

**FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY**  
**Athletic Guidelines**  
**For**  
**Parents /Student Athletes**



***"...but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31***

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## ***GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS***

## **NOTES**

**ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:** Participation in extra-curricular activities is dependent upon maintaining grades and successful progress in all subjects. In order for a student to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extra-curricular activity, a student must be passing all academic subjects with the grade of C or better. Any student failing to meet these academic criteria will be placed on academic probation. During the season, the administrator will notify coaches on Friday of each week any student who is on academic probation. No student will be ineligible based on a single recorded grade. Administrator may use teacher discretion in making a decision to place a student on academic probation. During academic probation, all homework pages and assignments must be turned in on time. If other grades fall, academic probation will be revoked. During academic probation, students will be allowed to play a maximum of two quarters in any basketball game. If a student fails to pass a subject for the quarter, he/she will be ineligible for the entire succeeding quarter. Ineligible players will participate in all practices and are expected to support their team by sitting on the bench or traveling with the team to away games. Students must be in attendance at school on the day of games in order to play.

**EXTRACURRICULAR REGULATIONS:** Any student representing FBA may be suspended or dropped from any team or organization for any violation or act, either in school or out-of-school, which violates the FBA code of conduct for students. Some examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, gross disrespect, failure to obey/follow direction given, unsportsmanlike like conduct with coaches, other team, or officials.

**EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** Team members will be excused from practice because of a planned absence due to a doctor or dental appointment, funerals, or illness. Parents are expected to contact coach or AD prior to missing a practice or game. Failure to give prior notification of an otherwise excused absence, or an absence for any reason not stipulated will be considered unexcused. Consequences for unexcused absences will be determined by each coach.

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**INSURANCE:** Students must also have a signed insurance waiver on file. This waiver is simply verification that parents have adequate insurance coverage on the student.

**PHYSICALS:** All students participating in athletics must have an annual physical examination on file (physical must be done after June 1 to be valid) in order to participate in extracurricular athletic activities. Both physical and insurance waiver must be on file before the students will be permitted to try out for any athletic activity.

**ATHLETIC PROGRAM:** As we grow the sports program, FBA will strive to appeal to the interests of all students. We believe that sports are important in a student's total education and therefore encourage students to participate. All athletes must meet eligibility standards and have a current annual physical on file.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** When students are admitted to First Baptist Academy, they represent not only the school itself, but First Baptist Church of O'Fallon (FBCO), and most importantly Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is expected that student/athlete's conduct (and parents) will reflect favorably on the students themselves, the Academy, and FBCO.

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** The participation fee is necessary for the school to continue to be able to offer athletic programs. The fee will help to offset the cost of uniforms and referees. Fees, per student, are as follows:  
*First sport - \$75, Second sport - \$65, Third sport - \$60*

**UNIFORMS:** Uniforms are the property of First Baptist Academy and must be returned, in good condition, at the end of the season cleaned and ready for the next year.

***\*Membership or participation in any extracurricular activity is a privilege, not a right.\****

## ***PARENT/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES***

### **Support Your Student-Athlete**

1. In academics, reinforce the importance of:
  - Academics
  - Being on time to class
  - Completing and turning in assignments on time
  - Respecting teachers and peers
  
2. In athletics, emphasize:
  - Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right
  - Students must maintain academic eligibility
  - Students must abide by the code of conduct
  - Students must follow the school/team policies
  - Student must respect his/her coach
  - Student must be responsible for his/her actions
  - Students are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship
  - Ensure that your student-athlete arrives on time to all home games, practices, and bus departures
  - Pick up your student immediately after all practices, games, and bus arrivals
  - ATTEND SPORTING EVENTS WHILE KEEPING SPORT IN PERSPECTIVE

***\*\*Cost for home and away games will be as follows:***

***Students: \$1.00-\$1.50***

***Adults: \$3.00***

***(Cost may vary depending on school)***

### **Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship**

1. Respecting the coaching staff
  - Remember that coaching decisions are made for the benefit of the overall team
  - Understand that coaching decisions are based on various factors
  - Refrain from addressing the coach on time your student plays in a game
  
2. Respect officials
  - Model behavior that displays a Christ-like attitude and acceptance of their decisions
  - Appreciate the position of the officials and understand that they are doing their best to promote positive athletic competition
  
3. Respect athletes, opponents, and fans
  - Show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team
  - Support the entire team in addition to your own student
  - Encourage others to display sportsman-like conduct

### **Model Appropriate Behavior**

- Emphasize the need for student to communicate directly to coach about their concerns
- If the concerns are not resolved by the student communicating with the coach, the parent may call or email the coach to discuss the issue or set an appointment to meet
- Contact the Interim Athletic Director if additional help is required.

### **In addition to all of the above, student athletes are expected to:**

- 1) Display a winning attitude by practicing and playing as hard as you possibly can.
- 2) Not participate in activities that are detrimental to yourself and/or others.