

Blackhawk Christian School

Athletic Policy

“God is not looking for us to be the best, but to do our best every time.” This motto captures the heart and soul of our athletic program. We desire to develop a Christ-like character among our student athletes and encourage them to nurture their God-given athletic abilities to their maximum potential.

High School & Middle School Sports Offered:

Fall:	Volleyball	(Girls 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , Jr Varsity, Varsity)
	Soccer	(Girls Varsity, Boys Jr Varsity, Varsity)
	Tennis	(Boys JV, V)
	Cross Country	(Girls/Boys 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , Jr Varsity, Varsity)
Winter:	Basketball	(Girls/Boys 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , Junior Varsity, Varsity)
	Cheerleading	(Girls Varsity)
Spring:	Baseball	(Boys Varsity)
	Tennis	(Girls Jr Varsity, Varsity)
	Golf	(Boys Jr. Varsity, Varsity)
	Soccer	(Girls/Boys 7 th , 8 th)
	Track Club	(Girls/Boys 7 th – 12 th)

Sportsmanship

As a Christian school we value the need for good sportsmanship and remind everyone that high school athletics is an educational event. Coaches and athletes are encouraged to cheer in a positive manner for their team, show respect for their opponents, and honor the decisions made by the officials. Our expectation is for BCS coaches and athletes to keep Sportsmanship as a priority in all contest to bring honor to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Attendance

A student athlete must attend school the entire day of an athletic contest in order to participate. A student athlete, who is absent for part of the school day, may be allowed to participate at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

Practice

A monthly practice schedule will be provided to the athletes during their season. Practice schedules will be adhered to and all Wednesday practices will end at 5:30pm. Athletes must participate in 10 practices before being allowed to play in a game or 5 practices if coming from another sport.

Physical Exam

All High School student athletes are required by Blackhawk Christian School and the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) to have a physical exam completed and on file with the athletic office before practicing in any sport. Physical exams are offered through SportONE during the month of May at Snider High School. Cost is \$10.00.

Handling Problems/Solving Disputes

Any problem or dispute should be handled in a Biblical manner by applying the “Matthew 18 Principle”. This principle encourages the offended party to go directly to the one with whom he/she has a problem. If the situation is not resolved, the offended is encouraged to seek a solution by speaking to the next person in authority. In simple terms, an athlete or parent should approach the coach first, the athletic director second, the administrator third and as a last resort the BCS School Board. It is absolutely necessary to follow this chain-of-command.

Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Athletic Policy

When school administration determines a violation involving drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substance has occurred, the following action will take place:

A student-athlete who uses or has possession of a drug, alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substance, shall be suspended from participation on a team for a minimum period of 30% of the total competitions for that season. Should the occurrence happen with less than 30% of the total competitions remaining in a session, the portion left shall carry into the next sport season in which the student participates. During the time of suspension the student-athlete shall participate in all required practices and shall attend but not participate in games. Any additional violation involving drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substance during the athlete’s career will result in a loss of any future athletic participation at Blackhawk Christian School.

Awards and Banquets

At the conclusion of each sport, coaches will determine the date and location of their season ending awards banquet. Each coach by his/her own discretion will be provided a maximum of three awards for distribution to the members of his/her team. Any athlete who participates will receive a certificate of participation. Any athlete who participates in 25% or more of varsity competitions will receive the following:

- 3” numbers for year of graduation
- 6” chenille letter “BC”
- Chenille patch indicating sport

Once an athlete obtains these awards, then a sport pin will be provided for each additional year of varsity participation.

Pictures

A professional photographer will take team and individual pictures early in each season. These pictures are available for the athlete to purchase through the pre-paid envelope distributed by the coaches at least 2 days prior to the scheduled picture day.

Transportation

Athletes will be provided transportation to and from away events on one of our 15 passenger Activity Buses. The following guidelines will be followed by the coaches and players:

- No Ipods or musical equipment allowed on the activity bus.
- No midweek stops after games unless prior approval is obtained.
- No food allowed unless prior approval is obtained.
- No secular music either radio or cd's will be played.
- Cell phones are not in use unless contacting a parent.
- Driver should have a cell phone for emergency purposes.
- Students should be properly seated and seat belts worn.
- Driver is responsible for obeying all speed and safety laws.
- Upon completion of the trip all trash should be thrown away and all windows closed and locked.

Athletic Eligibility Standards

Each athlete shall have their grades evaluated at four (4) week intervals throughout the school year. To be eligible an athlete must be meeting the following criteria:

- A. Passing a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester,
- B. Earn no subject grade below 60%,
- C. Maintain an accumulative average of 72% or better,
- D. Maintain a proper Christian testimony for the Lord.

If an athlete does not meet the above listed criteria, then written notification will be made to the athlete by the Friday following each four (4) week review. The first offense will result in a two (2) week “warning period,” allowing the athlete to continue participating in both practices and games. If after the two (2) week “warning period” the athlete does not meet the above listed criteria, then the second offense will result in a two (2) week “probationary period,” allowing the athlete to participate in practices but not in games. If after the two (2) week “probationary period” the athlete does not meet the above listed criteria, then the third offense will result in a “suspension period” not allowing the athlete to participate in either practices or games. The “suspension period” will continue until which time the athlete meets the above listed criteria.

When an athlete meets the above criteria they shall be declared eligible until the next four (4) week review.

If at any time during this process the athletic director, teacher, coach and parent all agree that progress is being made by an athlete towards eligibility, then an athlete can be declared eligible immediately as long as IHSAA standards are being met.