

FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC POLICY

The First Assembly Christian School's Athletic program strives to insure a true Biblical philosophy of sports. The program is concerned with the development of Christian character among athletes. The prevailing attitude of those connected to the FACS athletic program is:

1. I want Christ to be seen in my life.
2. Anything less than my best does not honor God.

It is expected that these guidelines will be followed by all students. It is further expected that parents will support FACS standards and goals for the overall student body and school ministry. It is expected that parents will keep the long range goals foremost in mind when decisions and policies must be made that limit or eliminate student participation in sports.

General Policies

Eligibility

Student participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right! When a student joins a FACS team, the student is immediately identified as a leader, ambassador, and an example of the school the student represents. It is important for student athletes to realize that athletics are always considered secondary to academic responsibilities.

Quitting

An athlete who quits a sport is ineligible to participate in the next sports season, i.e. if a spring sport athlete quits during the spring sports season, the student will be ineligible to participate in fall sports. If there are extenuating circumstances, the coaches and the athletic director may use their discretion. All cases will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Grades

One criteria upon which a student's eligibility to participate in athletics is grades. Grades from the student's previous quarter will determine eligibility for participation. It's expected that all student athletes shall maintain a 2.0 GPA in core courses: Math, English, Social Studies, Science and Foreign Language. This aligns with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Once determined ineligible, the student's grades will be checked every three weeks to determine if the student's grades have improved enough to make them eligible to participate.

Conduct and Attitude

Another criteria upon which a student's eligibility is based is a student's attitude. If a student has continuing conduct and attitude problems, the student may be dropped from participating on a team at the discretion of the coach, principal, or athletic director. Teachers will be consulted to determine if the student's classroom behavior is satisfactory.

Age

Students shall not be 19 years of age on or before August 1st of the school year in which they desire to participate.

Equipment and Uniforms

It is expected that all students will return all uniforms and equipment issued to them immediately after the close of the season. In addition, all bills must be paid before the student will be allowed to participate in another sport. It is the athlete's responsibility to properly maintain FACS uniforms and equipment. Any student discovered abusing or not returning FACS uniforms or equipment will be subject to disciplinary action and may be billed for damages, if warranted. Report cards, transcripts, and diplomas shall be held until matters are settled.

Practice and Games

It is expected that student athletes will be present at all practices and games of their team. However, there are times in which being present is not possible. These are excused or not excused. Players are obligated to inform their coach personally of their expected absence prior to an absence. If an athlete is excused from practice or a game by the coach, the coach will determine if disciplinary action is necessary. If an athlete is not excused, the following criterion is applicable:

1. Players missing practice the day before the game should not expect to start that game.
2. Players absent from school or who leave early (without administrative permission) prior to a game will not be eligible to play in the game that day. A player must be in school prior to 11:00 am on the day of the game to be eligible to play.

3. Players will not be allowed to participate in a sports activity on the day of an ISS or OSS.
4. All practices are considered closed to those not on the team unless the coach allows visitors during the practice sessions.

Travel

It is required that all players will ride together as a team in school approved vehicles with school approved drivers to and from the games to build team spirit. A coach may grant a written request from a parent for their child to ride with them or another approved adult, if this does not disrupt team morale.

Parent and Student Cooperation

Cooperation among coaches, athletes' parents and school personnel is essential for students to realize the value of athletic participation. Every coach, student, and parent must make commitments and sacrifices to assure such cooperation. To this end, students and parents are expected to abide by the following:

1. Be respectful and courteous to officials and opposing teams.
2. Never demean your child or anyone else.
3. Encourage the teams and coaches.
4. Be supportive whether the team wins or loses.
5. Let the coach do the coaching. Do not coach from the sidelines.
6. Do all you can to encourage the teams and build their self-esteem.
7. If you have a problem with a coach, speak to the coach privately.
8. Support the school in all school rules and discipline.

In addition, parents are expected to abide by the following:

1. Assist school personnel in promoting successful academic and athletic experiences for your child.
2. Assure that your child will attend all scheduled practices and athletic contests, including those on scheduled school holidays.
3. Require your child to abide by the athletic department's training rules and athletic policy.
4. Acknowledge the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy and player selection.
5. Promote mature behavior from students and parents during athletic contests.
6. Refrain from berating or belittling FACS players, opposing team's players or fans, and the officials.
7. Work closely with coaches and other school personnel to identify a reasonable and realistic future for your child as a student athlete.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student's Signature

____/____/____
Date

FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM

Full Name _____ Age _____
Address _____ Birth date _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ HT _____ WT _____ Grade _____
Mother's full name (or legal guardian) _____
Mother's work phone _____ Cell phone _____
Father's full name (or legal guardian) _____
Father's work phone _____ Cell phone _____
Family physician _____ Phone _____
Health insurance provider _____
Policy or group number _____
List any allergies _____
List any special needs _____
Emergency contact person _____ Phone _____

Participation Agreement

It is my understanding that my child will be participating on a First Assembly Christian School athletic team, and I give my consent for my child to play and practice on this team. I understand that in order for my child to be able to play and practice on any team that my child will need to have a screening medical exam given by certified medical personnel. This information will be presented to First Assembly Christian School in a written and certified manner prior to my child being able to try out for any athletic team. I certify that all medical history given concerning this screening medical exam is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

In addition I grant to any representative of FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO GIVE PERMISSION, CONSENT and APPROVAL to any DOCTOR, NURSE or HOSPITAL to provide normal or EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT (including anesthesia) as deemed necessary and in the best interest of my child while participating on a FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM. I understand that should a health emergency arise, every effort will be made to notify me, but that if I cannot be reached by telephone, such medical treatment as deemed necessary by competent medical personnel is authorized.

I also grant permission for my child to travel in any approved school transportation vehicles with school approved drivers, including private vehicles if deemed necessary.

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____