



Bethany
Christian
School

Student/Parent Sports Handbook

Bethany Bulldogs

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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 and Expectations

- Any middle school girl may try out for any girls' team.
- Any middle school boy may try out for any boys' team.
- If there are not enough middle school students to make a complete team with substitutes, 5th graders may be invited to join the team.
- Students who are invited to play on a team must maintain a good attitude, a diligent work-ethic, and understand that teamwork is a vital part of a successful athletics.
- 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 Administrative Team.
- There will be team "cuts" when necessary.
- If a student misses the practice before a game they must have a written excuse from their parent in order to play in the game the following day.
- 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 displays significant misconduct (determined by Administrative Team 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 Administrative Team and MS team
- Athletic fees will not be refunded if an athlete becomes ineligible to participate.

Section D – Coaches Responsibilities

- Be in prayer about your team. Pray with your team at the beginning of each practice/game.
- Develop and communicate a clear process to students and their parents regarding how athletes will be evaluated and chosen to make each sports team.
- 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 Head of School 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 coaches will be required to review and sign a “BCS Coaches Covenant” with the outlined school expectations. This covenant will be reviewed with each coach by the BCS Athletic Director prior to the beginning of the sports season.
- Head and assistant coaches do not pay a sports fee for their child.

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 the BCS Athletic Director and let them know before one o'clock the day of the game. The designated bus driver will have a sign out sheet at the game. Please see them 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. In addition, students will be prepared to leave the game with all their belongings so parents don't have to return to Bethany to retrieve them after the game.

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 Administrative Team.
- 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.
- All additional sports attire purchased by students and/or their coach, must first be approved by the BCS Athletic Director to ensure its uniformity to established BCS brand and logo design. The BCS Athletic Director should get final approval related to these purchases from the Head of School.

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.

Signature of Player

Signature of Parent

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CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

1. I will participate to have fun.
2. I will work hard to learn all the rules of the game.
3. I will seek to be a positive role model for my team and encourage sportsmanship.
4. I will seek to 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 avoid engaging 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 seek to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will seek to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
8. I will seek to avoid ridiculing or yelling at other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. I will strive to reflect Christ in my game play.
10. If a player does not attend the practice before a scheduled game, the player should expect to sit-out a portion of that game. If a player misses two consecutive practices without a valid excuse, a meeting scheduled by the coach with the player will be set-up to discuss the player's commitment to the team.

Signature of Player

Parent Signature

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