

Open Bible Christian Academy

Athletic Manual

Our Program

The propose of our athletic program at OBCA is to help in developing physical, personnel and spiritual skills of the student-athletes that will have lifelong benefits. The athletic department seeks to support the overall mission of our school and to promote the biblical idea that everything should be done to the glory of God. Education is never overshadowed by athletics. Our goal is to produce an enhanced Christian character in the players as well as the spectator. At OBCA, we strive to teach our athletes to practice and play as unto the Lord. To help them understand that, even in the heat of battle, we are to put God first. We desire that their Christian character be remembered long after we remember which team won or lost.

Academics

Athletes are students first. Students should anticipate the demands on their time and plan accordingly. Participation in athletics is never an excuse for missing assignments, test or tardiness. Athletes should be present and prepared for class regardless of game and practice schedule. If a student is failing (1) class, they will be put on academic probation and may become ineligible if improvement isn't made. A student failing (2) classes, they will be declared ineligible. Grades will be monitored to determine when an athlete can return to the team. The Headmaster has final say on eligibility. A student must be present in school by 11:00 A.M. to be eligible to play in that day's game. If a student leaves school due to illness, they will not be allowed to play in that day's game.

Physicals

All athletes must have record of a current physical on file with thaw school office. The physical is good for one year from the date it is administered. An athlete will not be able to participate in games until the physical is filed. Forms can be found on our website.

Fees

The athletic fees for this year will be \$100 for the first two sports and \$50.00 for the third. These fees don't cover the full amount of the cost of our sports program. Please get your fees paid in a timely manner.

Uniforms

The school made significate investment in the uniforms we wear. Please take the time to launder the uniform after each game. Please make sure to return the uniform immediately after the season. If a uniform is not returned, the student we be responsible for the replacement cost.

Athlete's Code of Conduct

- Every athlete is expected to maintain a good Christian testimony at all times.
- If at any time an athlete is not maintaining a Christ-honoring attitude, the administration reserves the right to suspend or dismiss that athlete. These include:
 1. A player argues or disrespectfully questions an official's call or decision.
 2. A player is openly disciplined by an official (technical fouls, red/yellow cards, ejections, etc.)
 3. A player gets involved in a verbal argument with opposing players, coaches, or fans, or yells openly at their own coach or teammates.
 4. A player openly displays displeasure with a game's outcome by using inappropriate gestures or expressions.
 5. A player commits an intentional foul and demonstrates poor sportsmanship.
 6. Any player that is found to be involved in un-Christ like behavior at or away from school including but not limited to alcohol use, drug use, smoking, vaping, etc.

Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct can lead to suspension or dismissal from the team

Practices

Practices are a vital part of any team's success. If a practice or game needs to be cancelled, a notification will be communicated as soon as possible.

By participating in the athletic program, players are committing themselves to be present at all practices and games. There will be no allowances for missed practices or games due to other events and sport teams. If a student has to work, they will have to discuss it with the coach and determine if it will be acceptable to miss practices. Games are sometimes re-scheduled at the last minute due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. Players are expected to be at those games. Scheduling games for small Christian schools can be difficult with coordinating school and church schedules. Because of that, the final schedules may not be complete until the season starts and games may be added. The playoff dates for each sport will be noted on the schedule. Please keep that week open for games and practices.

The coach of each team can discipline a player for lateness and absences. Discipline can range from a warning or running laps for one or two lateness's, to sitting out a part or all of a game for unexcused absences. Continued absences can lead to dismissal from the team. A player who quits or is dismissed from a team will not be eligible for team awards.

Dress Code

If the school has gym uniforms available, they will be used as the teams practice uniform. If the uniforms are not available, tee shirts and at least 6" inseam shorts will be required. A player may not practice without the proper practice dress.

Transportation

OBCA does not have buses or vans. We rely on our team parents and coaches for transportation. We would appreciate any help in this area, even if you can only do one or two games. There is a transportation form to be signed by the parents. It is available on our web site.

Resolving Conflict

There are times when it may be difficult to accept a child’s lack of playing time or the position they are playing on the team. Recognizing that it is the coach who is working with the team on a daily basis, it is important to understand that they will make judgement decisions based on what they believe is best for the player and the team.

If you have a concern, please do not confront the coach after practice or a game. Call the coach and set up a time to discuss your concerns. This also give us time to think about how we want to present our concerns.

If the matter cannot be resolved with the coach, please contact the athletic director to discuss the matter.

Parents

We can’t expect our players to abide by our conduct rules if we don’t. Please be respectful to our opponent’s players, coaches and fans and as hard as it can be at times, even the officials. We are blessed as a school and a program when we hear others says how much they enjoy playing Open Bible Christian Academy. Thank you for you sacrifice in sending your child to our school and letting them be a part of our sports program.

Please complete this form and return it to the main office. Please sign and return the sport physical and transportation form from our website. All must be in before a player can participate in a game.

I have read and understand the rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by the school in this Athletic Manual. I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and guidelines and support the coaches, athletic director and administration of Open Bible Christian Academy

Athlete’s Signature_____

Date_____

Parent’s Signature_____

Date_____