

Calvary Baptist School Athletics



CBS Athletic Handbook

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*"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do,
do all to the glory of God."*

- I Corinthians 10:31

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Purpose

The purpose of the CBS Athletic Handbook is to familiarize student athletes and their parents with the direction and purpose of our athletic program. We want to have an athletic program that glorifies God. The guidelines within the handbook are important and should be followed.

Philosophy

Athletics at Calvary Baptist School is an integral part of the educational process. We believe that when teamed with classroom education as well as spiritual guidance, athletics is an important part of the growth and development of young people. Performance in the classroom will take precedence over athletic performance. While we invite all students to participate in our athletic program, athletics is not required nor is it a right. Participating in athletics is a privilege and should be viewed as such.

We will strive to be the most competitive athletic program we can be. This means that physical ability to perform athletic tasks will be a major factor in determining the makeup of our teams as well as the amount of playing time a student athlete may receive.

Physical ability is not the sole determining factor that coaches will use in shaping teams and allowing playing time. Hard work, love, loyalty, dedication, and submission to authority are just a few traits a student athlete should develop in order to lead and effectively influence others.

We want to be successful. There are different ways people define success. We will define success as our ability to positively influence others for the Kingdom of Heaven. The following are guidelines of how each level of athletics helps build an overall successful program.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

- Matthew 5:16

Middle School Athletics:

1. God did not create us with the same abilities as others. We all have our own gifts; therefore, we will not be able to contribute all the same. Some players will play more than others; some players will perform better than others; and ultimately, some players will get more recognition than others. We will follow the principles set in I Corinthians 12:12-27.
2. For middle school, we have very little idea of how a student athlete will mature, so each middle school athlete should have the opportunity to see some type of competition on a daily basis as well as from game to game. This does not mean equal playing time. A student athlete should only expect to see playing time if the following criteria are met:
 - The student athlete has a positive attitude that reflects unity and loyalty to the people and standards of Calvary Baptist School.
 - The student athlete receives instruction graciously
 - The student athlete is team oriented
 - The student athlete works hard every chance he or she gets
 - The student athlete attends every practice

If these criteria are met, athletes should have the opportunity to compete, to learn, and to have a positive experience.

3. Middle school athletics is the foundation of a good athletic program. A team will consist of 6th-8th graders. Each sport is expected to run similar schemes and maintain similar practice routines from middle school through varsity levels.

High School Athletics:

1. God did not create us with the same abilities as others. We all have our own gifts; therefore, we will not be able to contribute all the same. Some players will play more than others; some players will perform better than others; and ultimately, some players will get more recognition than others. We will follow the principles set in I Corinthians 12:12-27.
2. We expect our student athletes to:
 - Have a positive attitude that reflects unity and loyalty to the people and standards of Calvary Baptist School.
 - Receive instruction graciously
 - Be team oriented
 - Work hard every chance he or she gets
 - Attend every practice

If the athletes meet these expectations, they should have the opportunity to compete, to learn, and to have a positive experience.

3. Athletes at the varsity level should have a good foundation and understanding of the rules and fundamentals of their chosen sport. Athletes should also have an understanding and realistic expectation of their role as a student athlete.
4. Because the speed of the individual sports will increase, athletic ability will have to be refined. We will do this by implementing an off-season program for each sport.

5. Many times coaches will ask players to put in extra work. Being the first at practice and the last to leave is a great rule. Take the extra few minutes every practice to improve. Not only will it improve your athletic ability but it will also help instill an attitude of hard work.
6. We have a better idea of the gifts and abilities athletes possess at this level. We will always put the best players on the field/court in any given situation in order to be successful, but this does not always mean the most talented or athletic player. Coaches will bear the responsibility to always do what is **best for the team**.
7. Ultimately we will use athletics as a time to develop God honoring character, to build friendships, to encourage school spirit, and to enjoy the thrill of competition.

Membership and Participation

Calvary Baptist School participates as a member of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS). Coaches, players, and parents must become familiar with TAPPS governance, regulations, and codes of conduct. Go to www.TAPPS.biz or talk with the Athletic Director to learn more. Go to www.rankonesport.com for records, results, district standings, and playoff information.

Male athletes may choose to participate in flag football, basketball, and track & field. Female athletes may choose to participate in volleyball, basketball, track & field, and cheerleading.

Cheerleading is for high school students only. Cheerleading at Calvary Baptist School is not a competitive sport and should not be viewed as such; however, cheerleaders will follow the same prerequisites for participation and general guidelines as outlined in this handbook. Follow the principles found Philippians 2:1-8.

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”

- Philippians 2:3

Prerequisites for Participation

- A Sports Fee of \$100 per sport paid to the business office.
- Fill out required forms located at www.rankonesport.com (varsity only)
- Read CBS Athletic Handbook, sign, and turn in the Statement of Commitment located at the back of handbook.

