

High Point Baptist Academy



Athletic Department Manual

Mission of Athletics

High Point exists to provide a biblically based instructional program in a discipleship-oriented environment that develops spiritual commitment, academic excellence, physical development, and social maturity. In doing so, the goal is to support the Christian family and the local Bible believing church.

The athletic program exists underneath the umbrella of the school as an extracurricular activity. This program chooses to use competitive sports to mentor athletes and to point their lives towards Christ.

Purpose of Athletics

The purpose of our athletic program is to integrate biblical character into individual lives. This will be known as the “process” of building a young athlete. Here at High Point we first focus on the Heart of the individual by impacting the mind, soul and spirit of the athlete. Since we are focused on the process we hope to create a desire for Christ; this means to “press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (Phil. 3:12-15). Secondly, we will instruct our athletes on how to represent themselves, their family and God at all times. This means we understand that God has given us the opportunity to be a witness to others by our own actions. We take it as a command to be “Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us” (2 Corinthians 5:16-21).

Lastly, we want to equip our athletes for their lives after going through our program. It is our hope not just to equip our kids with ‘life lessons’ but an understanding how to deal with sin and focusing on Christ by “throwing off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles” (Hebrews 12). The following are traditional goals of our athletics programs and should be an intricate part of each coach’s philosophy.

1. To complement the academic program and the students church.
2. To become examples of the Gospel in all situations, in adversity whether loses or wins.
3. To promote spirit of unity from the administration to teachers to coaches to players.
4. To see to it that each athlete has accepted Christ as their personal Savior.
5. To see that each athlete is clearly growing and maturing spiritually.
6. To learn to honor Christ with everything we do.
7. To teach the athlete how to be winners as well as how to react to setbacks.
8. To instill Biblical characters traits in each athlete’s life that he or she can use after their career is compete here at High Point.
9. To establish a competitive desire to excel to leave our program better then we found it.
10. To display Jesus Christ with unsaved people within our community and the public schools that we come in contact with.

Sports offered at High Point

High School Grades 9 – 12th

Season	Girls	Boys
Fall	Golf Soccer Volleyball	Golf Soccer
Winter	Basketball	Basketball
Spring	Lacrosse	Baseball

Middle School Grades 6th – 8th

Season	Girls	Boys
Fall	Volleyball	Soccer
Winter	Basketball	Basketball
Spring	Soccer	Baseball

League Information

1. High Point is part of the CCAC (Commonwealth Christian Athletic Conference) and the PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Conference). HP is a Single A school in District III. Middle School teams are not part of the PIAA but follow the same rules for consistency and easy transition to Varsity Level.

Academic/ Behavioral & Grades Eligibility Requirements:

Also referenced in the High Point Handbook

Grades

1. At the beginning of the school term, the student must have maintained a combined average of C (77%) or above, for the previous quarter or for the last quarter of the previous year for fall sports. Only one failing grade is permitted.
2. Athletes will have their grade evaluated every three weeks. For participation to continue, the overall average must be a C (Only one failing grade is permitted). Should the average fall below the C (77%), the student may neither play no practice until the next progress reports are issued and a C average or above is attained. When unsatisfactory progress reports are issued, students are responsible to consult with the teacher(s) involved and to advise the coach or sponsor. Athletes who have below a C average (78%) with one failing grade or fewer are evaluated weekly.
3. At the end of the school year, the student's final grade will determine their eligibility for the fall semester of the upcoming year.

Attendance

Also referenced in the High Point Handbook

Time: School Begins at 8:10 A.M. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

School Attendance Requirements:

A student may neither play nor practice unless he has attended school the entire day. Exceptions will occur in the cases of doctor's appointments, dental exams, or funerals. Final approval will come from the Athletic Department. Coming in late due to sickness or tiredness will be decided by administration of appropriate practice and playing time.

Any student missing 20 or more days during a semester will automatically become ineligible for athletic competition until he/she has attended forty-five days of school after the twentieth absence (PIAA)

Practice Attendance Requirements:

1. Students who have been injured and have missed two days of practice must seek medical attention and may not participate in games or practice until they have been cleared by a doctor.
2. Students are to be at every practice.
 - a. Missing a practice for an unexcused reason will forfeit the first half of the next game.
 - b. Only approved absences from the coach will be counted as excused. Two days in advance are required for missed practices.

