

Faith Academy Athletic Department

Guidelines for Student-Athletes

1. Parent and/or guardian **and** the student must read and sign the athletic forms before a student will be allowed to participate.
2. A student must have a physical exam by a qualified physician before he/she will be allowed to participate (in tryouts, practice or events).
3. A student must take the STAR/NFHS Sportsmanship test online (one time) and turn in the certificate before he/she will be allowed to participate.
4. If a student fails more than one subject per semester, he/she will be ineligible for the following semester to participate in any sports program activities. Student athletes will be evaluated each quarter. To remain eligible, students must **not** fail more than one academic subject for the quarter and maintain a minimum numerical average of 70/C for each quarter, approximately every nine weeks. Students attending summer school will be re-evaluated prior to participating in fall sports.
5. A student must attend a minimum of four classes per day to play in a game or practice for that day. The only exception will be a doctor's excuse.
6. Help class for all students will be held on Tuesday through Friday from 7:20 - 7:45 a.m. or 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Athletes must obtain a pass from teacher in order to return to practice.
7. If a student misses practice for reasons other than death, sickness (doctor's excuse), or an emergency they will be given extra work to make up for the practice they missed. If a student has two unexcused practices, the student will be dismissed from the team. Vacations are considered unexcused.
8. If a player misses practice the day before a game for reasons other than death, sickness (doctor's excuse), or an emergency, they will not be allowed to play in the next game.
9. If a student starts a sport and is dismissed before the season is finished, he/she will not be allowed to practice with another Faith Academy sport until the sport that he/she was dismissed from has finished.
10. If a student says that he/she is going to quit a sport, they are to be given a 24-hour grace period and are to report back to the coach the next day. If the decision to quit stands, a written report is to be filed with the Athletic Director, signed by the student, parent/guardian, and coach. If the decision to quit changes and the student remains on the team, he/she will be required to run fifteen timed miles and not be allowed to participate in the next game. The run must be completed before the student will be allowed to return to the team.
11. Any student that misses practice or is late due to detention will be given extra work that day. If a student receives two one-hour detentions in his/her season, he/she will be dismissed from the team.
12. If a student is suspended from school for any reason, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the next game. The suspended student will have extra work that must be completed before he/she can participate with the team.
13. If a student accumulates two major suspensions (suspended for more than one day) in a year, he/she will be dismissed from the team and will not be allowed to participate in any other sport for that year.

14. Students will not be allowed to leave campus between the time school ends and practice begins.
15. Varsity practice in all sports can begin at 3:30 p.m. each day. Practice for all sports will end no later than 7:30 p.m. each day. On Wednesdays, practice will end no later than 5:30 p.m. Saturday and holiday practice times are open.
16. All students must wear Faith Academy Varsity Athletic uniforms or school issued practice uniforms. A student will not be allowed to practice in any other clothing.
17. If a student fails to bring any part of their uniform to a game, coaches cannot take a uniform or a part of a uniform from one player to be used by another player.
18. All hair styles must be in keeping with conservative standards as determined by the school administration. Asymmetrical, bi-level, Mohawk, shaved portions, ethnic cuts, V-cuts, rat tails, sideburns below mid=ear, beards, mustaches, or artificial hair coloring are **not** permitted. Deliberate defiance of this code may be grounds for disciplinary action.
19. All tattoos must be covered at all times.
20. Any student who intentionally sells, gives, possesses, uses, or is under the influence of illegal drugs, narcotics, or alcohol could be dismissed from the team. The appropriate law enforcement agencies will be contacted for possible legal action.
21. The use and/or possession of tobacco or tobacco products are prohibited on and off school campus.
22. The Athletic Department will provide transportation to all games when possible. Student athletes must have written permission from their parent or guardian to ride home with another parent or guardian on the team. Students are not allowed to carpool with other students to and/or from athletic events.
23. Teachers are not to have current students at Faith Academy as friends on social networking sites.
24. The use of cellphones, earbuds, headphones, tablets, Apple watches and all other electronic devices is prohibited on school campus during the school hours of 7:50 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. The first offense will result in a 1-hour detention. The second offense will result in Saturday school, and the third offense will result in a 1-day suspension with zeroes. Athletes may only use cell phones during practice/game times with coach's prior approval.
25. Males and females will stay in separate hotels on any school sponsored overnight trip.
26. Student-athletes are held to a higher standard and will display good Christian sportsmanship and a positive attitude at all times. If at any time, you feel that you cannot be positive about the Athletic Department, you should request a meeting with your coach.

I _____ with my parent/guardian _____ understand the expectations of being a student athlete at Faith Academy and will abide by these expectations. If I fail to abide by these expectations, I understand the appropriate consequences.

Student-athlete signature _____
 Parent/Guardian signature _____