

ATHLETICS

Varsity Sports

Faith Christian School participates in Varsity Athletics with various Christian schools and charter schools as a member of an organized league. Likewise, other non-Christian schools and organizations may be included in competition as the schedule permits. Team sports currently available include boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball, basketball, and golf. Junior Varsity level sports for the younger students are available in these same sports as resources allow.

Participation will be open first to students in grades 9-12. If there are still vacancies on the teams, participation will be extended to the Junior High. Junior Varsity teams for the Junior High will be provided if there are enough students to participate and if coaching staff can be supplied.

Practices are scheduled at designated times. All athletes are expected to be at practices.

Schedules will be published as they become available.

It is necessary to collect a sports fee for each sport in which a student participates in order to pay for the equipment and the referees. All fees must be paid at the beginning of each season. No student will be issued a uniform until the fee has been paid.

Eligibility

Student-athletes will be required to demonstrate a commitment to academics and respectful behavior by conducting themselves in the classroom in a manner that prevents them from earning detention. Athletes who go over 30 minutes of detention a week may forfeit eligibility for games. For every 15 minutes served in detention over the 30 minutes, they may be suspended for a game.

Physical Fitness

Each student-athlete is encouraged to be prepared for the season by being physically fit to participate in a high level varsity athletic contest. This is ultimately for the student's safety and prevention of injury. A physical signed by a doctor is required before the first practice.

Expectations of Student Athletes

Each student-athlete is expected to attend every practice and game. Coaches must be notified, ahead of time, in the event a student-athlete will be late or miss a practice or game. A student-athlete missing a practice will be marked absent, and subject to the absence policy of the school. Failure to attend practices, without coach's consent, may result in (1) a lower grade or loss of credit, (2) less playing time during games, or (3) suspension from the team. If a player is injured, he/she will still be required to attend each practice and game, unless excused by their coach.

If absent from school on a game day, the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in the game. Unless he/she is excused by the coach or administration, he/she will be required to attend the game to support the team.

All student-athletes declared ineligible, whether for detention, suspension, or probation will be required to attend stated practices and may be required to attend scheduled games without the opportunity to participate. In the case of absences, and behavior, the student may be required to NOT attend the game.

The athlete is expected to handle all conflicts in a Biblical manner, using the Matthew 18 Principle as a guide. This would include conflicts with other team members and coaches.

Uniforms

Each student athlete will be responsible for his/her game uniform. It will be their responsibility to bring and have a clean uniform for each game.

All participants in a sport will be required to wear a practice uniform. All participants will be required to wear the appropriate footwear for practice and games. Each participant will be responsible to be dressed appropriately. Every team will look uniform for practice and games. Each participant is responsible to keep practice uniform clean.

Character

When participating in a team sport, each student-athlete will understand that they will have a specific role on that team. During competition, each student-athlete's attitude and character must reflect that of Christ's. This is vital to the success of the team. Failure to do so may result in a penalty for the team during competition. Coaches will handle each occurrence as they see fit.

Each athlete is expected to respect all authority, beginning with the coach. He or she is also to consider the officials of the games to be the God-ordained authority for that game, and humbly submit to their decisions, even if the official is wrong.

Each athlete is expected to respect the other team and its coaches and fans. At no time will disrespect towards the other team be tolerated.

Remember, all sports at FCS are team sports. Your conduct in the classroom and on the field, court, or course can ultimately affect how your team does. Failure to work to excel in the classroom, i.e., detention, missing work, bad test scores or grades, can negatively affect your team. Also, failure to give 100% during practice and games can negatively affect your team. When you are involved with a team, your conduct doesn't only affect you.

Any student-athlete who is suspended or is on probation for any reason may be declared ineligible for any athletic competition at the discretion of the school administration.

Parents

Parents are expected to attend games as much as possible to show support for their child and the team.

Parents are expected to maintain objectivity with regard to their child and sports. Parents are encouraged to have confidence in the coach - that he or she is acting in the best interest of the child and the team.

Parents are to set an example of positive fan behavior for their children. At Faith Christian School, fans are expected to shout encouragement to the team members and praise for a job well done. FCS expects their fans to be above reproach.

Parents are expected to handle conflicts Biblically by following the guidance of the Matthew 18 Principle. This includes conflicts with the coach and others who are part of the team.

The school may provide transportation to away games via the school's bus. When the bus is scheduled to transport, team members are required to ride with the team. If the bus is not available to transport the teams, parents will be asked to help provide transportation.

Forms and Physicals

There are 3 (three) forms which need to be filled out for each student who participates in any sport. Only 1 (one) set of forms is needed for each student per school year no matter how many sports they play. These forms are the consent form, the release of liability form, and a physical form. A doctor must sign the physical form after examining the student. These must be completed and returned to the school office before the student participates in any school-sponsored practice or game. The only exception to this is if the doctor's appointment has been scheduled, but will not occur until after practices have begun. **IT IS STRONGLY URGED THAT PHYSICALS BE SCHEDULED DURING THE SUMMER.** (Under no circumstance will a student participate in a game who does not have all three forms turned into office)