

THE ST. ANGELA MERICI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

ARTICLE 1-NAME

This organization should be known as the St. Angela Merici Athletic Association affiliated with the North County Catholic Youth Council (NYCYC), and the Catholic Youth Council Athletic Association, Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The general aim of the St. Angela Merici Athletic Association is to help a boy or girl become an ideal youth firmly loyal to God, Church, and community. As Christian adults and parents to the children with whom we are charged, we must zealously pursue our responsibilities. Athletics, properly regulated, play a very important role in the development of youth. The Constitution is a sincere effort to promote good sportsmanship, respect for rules, and self-discipline amongst the precedence over and above all other pursuit of the St. Angela Merici Athletic Association and its individual members. With this in mind, the following guidelines are presented:

1. To give each child an equal opportunity to participate in any given sport.
2. To promote athletic activities for boys and girls under proper guidance, leadership, and regulation.
3. To control all athletic programs and athletic functions of the parish.
4. To determine the type of athletic programs to sponsor.
5. To determine the number of teams to be entered in all athletic activities.
6. To secure qualified coaches for the various teams.
7. To arrange for the proper and economical use of facilities and equipment.
8. To arrange and make schedules for use of parish athletic facilities.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall consist of any member of St. Angela's parish, and anyone living within the parish boundaries that is interested in the athletic program.

ARTICLE IV-EXECUTIVE COUNSEL

The officers are known as the Executive Counsel, which consists of the spiritual director, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and parish representative. The Executive Counsel is the governing body of the St. Angela Merici Athletic Association.

Section 1: Duties of the Executive Counsel:

President:

- The President is the head of the Executive Counsel. He has the authority and responsibility to appoint the chairmen to the various committees, with exception of those handled by other members of the Executive Counsel, and if time allows, may seek the advice of the Executive Counsel or the membership at large. This is subject to the approval of the spiritual director. The president must be aware of any developments that may affect the athletic program and ensure an efficient and economical operation of the athletic program and all committee functions.

Vice-President:

- The Vice-President must be in the position to discharge the duties of the president or to assist the president whenever the occasion demands. He must also act as the assistant to the parish representative.

Secretary:

- The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all activities of the organization, handling any necessary correspondence, and informing the body at large at every regular meeting of the organization. Update changes in the SAMAA bi-laws in written form.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer shall keep accurate account of assets and liabilities and inform the body at large at every regular meeting of the organization. The treasurer may approve disbursements up to \$200. Any amount above \$300 must be approved by the Executive Counsel.

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- \* Represent our parish at all NCCYC meetings and votes.

#### ARTICLE V-ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers (Executive Board) shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in August. A candidate for office shall be at large, subject to the approval of the spiritual director. When two or more members are nominated for the same office, they shall be elected by a simple majority.

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1. If for some reason, some member of the Executive Council cannot complete his or her term of office, the association may elect a member to complete the term of office affected, subject to the approval of the spiritual director.
2. The CYC parish representative must inform the assistant CYC representative of any meeting or function that he can not attend. It is mandatory that St. Angela Merici be represented at any meeting or function affecting the athletic program. The association will elect a CYC parish representative for a one year period, after which time any member of the athletic association may be considered for the job.
3. Any boy or girl may participate in the athletic program, providing that he or she lives within the parish boundaries or meet eligibility requirements of the NCCYC.
4. The Executive Board shall outline the functions of each committee appointed.
5. The highest ranking officer at the meeting may vote, but only in the case of a tie vote.
6. The majority of the Executive Council must be present when any vote on an issue is necessary, and decided by a simple majority.
7. The president, treasurer, and spiritual director must be authorized to sign checks.
8. The officers will consist of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and parish representative, elected and installed at the August meeting.
9. The association will elect a sports coordinator and assistant sports coordinator for each sport. The term for each appointee will be a minimum of three seasons. Once the respective sports coordinator has served at least a three year season, any member of the Athletic Association has the right to be considered for that sport's coordinator position. They must apply at the end of the season for that sport. When two or more individuals are interested, the Executive Board's decision is final.
10. No child will be prohibited from participating in a sport due to non-payment of the registration fee if the parent (guardian) is proven to be a hardship case to the Executive Board by filling out the proper application.
11. Treasury funds will be used to cover normal operating expenses. Any excess may be used for capital spending or other special purpose, with the approval of the Executive Board.
12. An inventory of equipment must be taken at least once a year by the equipment coordinator. The results of the inventory must be reported at the next regular meeting.
13. All players must be allowed to play at least the time recommended by the NCCYC. Managers can play a player any number of innings or minutes over the above minimum requirements. It is suggested that the manager be fair and understanding with all players.
14. It is the responsibility of managers to turn in their equipment.
15. Any motion to change the bylaws may not be effected unless is accepted by a majority vote on three consecutive meetings. If urgency warrants, the president may call a special meeting with proper notification to the association's members.

