

Jefferson County
Christian School



Athletic Handbook **2025-2026**

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." ~ Romans 12:1

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Mission Statement

"The mission statement of the JCCS athletic department is to glorify God in all that we do. We believe that every area of athletics should represent the Lord (players, coaches, fans, practices, games)."

Core Values

- Faith
- Character
- Responsibility
- Honesty
- Respect
- Passion
- Teamwork

JCCS Sports Programs

High School Boys' sports: Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Archery

High School Girls' sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Archery

Jr. High Sports: Soccer, Basketball, Archery

Expectations

Coaches: Coaches are expected to reflect Jesus Christ in everything they do. They are to be a Christian model to their athletes. Coaches are expected to push their athletes to do the best they can on and off the field. Experience in playing or coaching and knowledge of the specific sport is required. Each coach must complete required certification courses and a background check before the season begins.

Athletes: Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a Christ honoring way. Their actions on and off the field should reflect Christ. They should show responsibility and respect as they play for their respective teams.

Parents: We expect parents to support their child while being respectful to coaches, other teams, and officials when attending events. Parents should trust the coaches and officials to do their jobs properly. To help in supporting your child, we ask that parents be willing (if able) to drive to games and to work concessions when necessary.

Eligibility

- Athletes must be enrolled at JCCS to participate in sports.
- **Grades:** Grades will be checked every other Friday and at the end of the quarter (report cards). Athletes must maintain a 2.0 unweighted grade point average in core classes including Bible and no F's at any time in any class and will become ineligible until the student is no longer failing. Academics come before sports. Student-athletes are held to a higher standard while participating.
- **Medical forms:** A current physical form signed by the athletes' doctor must be on file in the school office before an athlete can begin practice. A concussion form must also be completed by the athletes' guardians.
- **Participation fees:** Athletic fees must be paid in full before uniforms will be issued.

Conduct and Discipline Code

Athletes are expected to abide by the JCCS Code of Conduct and Handbook. If a student-athlete receives a detention, they must serve detention at the assigned time. There will be no special accommodations or make-up detentions for athletes. If the detention causes the student-athlete to miss a game or practice, there will be consequences which may include less playing time or more work at practice.

Athletic Conduct and discipline: Athletes are expected to show respect to coaches, officials, and fans. The JCCS Student Code of Conduct and discipline policy apply to sports. If an offense happens during a sporting event the coach will handle the situation in an appropriate manner. If the coach cannot handle the situation the athletic director will step in to address the situation.

Attendance Expectations

Practice/Games: Athletes are expected to be at practice and games. If an athlete misses a practice or game the consequences will be left up to the coach's discretion. It may result in less playing time in a game or more work at practice. Parents and athletes should try to avoid scheduling appointments that will interfere with the practice and game schedule.

School Attendance: If an athlete is absent at school they will not be permitted to attend or participate in practices or games. In the event that an athlete is tardy, they must be at school by 11:30 a.m. in order to participate in practice or games. Excessive school tardies may affect playing time or require more work at practice.

Quitting Policy

Athletes may quit a sport up until the first game of the season. If an athlete any time after the season begins they will not be allowed to play the following season in that specific sport.

Playing Time Policy

We believe that playing time comes with hard work and dedication. Coaches are not required to play athletes for a specific amount of time on varsity. Playing time is left to the coaches' discretion. Rules may vary for elementary, Jr. High, JV and Varsity teams.

Safety/ Weather Protocols

JCCS will have at least one trained staff member at every event in case of an emergency or injury. In the event of bad weather, the local weather organization's protocols will be followed. Any cancellation in practices and games will be left to the discretion of the coaches and AD. When a game or practice is canceled, the coaches will communicate to the teams.

School Equipment/Schedules

JCCS will provide uniforms for each sports team. If an athlete does not return a jersey at the end of one week following the last game, there will be a \$50 penalty for each jersey that is not returned.

Schedules are made by the Athletic Director and coaches. When the schedule is completed they will be sent home with the athlete. All schedules are subject to change at any time so we ask for patience and flexibility in that area. If there is a change in the schedule, the Athletic Director will communicate the information to the coaches and the school. The coaches will then notify their team.

Sports Fees and Fundraising

The JCCS sports fee schedule is as follows:

Junior High - \$100 per sport

JV/Varsity - \$125 per sport

Sports fees must be paid in full prior to the first game and before a jersey will be issued. The JCCS sports fee covers the basic uniform, basic equipment, official fees and gym/field rental. The JCCS Athletic Boosters Club will conduct fundraising (approved and coordinated through the JCCS Development department) for additional uniforms and tournament costs.

Athletic Awards/Lettering

All Varsity athletes have the opportunity to earn an "Athletic Letter". To earn the "letter" the athlete must be academically eligible and have turned in all equipment, and have participated in the required number of games. The Athletic Director and Coach will make decisions on lettering in special circumstances such as injuries, etc.

Soccer - half the total number of games

Volleyball - half the total number of games

Basketball - half the total number of quarters

Archery - half the total number of tournaments

Baseball - number of innings equal to the number of games played

Softball - number of innings equal to the number of games played

Parent's Pre-season Meetings/ Responsibilities/Booster Club

Parents and athletes are required to attend the preseason athletic meeting conducted by the Athletic Director for each sport.

All parents or guardians of JCCS student-athletes are encouraged to participate as volunteers in some capacity during each athletic season in which their child participates. This may include working shifts at the concession stand or admission booth, as coordinated by the Boosters. The JCCS Athletic Booster Club will hold its own separate quarterly meetings with membership being open to parents, guardians, and adult family members of student-athletes.

Communication

Jefferson County Christian School in conjunction with the Athletic Department follows the chain of command listed below. We ask that you observe the order of this line of communication if you elect to pursue any concern you may have regarding the athletic program:

- Assistant Coach or Head Coach
- Athletic Director - Dan Sells
- Director of Operations - Kathy Martin
- Administrator - Scott Abercrombie
- Board of Education

PROCEDURES

If You Have a Concern to Discuss With a Coach:

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. Such a meeting is encouraged when necessary. It is important that both parties have a clear understanding of the other person's position. Each should be willing to listen. The following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue.

- Call or email the coach to set up an appointment
- If the coach cannot be reached in a reasonable amount of time, call the AD. and he will arrange in time on your behalf.

Important: It is inappropriate to attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice session. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution and may even escalate the issue.

The Next Step:

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution? Although total agreement may not always be reached, most often such a meeting does not afford the opportunity for productive discussion and better understanding. If the parent desires further communication, please call the Athletic Director to discuss the situation. The appropriate next step will be determined.

We hope that the information provided will help you and your child to have a rewarding and enjoyable athletic experience.