



Northeast Baptist School
Athletic Handbook
2012-2013

Sports: Baseball, Basketball,
Cheerleading, Football, Golf, Soccer,
Softball, Track, Volleyball

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PHILOSOPHY

The Athletic Director and the coaching staff of Northeast Baptist School (NBS) believe that athletics is one element of our school that encourages the development of our student athletes to become productive citizens and to develop their abilities and attitudes for success in life. We believe that athletics should be regarded as a vital part of our school's total education package and as an extension of the classroom. Developing physical capacities complements and enhances the emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual development of our student athletes.

We encourage student participation and want to involve as much of our school family as possible in a Christ-honoring, competitive experience. All participants regardless of ability will have the opportunity to develop their work ethic, social skills, sense of commitment, and athletic skills.

Our scriptural motivation flows from Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men. (NIV)" There are many things we cannot control but we can control our attitudes, character and effort. We will seek to glorify God by how we play and by how we relate to our team, the other team, and the officials.

Points of emphasis:

- 1. Athletes are students first. Athletics is just one dimension of what we offer here at NBS.*
- 2. Success depends on cooperation and support from everyone in the school, not just the athletes.*
- 3. Sportsmanship is expected from everyone associated with NBS Athletics – athletes, coaches, teachers, parents, and spectators.*
- 4. The safety of the athletes should be first and foremost.*
- 5. The goal is to win, but to win the correct way. We will never sacrifice character for wins!*

*Woods Watson
Athletic Director*

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Each student participating in the athletic program will be required to meet and to maintain certain minimum standards in the areas of academics, participation, and attitude. The students must follow this guideline to become eligible to participate in practice or in games as an athlete or manager/statistician:

I. Paperwork – Before participating in any sport, the following forms must be on file in the Main Office, as well as the Athletic Office:

- A. Emergency Contact Form
- B. Medical Release Form (Parents)
- C. Physicians Release Form

II. Academic Requirements

A. Athletic Academic Probation will be calculated as follows. The quarter report card grades for the five major subjects are the only grades considered. These five grades will be averaged. The average must be above 'D' in order for a student to participate in school athletic events. If not, the student will be placed on Athletic Academic Probation for three weeks.

B. Grades will be reviewed at 3 weeks, 6 weeks, and 9 weeks. If after three weeks, the average is above 'D', the athlete may participate again. If the average is not satisfactory, the student will remain on Athletic Academic Probation. Grades will be checked every 3 weeks for the entire quarter.

C. A student must attend classes a minimum of three and a half hours on the day of practices or games in order to participate in those practices or games. Any exceptions to this rule must be cleared by the principal and athletic director.

D. All students – athletes must maintain a **Christ-like** attitude **AT ALL TIMES**. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. All athletes are required to be neat, clean, well groomed (refer to student handbook), and in proper uniform for games and practices.
2. The dressing rooms and all team areas will be kept clean. Athletes are expected to maintain a clean, positive environment. Dressing rooms are shared by other schools so we want to present our best.
3. A participant will exhibit a Christian lifestyle and represent the school in a Christ-like manner at all times.

Failure to commit to this lifestyle may result in the forfeiture of the opportunity to participate in the athletic program. This specific lifestyle includes but is not limited to:

- A participant will not steal or use another's property without permission of the owner.
- A participant will not deface NBS property or the property any of the other school.
- A participant will not use obscenity. This includes profanity, pornography, written words, 'sign language', and obscene artwork. Profanity includes using God's name as a curse word, any vulgar sexual reference to bodily functions or body parts, and offensive "four letter" words.
- A participant must completely abstain from the use of alcohol and tobacco products and the abuse of drugs (This includes prescription drugs as well as anabolic steroids.). Also he or she must not have any drug paraphernalia (lighters, pipes, rolling papers, etc.).
- A participant must abstain from any form of cheating, lying, or dishonesty.
- A participant must not have in their possession any form of knife, fire starter, or weapon while participating in school or in athletics.
- A participant must adhere to the conduct and dress codes as stated in the student handbook.
- A participant must not show willful disobedience and intentional disrespect to teachers and coaches.
- A participant must be ready to show effort, cooperation, respect, and support for coaches, teammates, and officials.

4. A participant is expected to attend all scheduled practices, meetings, and contests, regardless if school is in session. The Head Coach must be notified if it is necessary to miss. ***Participants may be dismissed from the team after 2 unexcused absences.***
 - A. Unexcused absences are those which are for personal benefit. These include absences taken without informing the Head Coach.
 - B. Excused absences will include but are not limited to:
 - Illness
 - Death in the family
 - Extremely severe weather (that cancels school)
 - Family vacations that are planned and reported to the coach prior to the first game of the season
 - C. Injured athletes, who are able to attend school, are expected to attend practice sessions.
 - D. **Any non-emergency absences from games or practices will be considered unexcused.**
 - E. **An unexcused absence for a practice prior to a game may make the athlete ineligible for that game or a portion of that game.**
5. A participant will know the procedures for being “cut” from the team, if cuts are to be made.
6. A participant will know what is expected of him/her in order to receive an athletic award.
7. A participant in 10th , 11th , or 12th may order a Letter Jacket after meeting the following requirements
 - Be enrolled in NBS for a minimum of two years
 - Played 2 years at the Varsity Level

Sports that are eligible for letters are baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, golf, soccer, softball, track, and volleyball.