16. Evaluation of players for any sport will not be allowed. Each child that registers for any specific sport approved by the St. Angela Merici Athletic Association will have the right to play that sport with children of his or her peer group. No child will be made to feel that they are not good enough to play on the “A” team, as opposed to a “B” team. No child will ever be made to feel inferior to another child. If a team for any specific sport has an abundance of players, that sport will then be divided into two teams (a green team and a yellow team). Teams will be decided by a name-pull. No one coach may decide who he or she “prefers” to have on his or her team, other than their own child.

A. Formation of teams: The association sponsors recreational, not select, sports programs. The following are guidelines for team formation:

1. There will be no tryouts.
2. There will be no player ratings performed.
3. Coaches will not select players
4. An existing player is a player who participated in the St. Angela Merici athletic program for that particular sport the year before.
5. A new player is a player who did not participate in the St. Angela Merici athletic program for that particular sport the year before or has never been in the program before.
6. At random means pulling a name out of a hat, or a similar arbitrary process.
7. Entry-level teams such as pre-K and K for softball, baseball, and soccer, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for basketball, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball will all be formed by choosing names at random until teams have formed. Teams will be divided per roster limits evenly. Teams will be formed while providing for placement of a head coach and one assistant coach’s child on a given team. Placement exceptions will only be considered for situations involving siblings.
8. Only players meeting St. Angela Merici, Archdiocesan CYC, and district requirements are eligible to play on a team.
9. The association, with the assistance of parents, will make every effort to recruit players within the parish boundaries in order to complete St. Angela Merici teams, to create additional St. Angela Merici teams rather than have overly large teams exceeding the optimum, and to place on St. Angela Merici teams as many players as possible who want to play for St. Angela Merici. If the association is unable, after reasonable effort, to recruit players for St. Angela Merici teams, then the association shall make every reasonable effort to place elsewhere within the district players who signed up but could not be placed on St. Angela Merici teams.

10. Managers may recruit players within boundaries after registrations for their teams up to the optimum number of players with approval of the Executive Board.
11. Players may not be on the rosters of two St. Angela Merici teams for the same sport during district play.
12. Players desiring to switch teams can only do so with the consent of the managers of both teams, and with board approval. Players may not switch teams if by leaving that team, that team would then have less than the minimum number of players.
13. When teams are assigned players by random drawing, drawing one brother or sister or similarly related child also is considered as drawing the other or others. If, however, such players are different age levels, the younger player cannot play up to a higher level if that causes any team to fall below the minimum number of players. Once a player has played up to a higher age level, the player is entitled to remain on that team.
14. A player may request permission to play up to a maximum of one higher grade level:
  - When there is not a team at the player's grade level
  - At the request of the parent, provided that playing up does not cause the child's grade level to fall below the team minimum outlined in Section 1.
15. In the event the board deems the division of players into teams unfair, and not in accordance with the spirit of the associations constitution and bylaws, then the Executive Board may place players on teams without following this rule A, and in a manner that they may appear to conflict with this rule A.

A. Assignment of Players/Teams:

Section 1: Team minimums

- A. Each team must have the minimum number of players
- B. The minimum number of players on any team for each sport of any age level and gender shall be the minimum established by the constitution or bylaws of the Archdiocesan CYC or district. In their absence, the following table will be used.

Basketball	6
Soccer PK-2	8
Soccer 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade-up	12
Softball	11
Volleyball	7
Baseball	10

Section 2: Team optimums

- A. The optimum number of players on any team for each sport of any age level and gender shall be:

Basketball	10
Soccer PK-2	10
Soccer 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade-up	16
Softball	16
Volleyball	10
Baseball	15

- B. Late Registrations with late fees will be accepted up to the team optimum. Any registrations over the team optimum will be accepted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 3: Managers/Coaches

- A. At the board's discretion, a manager of a team the prior year has the right to manage the team the current year.  
 B. Each team's official coach shall be chosen by the manager.  
 C. All managers and coaches on roster must be in compliance with the Archdiocese, CYC, and St. Angela Merici coaching requirements.

Section 4: Team Assignments

- A. No prior year's teams
1. If the number of players for any age level and gender is less than twice the minimum number, so that there are an insufficient number of players to establish another team, then those players shall be placed on the team.
  2. If the number of players for any age level and gender is equal to or greater than twice the minimum so that there are a sufficient number of players to establish more than one team, the teams shall be determined by the Executive Board that meets the school balance objective stated above.

