First Baptist Church School Athletic Handbook

302 Pahl Street – Brenham, Texas – 979.836.6411

Sports Offered at FBCS

Boys 5th and 6th Grade: Flag Football (fall), Basketball (winter).

Girls 5th and 6th Grade: Volleyball (fall), Basketball (winter), Cheerleading (fall/winter).

Students are invited to participate in one Cross Country race in October/November.

*4th Grade will be asked to participate when needed.

**Co-ed teams will be formed when needed.

Philosophy

Our goal is to train our students' spirits, souls, and bodies. We are fulfilling that goal by teaching students to live responsible and successful lives based on the Word of God. FBCS believes that quality education includes the opportunity to participate in athletic programs. The athletic program is extracurricular only in the sense that student involvement is a voluntary privilege and requires an investment of time outside of the school day.

Students are expected to represent the school as a part of the Christian community with exemplary behavior wherever they go. The strength of athletics lies in its ability to develop character traits such as cooperation, determination, perseverance, self-control, discipline of emotion, sportsmanship, humility, commitment, and maturity. When we compete, our goal is to conduct ourselves in such a way that our Christian character shines and our commitment to the sport is evident. When we play our hardest, the hopeful outcome is a successful win, but we teach our students that there is no shame or disgrace to the team that plays its best and is behind at the end of the competition. Athletics is just one building block of many designed to help with the Christian development of the students at FBCS.

Participation

All athletes are expected to attend and participate in all practices, meetings, and activities. If it is necessary to miss any practice, meeting, or game, a parent should inform the coach prior to the event. Athletes may be penalized for any unexcused absence at the discretion of the coach.

Behavior Expectations of Players

1. Cooperate with coaches, teammates, and officials.
2. Respect the judgement of officials and play by the rules of the game.
3. Treating opponents with respect by praying together before the game and shaking hands after the game.
4. Display a positive attitude that reflects the attitude of Jesus. Offer a helping hand if a teammate or opposing player after a fall. Live up to the higher standard of sportsmanship, giving all glory to God.
5. Accept the responsibility that as a member of the FBCS Lions teams, you represent yourself, your family, your school, your community, and your Lord.

6. Participants are required to be in proper uniform for games and practices. Participants should not steal or use another's property without the permission of the owner.
7. Participants are allowed to have water bottles on the sidelines, but no food during the game.

Unacceptable Behavior of Players

Any behavior that is not pleasing to God – disrespectful yells and gestures, profanity, display of anger or loss of temper, booing or heckling decisions of the officials, antagonizing other players, refusing to shake hands or give recognition of good performance, blaming the loss of a game on others, arguing with authority, playing in an unsafe manner.

Expectations of Parents, Students and Fans

1. Understand your God-appointed role as a parent, acting in a manner that would please Him.
2. Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams with your words and gestures.
3. Respect the decisions made by the officials and coaches. Let coaches handle all aspects of the game. Realize that you are a guest at the school.
4. Respect other fans. Remember, they are parents just like you.
5. Respect all participants. They are children still learning.
6. Make an effort to study the rules of the game. This will enable you to understand calls make by the officials and decisions made by the coach.

Players Expenses

A yearly athletic fee of $75 per athlete will be due at the beginning of their sport season. This fee must be paid by the first game for the students to be eligible to play.

Participants are expected to furnish their own shoes, socks, shorts, and other items needed for their sport. Jerseys are provided by the school, excluding cheerleading uniforms. Uniforms must be returned at the end of the season. If any part of the uniform is lost or damaged, including uniforms that aren't properly laundered or have food stains, a $50 replacement fee will be charged to the student's account.

Travel

It is the parent's responsibility to transport students to and from practices and games. If driving children other than their own, parents must have a current Volunteer Drivers Form completed and on file in the office, along with a copy of their driver's license and proof of insurance. In case of personal or family inconvenience, arrangements can be made with the coach.

1. Students should be in their school uniform or dressed in attire that follows the FBCS dress code when traveling.
2. The driver of the vehicle has ultimate authority and players should respect the rules of the car.
3. Follow the coach's instruction of when to arrive at games.
4. Never leave a student unattended whether in a vehicle or at the location of the practice or game.

Locations of Games

Immanual Lutheran School – 300 N. Grimes Street, Giddings, TX 78942

St. Paul's Lutheran School of Serbin – 1578 County Road 211, Giddings, TX 78942

St. Paul's Lutheran School of Thorndale – 101 N. 3rd Street, Thorndale, TX 76577

Grace Lutheran Church School – 1212 W. Jefferson Street, Brenham

Calgary Episcopal School - 107 Lost Oaks Trail Bastrop, TX 78602

Hohlt Park – 2425 N. Park Street, Brenham

Citadel Christian School - 2111 S Blue Bell RdBrenham, TX, 77833

Student Standards for Eligibility

Student athletes must follow these guidelines to become eligible to participate in practice or games:

1. All forms should be filed with the school – Registration Form, Physical Form, Agreement to Handbook.

2. Students are required to maintain a 70 or above average in each subject for each grading period. The first grading period will begin with the first six weeks report card. A student loses eligibility with a grade below 70 in any subject on the report card. A student also loses eligibility with a U as their conduct grade.

   Eligibility will be based on the student's grades at the six-week mark of each term. If a student is failing at the six-week mark, they are not eligible to play. A note will be sent home for the parents to sign if the student becomes ineligible. During this time, students may participate in practice, but may not participate in games. They can attend games and sit with the team, but not play. They may be eligible again if they are passing at the ninth week of the term. If a student fails on the report card, they may be eligible to play again if they are passing at the three-week mark of the new term.

3. If a student exhibits behavior that results in a visit to the principal's office, the principal will have the authority to decide if the student can participate in the next athletic event. Subsequent visits to the principal's office will result in removal from the team.

4. A student must be in attendance by 10:00am and at least 4 hours of the school day to participate in that day's game. Individuals with extenuating circumstances may be excused by the principal. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to notify the coach if and when a situation arises.

Athlete/Parent Handbook Agreement and Commitment Acknowledgement

- By signing below we show that we understand and have read all sections of the FBCS Athletic Handbook.
- We agree to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth in this handbook.
- We understand the eligibility requirements concerning grades and conduct.
- We understand that any questions concerning the information in this handbook should be directed to the coach, athletic director, or principal.
- We agree to commit to the scheduled amount of time for the sport we participate in.

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Athlete's Signature and Date

Parent Guardian's Signature and Date