediately after school, neither a van nor parents may be available to drive *every day*. ***In these limited cases, students may drive to and from practice or contest sites. To be allowed to drive, the parent must sign the Athletic Consent Form.*** Permission to leave the team after practice or contest by a method different from the transportation to the event must be with permission by the coach and on file with the coach in advance via written parental or guardian permission. **Athletes are not allowed to drive to away contests or ride with another student to or from away contest**

Voluntary consent by both parent or guardian and athlete to participate in the SMHS athletic program includes permission to transport oneself and be transported by other adults in the manner described above.

Regardless of the method of transportation, all participants are expected to hold the safety of themselves and others in the highest regard and to conduct themselves with respect for fellow team members, the driver, and other motorists and pedestrians.

## SCHOLAR ATHLETE PROGRAM

### Goals

The SMHS Scholar Athlete Program is an objective of the athletic department and its Booster Club; and a long-range goal to “help students achieve academic, wellness, and career-awareness success.” The objectives of the program are to:

- Highlight the vital partnership among scholarship, citizenship, and athletic participation.
- Recognize and reward SMHS athletic participants who have put forth outstanding effort as athletes, scholars, and school and community citizens.
- Inspire other students, through the example of Scholar Athletes, to become Scholar Athletes.
- Motivate East Deanery grade school students to become and remain Scholar Athletes at both the grade school and high school levels.

### Criteria

To achieve the designation of Scecina Memorial Scholar Athlete, a student must participate in one or more of the following activities during the current school year and maintain a Scholar Athlete grade point average (see definition below) of 3.00 or higher on the 4.00 scale for the 2 previous Semesters:

- A freshman, reserve, or varsity athletic team (including managers, statisticians, and other official members)
- A freshman, reserve, or varsity cheerleading team (including mangers, statisticians, and other official members)

Students must also maintain positive citizenship status in the classroom, athletic program, and as a member of the student body.

Students who quit or are dismissed from a team in the current school year will be ineligible to participate in the Scholar Athlete program for the current school year.

**The Scholar Athlete grade point average (GPA) is the average of the student’s prior school year second semester g.p.a. and his or her current school year first semester g.p.a.**

**Freshmen are eligible based on current year first-semester grades.** Transfer student grades, including those from a junior high school that includes the freshman year of study, are accepted from the former school for purposes of the SMHS Scholar Athlete program.

### Recognition

At the annual Scholar Athlete Mass and Awards Presentation, all Scholar Athletes receive a patch for their letter jacket in recognition of their outstanding achievement and determination.

**Further recognition is given at the Scholar Athlete Program:**

**William E Bevan Mayor’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Academics and Athletics:**

Awarded to the one male and one female Scholar Athlete with the highest Scholar Athlete G.P.A. in each of the sophomore and junior classes. The award is also presented to the two senior male and two senior female Scholar Athletes with the highest cumulative G.P.A.’s after seven semesters of high school.

### **Crusader Scholar Athlete Award**

Awarded to the top male and female Scholar Athlete from every East Deanery grade school. These individuals are selected by the grade school principal or designee and must plan to attend Seccina High School the next year.

<b>ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB AND PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES</b>
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#### Athletic Booster Club

The Athletic Booster Club is an organization of SMHS parents and friends. The purpose of the Athletic Booster Club is to raise funds in ethical and organized ways for the advancement of the SMHS athletic program and to provide parent perspective for the continued improvement of the SMHS athletic program. If you would like to volunteer to support the Athletic Booster Club, please contact the SMHS Athletic Office at 322-4286 or mail in the form below indicating your interests. **Booster Club Meetings times will be posted on the Seccina Website.**

#### *Booster Club Volunteer Opportunities*

1. Homecoming Tailgate and Cookout
2. Super Booster Night
3. Scholar Athlete Program
4. CYO Night for Fall & Winter
5. Team Parent
6. Season Pass Sales
7. Sports Physicals

**THIS FORM MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE STUDENT/ATHLETE MAY PRACTICE OR PARTICIPATE IN GAMES**

Name of Student-\_\_\_\_\_

Grade-\_\_\_\_\_

**2021-2022 Athletic Consent Form**

**Mandatory Consent for Participating in Athletics at Seccina Memorial High School** - Read the following.

Parent or Guardian must sign for Student to participate in athletics at Seccina Memorial High School.

As the parent or legal guardian for the Student listed above, I do hereby consent to the Student receiving athletic training services from St. Vincent Sports Medicine. I understand that during the course of these services certain health information related to Student's athletic training services might be used and/or disclosed for treatment, payment or healthcare operations purposes, or as otherwise required by law. I further consent to certain health information being disclosed to school personnel, including but not limited to, coaches, school administration, and/or staff, as necessary. I understand this consent is subject to my revocation at any time, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on this consent. Otherwise, this consent shall expire at the end of the school year or the Student's current athletic season, whichever is later.

I also give permission to the Seccina Athletic Trainer to administer Tylenol, Advil, and Aleve. I concur that the above named student is not allergic to any of the above-mentioned medicines.

I/we have read and discussed the information in the SMHS Athletic Handbook and know, understand, agree with and voluntarily assent to comply with the rules as stated.

I/we agree to pay for any materials that the Student listed above receives as part of a team kit. I also agree to pay for any equipment or uniform that I, the parent or guardian, request to be purchased for the Student.

I/we agree to provide transportation for the Student listed above, to and from practice and home contest when practice facilities or Home contest facilities, are off Seccina Memorial High School grounds.

I/we consent to the disclosure by SMHS to the IHSAA of all required, detailed student-related financial, scholastic, and attendance records of the school, unless the student is emancipated, in which event the student shall give such consent.

I/we authorize SMHS to investigate and obtain information from law enforcement officials, the probation department, or any other source regarding events leading up to an arrest or filing of charges for an act, which would violate the rules of the SMHS Athletic Handbook.

I/we acknowledge that the participant is assuming a certain risk of being injured and that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are a possibility in organized athletics.

I give permission to Seccina Memorial High School, for the Student listed above, to use their name and picture(s) on the school website and other publications that Seccina Memorial High School may produce or contribute to.

I give permission for the Student listed above to ride to and from an athletic contest, with a Seccina Memorial High School Employee, in a non-Seccina Memorial High School vehicle, if needed. (This will only be done if school owned vehicles are not available)

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Signature of Parent and Guardian

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Signature of Athlete

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Date

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Date