3. Students are to be at every game.
 - a. A student who skips a game without the approval of the coach is to sit out the next game. Two weeks' notice is required for any game that will be missed.
 - b. If a student is suspended for anything other than grades, they are required to sit on the bench.

If practices are scheduled on non-school days (Saturdays, Christmas break, etc.) it should first be confirmed by the Athletic Director before communicating with the athletes.

Pre-Season:

The PIAA requires a two-week period (10 days) before competition begins for athletes to begin training and make any necessary cuts to the team. This is required for every season. All athletes must attend the two weeks of preseason schedule and any tryouts that may occur in any of the sporting season. If they do not complete the 10-day cycle, competition will begin when they have finished their 10 days.

Conduct and Discipline

Since we are a Christian School Conference, the manner of conduct of coaches, players and spectators is important to the kind of testimony we will bear. Therefore, the following guidelines:

1. The coaches' conduct has the greatest influence on both players and the spectators. Therefore, they must keep themselves under control in both action and speech in relation to players and officials of the game. They are representative of Christ and the school.
2. The player represents his school and must maintain a Christian testimony.
3. Activities resulting in immediate disciplinary action from the Athletic Director and Administration would be:
 - a. Illegal Drugs
 - b. Smoking
 - c. Use of Alcohol
 - d. Immoral Conduct
 - e. Theft
 - f. Assault
 - g. Hazing

*These activities could result in suspension.

4. Players are not to play dirty, use profanity or other bad language, argue, fight, or use obscene gestures.
5. Clean, hard work and teamwork should be stressed.

Team Selection

If cuts need to be made, High Point coaches will be asked to follow the guidelines.

1. **Middle School**: Cuts should be based on attitude, showing up to practice and attention during practice and skill level. Before preseason starts the Coach and Athletic Director will meet to decide the number of kids to cut and a date to cut them. The Coach should be in communication with the Athletic Director after every practice to discuss cuts.
2. The Athletic Director does need to be in attendance when the announcement of cuts is made, the athletic director does need to approve of the players being dismissed from the team prior to announcement.
3. **Varsity**: Cuts should be made based on attitude, talent, and the athlete's willingness to learn. Before preseason starts the Coach and Athletic Director will meet to decide the number of kids to cut and a date to cut them. The Coach should be in communication with the Athletic Director after every practice to discuss cuts.
4. The Athletic Director does need to be in attendance when the announcement of cuts is made, and the athletic director does need to approve of the players being dismissed from the team prior to announcement.

If cuts are needed at the Varsity level, we will make a JV team when possible.

Two Sport Athlete Policy

The following guidelines are for those interested in playing two sports in the same season:

1. The student athlete and parents need to advise the athletic director and coach of their intent to participate in multiple sports two weeks before pre-season.
2. The student athlete and parents need to distinguish between the primary sport and their secondary sport. The primary sport will have priority over scheduling conflicts.
3. Coaches that are affected by the teams will meet with the Athletic Director before the season begins to evaluate the schedules and eliminate any complications that may occur.
4. Student athletes must adhere to the High Point's Academic eligibility policy. Overall average must be a C (Only one failing grade is permitted). Should the average fall below the C (77%), the student may neither play nor practice until the next progress reports are issued and a C average or above is attained.

5. Two sport athletes are only able to participate in the following sports when a team's roster needs to be full for competition. This is approved by the Athletic Director.
 - a. Golf
 - b. Volleyball
 - c. Soccer
6. Athletes, parents, and coaches please take into consideration when making the decision to play two sports. Here are some factors to keep in mind: an increased potential for injuries, strain on academics and team unity.

Cancellation of Contest and Weather-Related Situations

1. Once a game has been cancelled the Athletic Director will contact the coach.
2. An announcement will be made to the students, and they will have the opportunity to then contact their parents.
3. An update will be placed on social media.
4. A coach will reach out to parents with the updated schedule change.
5. If school is dismissed early due to weather – all practices and games will be cancelled for that day.