Parents will need to go to www.rankonesport.com, click on the highlighted “**Parents/Students Fill Out Electronic Forms**” link, and follow instructions to find required forms. All forms must be completed each year except the Previous Athletic Participation Form. Athletes will not be able to participate without completion of the above prerequisites.

Role of the Parent

A very important goal of junior high and high school athletics is to make the athletic experience a positive one for all athletes, coaches, parents, and everyone who chooses to watch our teams perform. Parents and family members are encouraged to uphold the following:

- As a parent, I recognize that it is vital that I support the efforts and decisions of the coaching staff.
- As a parent, I also recognize the importance of being a positive role model; therefore, I agree to conduct myself in a manner consistent with the dictates of good sportsmanship at all contests. I agree to cheer in a positive fashion for outstanding play and will refrain from criticizing the efforts made by the officials, players, and coaches.
- As a parent, I will make every attempt to insure that my child will be able to attend all practices and contests.

Coaches will never discuss, at length, playing time with a parent; coaches will however, discuss how a player could continue to get better. Athletics at Calvary Baptist School carries with it responsibility. We appreciate attitudes that promote friendship, sportsmanship, service, respect, and unity.

Chain of Command

In the event that there is a question concerning a player, a question concerning policies or procedures, a question concerning scheduling, or any other issue; we will follow the chain of command in order to answer any concerns. The chain of command is as follows:

1. Player to Coach
2. Player/Parent to Coach
3. Player/Parent to Athletic Director
4. Player/Parent to Principal
5. Player/Parent to Pastor/Head Administrator

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

- Ephesians 4:29&32

Section II – General Guidelines

Academic Eligibility

A student must be passing all classes in order to participate in athletics. Eligibility will be checked at the end of each six-week grading period. Semester averages will not be considered for eligibility purposes. Any student who is failing one or more courses will be ineligible until a three-week progress report or a six week report card shows all passing grades. Any student who is failing one or more courses at the end of the previous school year will be ineligible at the beginning of the fall semester until a three-week progress report or a six-week report card shows all passing grades. Teachers and coaches reserve the right to deem a student ineligible for any academic reason but only after clear communication with student, parent, and athletic director. Ineligible student athletes may not be excused from school to attend sporting events.

Note: Students enrolling in a dual credit program must be enrolled in at least four academic courses counting toward current GPA, be provided four hours to complete course work on Calvary Baptist School campus, and be subject to the same eligibility requirements as regular classes.

Note: In order to maintain eligibility for participation in Calvary Baptist School athletics, players must be enrolled in live and in person classes. Students choosing the online option because of health concerns due to Covid-19 will not be eligible. Any student following quarantine protocols, will not be able to attend athletic events.

Disciplinary Eligibility

Students must have less than 25 demerits in a six week grade period in order to participate in athletics. Student athletes with 25 or more demerits may attend practices at the coaches' discretion, but will not be allowed to play in games until the start of the next six-week period. Student athletes must serve at least one week of ineligibility. Ineligible student athletes may not be excused from school to attend sporting events. Student athletes will serve Friday School detentions regardless of athletic events.

Athletic Awards

Awards will be given to the teams that finish 2nd in district play, 1st in district play, and that make it to at least the regional round in the state playoffs. Individual awards will be given at the end of the year for junior high during the Junior High Sports Awards Assembly. Individual awards will be given at the end of the year for high school during the High School Sports Banquet. Players may be recognized for the following:

- Offensive and Defensive Performance
- Most Improved Player
- Most Valuable Player

- Christian Character
- 1st Team All-District/State (high school)
- 2nd Team All-District/State (high school)
- Most Valuable Player in District Play (high school)
- Academic All-State (high school)

Risk Factor in Sports

There are inherent risks involved when participating in athletics. Please be aware of the risks and of ways to help prevent sickness or injury. Players as well as parent/guardians must communicate any health concerns, physical limitations, and/or medical conditions.

Health and safety is a priority. It is extremely important to report to the Athletic Director any exposure to Covid-19, symptoms of Covid-19, or symptoms of any other communicable diseases. It is extremely important to communicate any injury to coaches and to your doctor as soon as possible. Medical expenses resulting from any sickness or injury must be submitted to your own insurance carrier. Inform the Athletic Director if an injury requiring a doctor's visit occurred while participating in an official Calvary Baptist School event.

NOTE: Athletes will follow all Covid-19 guidelines set by Calvary Baptist School, state and local authorities, all participating schools, and all practice/game facilities. This will include but not limited to following social distancing guidelines, the wearing of masks, limitations placed on spectators, practical/appropriate travel arrangements, completion of waiver forms, etc...)