8. The athletic season will run from the date of the first scheduled school workout until the last mandatory meeting called by the Head Coach. Participants must complete the entire season to be eligible for awards and honors. *Participants are expected to commit for the entire year's program in the sport(s) they select, including tournaments and playoffs.*
9. In addition, the participant will be required to adhere to any other rules and requirements adopted by the athletic director, and school administrator in consultation with the coaching staff.

**** In case of minor or major infractions of the above rules, the coach of the sport may place the student on probation (meaning games) or suspension (meaning practices and games) until the matter is resolved. After the coach has met with the athlete(s) at least one time to explain the disciplinary action, and the requirement is understood by the student(s), the matter will be considered resolved. This meeting may involve parents. If exclusion from the sport is the penalty, the parents must be involved. The coach will be responsible for notifying the athletic director of any intention to exclude or suspend a student from a sport prior to the meeting with the student athlete and his/her parent(s).**

****Student athletes will be held responsible for classroom and game behavior by the coaching staff and the classroom teacher. If a student athlete creates a problem in the classroom he or she may be disciplined by a member of the coaching staff within 3 school days of the incident. This discipline will come in the form of probation, or extra exercises.**

Problems in the classroom may include but are not limited to:

1. Detention for any reason (Tardies, chewing gum, uniform, classroom behavior, etc.).
2. Teacher complaints about attitude of student, disrespect issues, not completing assignments, etc.
3. Unexcused absences from practice and/or games.
4. Technical or flagrant fouls during a game.

TRAVEL

All students are expected to travel to and from all practices and games in transportation provided by or arranged by the school. In case of personal or family convenience, other arrangements may be made with the coach, but a permission slip must first be signed by parent(s) and returned to the coach.

1. Athletes traveling to and from games will dress in attire designated by the coach and in keeping with the NBS student handbook and dress codes.
2. Radios and other electronic devices will not be allowed on any athletic trips in school provided vehicles – unless the coach gives permission. This includes cell phones, i-pods, mp3s, etc. that play music. The coach will determine the music played in the vehicles. Magazines and any non-school related reading materials will not be allowed in any school vehicles.
3. The driver of the team vehicle is the ultimate authority, and all students must submit to his/her instructions.
4. No extra riders (non-team members) will be allowed to ride in any school provided vehicle(s), unless coach and parents agree that it is okay.

*** Any student who does not comply with the above mentioned travel rules will forfeit his/her right to play with the team in the away game.

PLAYER EXPENSES

The athletic program at NBS is supported in part by concession stand sales, gate receipts, fundraising, and donations.

For the concession stand and gate for the games the student athlete's parent(s) will be scheduled to work two home games for each sport in which the student participates. The parent(s) or their designees may choose to work two games in another sport so they can watch their student athletes' game. If a parent or designee cannot work, an option is to pay \$50 per sport. If scheduled workers do not show up to work when scheduled to work then a "no-show fee" of \$25 will be assessed.

The player's game uniforms are supplied by the athletic department - all but cheerleading. Participants will be expected to furnish their own shoes, socks, and other needed items for the sport in which they are competing. Criteria for shoes and socks will be provided by the athletic department.

Special wraps, braces, and supports are encouraged in all sports to prevent injury. These must be provided by the athlete. Additional personal expenses may be incurred while the team is traveling (i.e., eating expenses, drinks, lodging, etc.)

***NBS is currently requiring extracurricular fees per sport

Cost Per Player:

Baseball: \$100

Basketball: \$50

Cheerleading (Varsity): \$100

Football: \$150

Golf: \$50

Soccer: \$50

Softball: \$50

Track: \$50

Volleyball: \$50

PRACTICE UNIFORMS

Athletes are required to dress in the **full practice uniform** including proper footwear at all scheduled practices. This includes all after school, weekend, and holiday practices. The practice uniform should be neat and well kept. Students failing to comply with uniform guidelines will not be allowed to practice which will result in an unexcused absence.

SPORTS OFFERED

Middle & High School Girls: basketball, cheerleading, golf (co-ed), softball, soccer (co-ed), track, and volleyball

Middle & High School Boys: baseball, basketball, football (8-man), golf (co-ed), soccer (co-ed), and track

A copy of this Student/Parent Contract must be on file in the athletic office.

I _____ as a student athlete of Northeast Baptist School have read and agree to abide by all the rules in the NBS Athletic Handbook.

I _____ as the Parent of _____ have read and agree to abide by all the rules in the NBS Athletic Handbook.

I _____ agree to support NBS with my time, talents, and abilities to help my child and his school community and team.

I _____ understand that every sport will have rules that will be enforced by each coach and their staff.

Parent Name: _____

Player Name: _____

Date: _____