Athletic Department Communication

Communication is of the utmost importance to have a successful Athletic Department. The Athletic Director is responsible for the athletic program and works hand in hand with the Head of School for a successful program. Coaches report directly to the Athletic Director.

1. All questions and concerns should first go through the appropriate coach that your athlete is participating on. If your needs are not met contact the Athletic Director and then Head of School. When addressing a coach, please follow the next day policy. Immediately after a contest emotion can run high. It is the policy to contact the coach the next day with any issues or concerns.
2. All schedule changes will be handled in the following manner:
 - a. Posted on Instagram – hpeaglenation, email (constant contact), facebook – High Point Baptist Academy – Instagram – hpademy
 - b. rSchoolToday – The athletic schedule is maintained on this website and app. You can sign up for instant changes through email or text.

Facilities and Equipment

High Point is blessed in having athletic facilities. They should be treated with respect.

1. No one is allowed to use the athletic facilities without approval from coaches and Athletic Director.
2. No cleats should be worn inside the building.
3. No students are allowed in the storage closet in the gym without permission from a coach, teacher or Athletic Director.
4. Any damage must be reported to a coach or the Athletic Director.
5. High Point Camp facilities are not to be used by students or athletes. Unless pre-approved by the Camp Director. Camp is **NEVER** to be used as a through way to the upper fields.

Transportation

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1. Transportation is provided for all away athletic events. All athletes must ride on the bus to an away game. An athlete may leave with a parent after the game with the parent's permission. An email that day or communication the night of the game is also sufficient. If special arrangements need to be made, they need to contact the Athletic Director for approval.
2. Respect is expected on the bus at all times. Noise level should be low as to not distract driver, clean up and mess after you arrive back at the school,
3. Always be courteous to the bus drivers.
4. There will be no mixed female/male seating on the bus.

Attire

Athletes must wear modest attire for practices and travelling to and from games. No yoga pants, spandex shorts, or spaghetti straps. Shorts need to be an appropriate length along with loose fitting sweatpants.

Long hair must be tied up.

Uniforms will need to be returned to the Athletic Department by the date requested at the end of each season. The uniform should be cleaned and in the same condition that was given at the beginning of the season. If the uniforms are not in the appropriate condition the athlete will be charged to replace it. If a uniform is not turned in on time, the athlete will not be able to participate in the next sport season and will have lunch detention each day until uniform is turned into the Athletic Department.

After School/Game Procedures

Elementary and Middle School Students need to be under adult supervision after school and during games. There are NO Elementary/Middle School students unsupervised after school. A High School student is not considered adult supervision.

If a game begins later than 4:00 pm, students are required to go home before the beginning of the games.

High School students staying after school for games need to have an email from parents to the Academy Office and Athletic Director.

Parent Relationship/Guidelines

All players who become members of the High Point Baptist Academy athletic teams understand playing on these teams demands tremendous commitment and dedication to the game and their team. Likewise, parents make great commitment and sacrifice for their sons/daughters to play with the team. Playing for the HP Eagles is a privilege, not a right.

1. Influence my child to abide by the contract he/she has signed. Parents will treat players, coaches, opponents, and officials with respect and dignity.
2. Parents will treat players, coaches, opponents, and officials with respect and dignity.
3. Be an example of good sportsmanship at games by making only positive comments to and about players, keeping criticism of the officiating to a minimum volume, frequency, and treating fans of our opposing team with respect.
4. Be patient with players and coaches.
5. Parents will refrain from making derogatory comments to referees at any time.
6. Coaching is to be done only by coaches on staff. Parents agree to refrain from coaching or directing their child or other players during all games and practices.
7. Parents will discuss player and/or team concerns and problems **directly with the head coach**. It is not appropriate to do this immediately preceding or after a game or practice. A meeting can be scheduled for the following day after an incident. Parents should call the coach and speak over the phone or set up an appointment to meet with the coach to address any concerns. Parents, if not satisfied following a meeting with their son's/daughter's coach, may request a phone conversation or meeting with the Athletic Director to discuss their concerns.
8. Parents will make sure their son/daughter attends all practices and will be on time.
9. Parents will support coaches and encourage their athletes to do the same.