Jay County Christian Academy

Athletic Handbook

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the athletic program of Jay County Christian Academy. This handbook outlines the policies and expectations that ensure our athletics honor God and develop student-athletes of character and excellence.

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2. Mission & Philosophy

Mission:
To glorify God through excellence in athletics, cultivating Christ-like character, teamwork, and discipline in our student-athletes.

Philosophy:
Athletics are an extension of our Christian education. We view sports as a platform to teach biblical principles, build community, and prepare students to live faithfully and lead effectively when they are sent off out of our care.

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3. Objectives of Athletics

- Glorify God through effort and attitude
- Teach perseverance, humility, and respect
- Promote physical, mental, and spiritual growth
- Build leadership and responsibility
- Create a unified school culture
- Creating a sense of community by having teamwork, and a connection with each other by having our faith in Christ.

4. Code of Conduct

All participants—coaches, athletes, and parents—must exhibit Christ-honoring behavior. Profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct, and disrespect toward others will not be tolerated.

For Athletes:

- Compete for a higher purpose (1 Timothy 1:17)
- Play in accordance with God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Practice and play with excellence (Colossians 3:23)
- Love and edify teammates, opponents, officials (Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:12)
- Maintain unity and humility (Ephesians 4:3; 1 Peter 5:5-6)
- Stay positive, coachable, forgiving (Ephesians 4:22-24; Proverbs 9:9; Ephesians 4:32)
- Guard body and reputation (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- Pray individually and as a team (Ephesians 6:18)
- Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Stand firm in faith (Ephesians 6:10-17

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5. Eligibility Requirements

- Must maintain a minimum GPA (e.g., 2.0 or "C" average), if you receive an F, you will not be able to participate in competition until it is back up to a C or higher
- Be in good disciplinary standing
- Submit required health and permission forms

- Attend at least half of the school day to participate in practice or games
- Social Media - If a participant posts inappropriate content that does not follow our views and values, then a warning followed by some sort of consequence will occur. We also suggest that we are mindful of what we watch and how often we are on social media. It has more effect on our life than we realize.

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6. Sportsmanship

We expect athletes and fans to:

- Respect referees, opponents, coaches, and teammates, through words and actions, on and off the field.
- Win humbly, lose graciously
- Represent Christ and our school with integrity
- Hazing is not tolerated

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7. Tryouts and Team Selection

- Open to all eligible students
- Selection based on skill, attitude, effort, and teamwork
- Coaches will communicate criteria clearly
- Not all students are guaranteed a starting spot on competitive teams, but will not be overlooked

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8. Team Commitments & Expectations

- Attend all practices and games, unless a documented excused absence
- Prioritize team responsibilities
- Respect team rules and roles

9. Coach Expectations

- Model Christ-like leadership
- Prioritize student well-being and growth
- Communicate clearly and respectfully
- Provide instruction and feedback
- Submit rosters, scores, and reports timely

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10. Parent Guidelines

- Support the team and coaching staff
- Encourage your child without pressuring performance
- Avoid coaching from the sidelines
- Address concerns respectfully and through proper channels

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11. Game Day Procedures

- Athletes should arrive in uniform and on time
- Parents should model respectful behavior in stands
- Teams will pray before and/or after each game
- Students must clean up after events
- Clean up after yourself to make our job easier

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12. Transportation Policy

- Students may only ride in approved vehicles
- Parents must complete transportation permission forms
- No student may drive themselves or others without written approval

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13. Injury and Safety Procedures

- All injuries must be reported to the coach immediately
- Coaches will have access to first aid kits
- Students must be cleared by a physician to return to play after serious injury

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14. Uniforms and Equipment

- Uniforms must be returned clean and undamaged, unless bought by the student
- Students are responsible for any school-issued gear
- Modesty guidelines apply to all athletic apparel

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15. Discipline Procedures

Infractions may result in:

- Loss of playing time
- Suspension from the team
- Permanent removal from athletics
  All discipline will be handled with grace and accountability.

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16. Communication Protocol

- Athlete → Coach → Athletic Director → Principal
- Parents should not approach coaches during/after games
- Allow a 24-hour “cool down” before voicing concerns

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17. Off-Season and Summer Programs

- Participation is encouraged but not mandatory
- Off-season work should not conflict with other school commitments
- All activities must align with the school's values

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18. Statement of Faith

All athletes, parents, and coaches agree to uphold the school's Christian beliefs, including:

- The authority of Scripture
- The lordship of Jesus Christ
- Biblical standards for behavior and character

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19. Acknowledgement Form

Student-Athlete Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

We have read and agree to abide by the Athletic Handbook policies.

Signature (Athlete): _____

Signature (Parent): _____

Date: _____