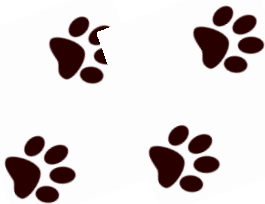




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Bethany Bulldogs

Student/Parent Sports Handbook

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## **Section A – Athletic Statement**

Bethany Christian School has established an after school, interscholastic sports program to encourage students to participate in physical exercise, grow together spiritually and to use the gifts and talents God has given them in this area.

## **Section B – Financial Responsibility**

A sports fee of \$125 will be charged for the initial sport your child is participating in and an additional \$75 is charged for each additional sport played.

## **Section C – Student Eligibility**

- Any middle school girl may try out for any girls' team here at Bethany.
- Any middle school boy may try out for any boys' team here at Bethany.
- Students must maintain at least a C average in all academic classes. They must also be doing their work to the best of their abilities.
- Students who are invited to play on a team must maintain a good attitude and incorporate team work into their playing.
- Students who develop a poor attitude may be asked to discontinue playing on the team. This will be taken into advisement by the coaches. The coaches will then present this to the athletic director and the principal.
- There will be team "cuts" when necessary.

### **Middle School Student Athlete Eligibility Requirements**

- BCS Expectations:
  - *"Student Athletes will demonstrate responsible academic behavior during a season by completing weekly assigned homework on a consistent basis and consistently being prepared for class"*
  - *"Student Athletes will maintain a 73% or above average in all courses during a season in order to be eligible to practice and participate in scheduled games"*
  - *"Student Athletes will consistently demonstrate appropriate conduct both in the classroom and on the field/court in order to be eligible to practice and participate in scheduled games"*

- Consequences if EXPECTATIONS are not met:
  - If a student athlete is “unprepared for class” (which includes missing or incomplete homework) 3 or more times in a given week, they will be ineligible to practice or participate in all scheduled games the following Monday and Tuesday.
  - If a student athlete fails to maintain a 73% or above average in all their courses they will be ineligible to participate in scheduled practices or games until they bring up their grade.
  - If a student athlete displays significant misconduct (determined by Head of School and MS Team) in school or on the court/field, they will lose the privilege of participating on the team for a length of time determined by the HOS and MS team
- Becoming “Eligible” to Participate again:
  - Student athletes must complete all missed assignments, projects, etc. to the satisfaction of the MS team to become “eligible” to practice and participate in games.
- Assigned responsibilities:
  - Linda Felty will communicate on Friday afternoon with MS team in order to compile a list of any student athlete who may have become ineligible – Linda will contact Sheri Kachnycz with name(s) of students – Linda will contact parent to alert them that their child is on “Ineligibility List”.

Sheri Kachnycz will contact the appropriate coach to communicate that one of their players will be ineligible to practice or play in games the following week.

## **Section D – Coaches Responsibilities**

- Be in prayer about your team. Pray with your team at the beginning of each practice/game.
- Be a godly example.
- Practices are usually 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (Basketball practices could change due to availability of the gym with a girl’s and boy’s team).
- Have students return and put away equipment in the gym.

- Any discipline problems should be taken to the athletic director. If necessary, the principal will then be advised.
- Coaches must wait with students after practice until 5 p.m. At this time, any students who have not been promptly picked up at 5 p.m. need to be walked to After Care by a coach.
- Coaches must stay with players after games and make certain everyone is gone before leaving the school premises.
- Coaches must come and inform the office that they are here for practice. The office can then inform students that they can come to the gym or go outside for practice.
- All players on the team need to play a portion of the game. (If 5<sup>th</sup> graders are on the team, they do not have to play in every game and need to be aware of this at the beginning of the season).

## **Section E – Transportation**

All students will be riding the bus to the away games. Students may ride the bus back to Bethany after the game. However, if parents wish to take students from the game they may email Mrs. Kachnycz and let her know before noon the day of the game. Mrs. Kaltenstein (our bus driver) will have a sign out sheet at the game. Please see her and sign your student out before taking them. **THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE!** We would like parents to be able to take their student from away games but we need to have this documented for their safety.

## **Section F – Teamwork**

- Each student will be held accountable to his/her coaches for playing as a team player. Any disciplinary action that might need to take place will be decided by the coaches and the principal.
- We believe that God has given talents to each individual student and that part of growing up is learning to play on a team as a team player.

## **Section G – Dress Code**

- All players will be issued a uniform to be worn during games.
- Girls will not be allowed to roll their uniform shorts at the waist.
- All players will wear their uniform jersey tucked in during games.
- Uniforms will be collected after the last game.
- Any uniform that is purchased by a student (example – volleyball t-shirt) will be the property of the student.

## **Section H – Practice Pick Up/After Care**

Students must be picked up promptly after practices. Five minutes after the end of practice, students will be taken to After Care. You will be charged accordingly. The cost of After Care is **\$3.75** per hour per child. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute, per child, will be charged after 6:00 PM.

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***I have read the Sports Handbook and agree with my child's participation. If you sign this acknowledgement for one sport it is not necessary to sign again for the school year, if an additional sport is being played.***

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Signature of Player

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Signature of Parent

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**CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP**

1. I will participate to have fun.
2. I will learn the rules of the game.
3. I will be a positive role model for my team and encourage sportsmanship.
4. I will show respect and courtesy to my teammates and coaches by demonstrating positive support for all whether it is at a practice or a game.
5. I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting, and refusing to shake hands, or using profane gestures or language.
6. I will play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will remember that doing one's best is more important than winning.
8. I will treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color or ability.
9. I will never ridicule or yell at other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
10. I will reflect Christ in my game play.
11. If a player does not attend the practice before a scheduled game, the player cannot participate in the scheduled game. If a player misses two consecutive unexcused practices they can no longer be part of the team.

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Signature of Player

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Parent Signature

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