B. Prior year's teams

1. If the number of players for any age level or gender is less than twice the minimum number so that there is an insufficient number of players to establish another team, then those players shall be placed on the team.
2. From one team to two teams:
  - i. The sports coordinator will work with the managers to find an amicable solution that meets the school balance objective stated above.
  - ii. If there is not an amicable agreement, the teams will be formed by random drawing of players.
  - iii. The Executive Board must approve teams.
3. Two teams to two teams

Players on the team the previous year remain on the team. New players will be assigned by the sport's coordinator with consideration given to:

- A. Teams not having the optimum number of players
- B. Team balance
- C. Parent request as indicated on registration form
- D. Random assignment

4. Two teams to one team

All players registered on time will be assigned. The manager will be selected by Executive Board, based on the following criteria (in this order):

1. Involvement in the SAMAA above and beyond coaching.
2. Experience coaching in the specific sport at SAMAA
3. Board recommendation

5. Three teams to two teams

- A. Managers will be selected by the Executive Board, based on the following criteria (in this order):
  1. Involvement in the SAMAA above and beyond coaching.
  2. Experience coaching in the specific sport at SAMAA
  3. Board recommendation
- B. The team of the manager not selected will be divided.

- C. The sports commissioner will work with the managers to find an amicable solution that meets the school balance objective stated above.
- D. If there is not an amicable agreement then the teams will be formed by random drawing of players.
- E. The Executive Board must approve the teams.

C. If a player leaves a team for one or more seasons, and then registers, said player shall be treated as a new player.

#### B. Player participation

If for any reason a manager or parent is dissatisfied with any phase of a team member's participation, said party shall, as soon as possible, meet and together arrive at an agreeable course of action. If unable to do so, said parties will meet with the appropriate sports coordinator, who will in turn render a decision.

#### C. Fees

The registration fees, tournament fees, and monies appropriated for city-county champion teams shall be established by the Executive Board.

#### D. Agreements

Section 1: Parents shall provide transportation for players to and from practices, official games, and any other team-related function scheduled by the manager or his designee.

Section 2: No manager is to leave players unsupervised from the conclusion of the game or practice until players have been picked up by a responsible person or transported home. Parents are responsible to be aware of start and stop times and should arrive and pick up at these times, unless other arrangements have been made with the responsible manager or his designee.

Section 3: No manager, coach, or parent shall use language or show inappropriate behavior unbecoming a representative of the association. Any infraction of this agreement shall constitute a revocation of membership of said party by decision of the Executive Board.

Section 4: A schedule of games shall be provided for parents of all players.

Section 5: The Executive Board reserves the right to allocate tournament funds for SAMAA sponsored tournaments. Teams may enter two sanctioned tournaments as desired.

Section 6: A minimum deposit per uniform per sport will be assessed each player, and such deposit refunded upon return of the uniform in good condition at the prescribed uniform return time. If the uniform is not returned as prescribed, such player will be ineligible to participate in any sponsored sport program until return of the uniform to the association or monetary compensation set by the board.

Section 7: The players' parents/guardians are scheduled to a work duty. Set assignments will be made in a fair, reasonable, and equitable manner.

Shifts are expected to be worked as assigned, and the parent is responsible for working the assigned shift or finding an alternate. If the assigned shift is not worked, then a deposit check will be cashed. A buyout fee, set by the Executive Board, can be substituted for a work duty.

Section 8: SAMAA will only be financially responsible for St. Angela Merici teams for:

A. Monies designated for awards to teams winning city-county championships shall be set by the Executive Board in a fair and equitable manner. Awards shall be first approved by the Executive Board.

B. Any other awards, plaques, etc. are the financial responsibility of the managers, coaches, and parents of their teams.

#### E. Knowledge of Constitution and Bylaws

All significant parties will have access to the constitution and bylaws on the parish website; they shall acquaint themselves with the concepts. Ignorance will not be accepted as an excuse for violation of the constitution and/or bylaws.

#### F. Membership meetings

Membership meetings shall be scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month. The board has the authority to call special membership meetings at its discretion. The board has discretion to change or cancel any meetings.

#### G. Registrations

1. All registrations mentioned herein must be approved by the duly elected Executive Committee.
2. Registration for baseball/softball shall be completed by the end of February. Registration for soccer/volleyball shall be completed by the end of May. Registration for basketball shall be completed by the end of October. Registration times, places, and deadlines for each sport's season shall be established by the Executive Committee.
3. Registrations taken after the last scheduled registration will be accepted with designated late fees in order to fill teams at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
4. Conditions of the current Archdiocesan CYC constitution and/or district regulations governing additions to existing rosters are fulfilled.
5. All other matters pertaining to registration and/or eligibility are to be referred to the Archdiocesan CYC constitution and/or district regulations.

F. Any matter not covered by this constitution and bylaws shall be left to the discretion of the Executive Board of the association, and when these matters are ruled on, they shall be read at the following SAMAA meeting.