Athletic Uniforms and Equipment

All Calvary Baptist School student athletes will be issued athletic uniforms specific to each sport season. All uniforms, except for cheer, are the property of Calvary Baptist School. Each student is responsible for the care of uniforms issued to him/her. Uniforms are to be worn only for games or on special occasions as designated by the coach. Clothes worn for practice should be clean and in good repair and reflect the standards of Calvary Baptist School. At the completion of the season, students are required to clean and return all athletic uniforms issued to them. Any student who loses or does not turn in uniforms might have grade reports and/or transcripts held until items are turned in or paid for.

Practice

Practices for each season will be scheduled as soon as TAPPS allows. There will be no practices on Sunday. Special team/parent meetings might be scheduled on Wednesdays, but there should not be practices after school on Wednesdays. Cheerleaders may have a short practice on Wednesday if participants are already involved in other sports. Practices may be scheduled for days off from school including summer, Thanksgiving break, and Christmas break.

Games

Games will be scheduled according to TAPPS requirements and affiliation. There will be no games on Sunday. Game schedule/maps/times are posted on the school website at www.calvaryconroe.org/cbc/athletics. Student athletes and parents must check the online schedule often for any changes or additions. Coaches will do their best to communicate departure/arrival times, game times, and location; but students and parents must continue to check the online schedule for any changes or additions. Schedule/maps/times are posted on website as soon as they become available.

Missing Practices/Games

Individual commitment is necessary to team success. Athletes commit to getting better each and every day, and teammates commit to those that count on them each and every day. Many hours and much work by players and coaches go into team sports. Sometimes family and church responsibilities create situations in which choices must be made between obligations. Remember that coaches have families and are church members as well. If a student athlete must miss practice or a game for ANY reason, follow this basic plan:

1. Inform coach ASAP (coaches should never hear first from other players of your absence or planned absence)
2. Inform team captains ASAP (there is an accountability to friends and teammates)
3. Understand that there are consequences (athletes must make up time missed by putting in extra work)

(If a student athlete does not follow this basic plan, his/her standing with the team will be affected.)

(If a student athlete often misses time with the team, his/her standing with the team will be affected.)

Transportation

It is the intention of Calvary Baptist School to provide transportation to all practices and games when leaving from school. It is also the intention of coaches to travel as a team when leaving from school. However, it is often more practical for parents to drive players and sometimes for players to drive themselves. Players and coaches must receive approval by parents when players are asked to ride with adults other than coaches or CBS staff. Players must receive permission from coaches and parents to leave from a game in a vehicle different from which they arrived. Students may sometimes drive themselves with approval from parents and coaches. When leaving from school, under no circumstances should a player travel to a game with a student driver. In some circumstances, players would travel with a student driver to practices but only when there are no viable options and only with approval from coaches and both sets of parents.

Section III - Expectations and Ethics

The athletic program at Calvary Baptist School is an extension of the larger educational program of the school. While the classroom is often limited to the theoretical, sports provide an experiential basis to help develop in our students Godly qualities such as self-discipline, endurance, self-control, diligence, sportsmanship, submission to authority, teamwork, and numerous other qualities. Sports are important and can provide our students with valuable experiences to reveal and strengthen character. With God's help, we want to see Godly character develop through our sports program.

Participation in athletics at Calvary Baptist School is a privilege that commands responsibility. Athletes have a responsibility to model proper behavior that reflects the character of their coaches, school, family, and God. Therefore, the following is expected of all student athletes:

- To be present and on time to all practices, games, and special events.
- To daily pray and ask the Lord for His help for yourself, coaches, and teammates.
- To emphasize the values of sportsmanship and fair play.
- To show courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
- To establish a friendly relationship with opponents.
- To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- To support and encourage coaches, players, and volunteers through words and actions.
- To encourage a spirit of unity, loyalty, and enthusiasm toward our school and teams.
- To develop leadership by demonstrating initiative and good judgment.
- To commit to getting better each day and to commit to making others better each day.
- To understand that success is not just determined by the score but by your ability to influence others by demonstrating Godly character.

Final Word

It is our desire for each of our student athletes to have a positive and enjoyable experience while playing for Calvary Baptist School. Our desire also is to create a culture that demonstrates commitment, enthusiasm, and integrity so that athletics could be used to influence others. Thank you for your involvement in CBS athletics.

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit...Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves"

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I, _____, as a member of a Calvary Baptist School athletic team, do agree to abide by the rules and standards of conduct as stated in the CBS Athletic Handbook. I realize that athletic involvement is a privilege, and not a right, and carries with it responsibilities. I further acknowledge that there will be consequences for misconduct or not fulfilling my commitment.

By signing below, I, the student athlete, and we, the parents/guardians, have read and agree with the stated responsibilities expressed within the Calvary Baptist School Athletic Handbook.

Student Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

