



FAITH ACADEMY BELLVILLE

2026-2027 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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Dear Knights Families,

We are excited to welcome you to another year of Faith Academy Bellville Athletics. At Faith Academy, our student-athletes are expected to pursue excellence, not only in the classroom and on the playing field, but most importantly in their character. It is our prayer that every student would glorify God in both victory and defeat, and that they would grow into leaders who reflect the love of Christ.

This athletic handbook contains the philosophies, policies, and guidelines which govern the Covenant Academy Athletic Program. Although it is intended to be comprehensive, there will inevitably be situations that occur that are not outlined in this handbook. Having a common understanding of the rules and regulations will assist in reducing concerns and unforeseen problems.

Thank you for your continued support. Let us be bold, disciplined, and full of grace as we compete for His glory.

In Christ,

Jon Waldrop

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

—Colossians 3:23

ATHLETIC PROGRAM PROFILE

Mascot

Knights

Colors

Blue, Gold, White

Leagues

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

- High School athletics classification: TAPPS 1-A
- TAPPS by-laws and rules at www.tapps.biz

Governance

All sports are subject to and governed by TAPPS rules and by the policies laid out in the FAB Athletic Handbook and Parent-Student Handbook.

Athletic Participation Fees and Program Availability

Participation fees are assessed for school-sponsored athletic teams to help offset costs associated with facility rentals, officiating, league memberships, uniforms, and essential equipment.

Athletic fees are billed through FACTS and are based on the sport(s) in which a student participates. Fees may vary by sport due to differences in operating costs. For example, sports such as basketball and volleyball typically incur higher fees than track due to increased expenses related to facility use, officials, and equipment.

Athletic programs for each season are offered only when sufficient student interest and appropriate staffing are available. The school reserves the right to adjust or cancel a sport offering if minimum participation or staffing requirements are not met.

High School (Grades 9-12)

- Cross Country (boys and girls) (\$175)
- Volleyball (girls) (\$200)
- Football (boys) (\$200)
- Basketball (boys and girls) (\$200)
- Track and Field (boys and girls) (\$175)
- Softball (girls) (\$200)
- Baseball (boys) (\$200)
- Golf (boys and girls) (\$175)

Junior High School (Grades 6-8)

- Cross Country (boys and girls) (\$150)
- Volleyball (girls) (\$175)
- Football (boys) (\$175)
- Basketball (boys and girls) (\$175)
- Track and Field (boys and girls) (\$150)
- Golf (boys and girls) (\$150)

MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Academy is a place of encouragement and excellence in academic and character training where The Light of the World, Jesus Christ, lives in and enlightens those who teach and learn.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

Faith Academy Bellville believes that athletic competition offers unique opportunities for students to develop God-honoring character. Based on Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord," we train our student-athletes to give their best effort while maintaining humility, integrity, and discipline.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Glorify Jesus Christ through athletic excellence.
2. Foster Christ-like character in all student-athletes.
3. Build competitive teams through discipline and teamwork.
4. Support academic achievement alongside athletic growth.
5. Create a positive, safe, and spirited athletic environment.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Student-athletes are representatives of Christ, their family, and their school. Therefore:

- Respect must be shown to all teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.
- Profanity, unsportsmanlike conduct, and disrespect will not be tolerated.
- Athletes must model integrity both on and off the field.
- Hazing, bullying, or inappropriate behavior is strictly prohibited.
- Ejections or serious violations may result in suspension or dismissal.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must pass all academic classes (no failing grades).
- Must attend school at least half the day to compete that day.
- Must have a current physical and all TAPPS forms submitted.
- Must be in good behavioral and financial standing.
- Must be in athletics to participate on a sports team.

TEAM PARTICIPATION AND COMMITMENT

- Athletes are expected to fulfill season commitments.
- Quitting a sport mid-season may impact eligibility for future sports.
- Injured athletes are expected to attend practices and games unless excused.
- Multi-sport athletes must coordinate with both coaches.

PRACTICES, ATTENDANCE, AND GAME POLICIES

- Practices are mandatory; excessive unexcused absences will affect playing time.
 - Missed practice will result in loss of playing time
 - Missed game will result in loss of next game
- Players should arrive on time, in proper gear, and ready to give full effort.
 - All athletics/work out clothes must be Faith Academy approved
- Game days require punctuality, full participation, and sportsmanship.
- Athletes must notify coaches promptly of any known conflicts.

HEALTH, INJURIES, AND MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

- All athletes must complete an annual physical exam.
- Injuries must be reported immediately to the coach and/or athletic trainer.
- Return-to-play requires written clearance from a licensed medical provider.
- Concussion protocol and cardiac awareness forms must be signed.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL

- Athletes are expected to travel with the team, unless otherwise designated by coach
 - Every effort will be made for the school to transport the team, but situations may arise where that is not possible.
- Parental written permission is required for alternate arrangements.
- Athletes must adhere to behavior and dress code while traveling.

UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES

- All equipment must be returned clean and undamaged.
- Lost or damaged items must be reimbursed at full replacement cost.
- Weight room and locker room expectations must be followed.

PLAYING TIME AND MULTI-SPORT PARTICIPATION

- Playing time is earned through effort, attitude, attendance, and ability.
 - Equal practice time is guaranteed, equal playing time is not.
 - Middle School: All players will receive game experience.
 - Varsity: Playing time is not guaranteed.
- Coaches will communicate expectations clearly.
- Multi-sport participation is preferred and supported with communication.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

- Support athletes and coaches in word and action.
 - Chain of Command for voicing concerns:
 - Head Coach
 - Athletic Director
 - Head of Schools
- Attend parent meetings and volunteer as needed.
- Work required number of games during each season
- Use appropriate channels to communicate concerns (24-hour rule).
- Uphold the spirit of Christian sportsmanship at all times.

ATHLETE AND PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All student-athletes and their parents must acknowledge the Athletics Handbook before participating in any practices or competitions. By joining athletics, they confirm that they have read, understand, and agree to follow the policies outlined in the handbook.