

# PERRY HALL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

## PHCS PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

As an athletic department, we strive to teach our student-athletes sportsmanship, respect for authority, motivation, cooperation, teamwork and how to be a Christian athlete. All student-athletes are challenged to honor and glorify God with their lives, even in the heat of competition. Our coaches teach the lessons of winning and losing, but stress playing to honor and glorify God. <https://phcsweb.org/athletics-2/>

## FORMS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS

All student-athletes and parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to sign the Athletic Handbook. All student-athletes and parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to sign the Athletic Permission Slip.

All student-athletes are required to have a current physical. All of these forms are to be handed in to the athletic director or coach before the student-athlete can participate in any practices or games.

## PHCS PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent of a PHCS athlete, I understand that the mission of PHCS Athletics is twofold. The Panther athletic program exists to provide students opportunities to grow their character into conformity with Christ and to maximize the development of their God-given athletic potential.

Character first, athletic achievement second- in that order. I also understand that ultimately every endeavor in life has one primary goal: to bring glory to our Creator. I commit to never let the intensity of athletic competition compromise my testimony as an individual, as a member of the PHCS community and as a follower of Jesus Christ. I believe that every child on the opposing team, the most and least skilled players on our team, the coaches, the referees, and other parents are all made in the image of God. All are deserving of being treated with dignity and respect, even on their worst days. As such, I will look for opportunities to support, not undermine, the God-given authority of the coaches and officials. I believe that while we do not compromise or apologize for our desire to win, our mindset as PHCS parents is to use athletic competition as a way to encourage our students and to leave the opposing team with the sense that Perry Hall Christian is just that - authentically Christian in its commitment to excellence, humility of spirit, abundance of love, and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I agree to refrain from using alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or profanity at any PHCS athletic event. I agree to never publicly or personally confront an official or referee. I agree to never step on to the field of play because of an officiating decision. I will support all coaches and athletes playing for and against PHCS and never root negatively.

## **PHCS PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

I understand the mission of PHCS Athletics is to provide students opportunities to grow their character into conformity with Christ and to maximize the development of their God-given athletic potential - in that order. I further understand that ultimately every endeavor in life has one primary goal: to bring glory to our Creator, and my actions on the field and court should reflect that goal. I commit to never let the intensity of athletic competition, compromise the Christian testimony of PHCS, nor my testimony as a follower of Jesus Christ. I agree as a student-athlete at PHCS that my education is my first responsibility; therefore, I will strive to achieve academic excellence and remain academically eligible. I understand I represent PHCS. I will play hard and to the best of my abilities, but I will not intentionally harm an opposing player. I will respect my coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, and opposing fans at all times in accordance with Christian Character. I will not use drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or profanity on or off of the field. I agree to be on time to all practices, games, or team events unless I personally inform my coach otherwise. I will not damage or deface property, buildings, or equipment of PHCS or an opposing school. I will also take proper care of uniforms and equipment issued to me by PHCS. I will not speak to an official unless spoken to first.

## **ACADEMIC INELIGIBILITY**

At the end of each quarter and at each midterm progress report, a student's grades will determine eligibility for extra-curricular activities. Students earning one grade of *F* or two grades of *D* will be ineligible for all extra-curricular activities. Ineligible students will be reassessed 10 school days after midterm and term reports. If grades have improved, the US Principal or Athletic Director may elect to reinstate eligibility. If grades have not improved, students will remain ineligible until the next progress report or report card. Fourth quarter grades will determine eligibility for fall activities.

## **ACADEMIC PROBATION**

The purpose of academic probation is to give the student an opportunity to improve and to also issue a strong warning that he/she is in danger of not being promoted and/or not continuing at PHCS. A student who has been on the ineligible list four or more times within a given school year will be placed on academic probation. In addition, a student who misses 15 or more days during the first semester will be placed on academic probation. Once a student is placed on academic probation, the student may not participate in extracurricular activities and must also relinquish all positions of leadership and responsibility for the remainder of the probation period, to be determined by the US Principal or Athletic Director.

## **ABSENCE PROTOCOL**

Students may not participate in extracurricular activities on the day of an absence (excused or unexcused) unless special permission has been granted by the US Principal or Athletic Director. A student must be in school for the full day (5 hours) to be considered present. If an athlete will miss a practice or game, the coach should be contacted as soon as possible. Missing a practice or game could result in missing the next game. Head coaches have full authority to determine the consequence for missing a practice or game.

## **ABSENCES AND SCHOOL WORK**

Student-athletes will sometimes be required to miss class. The student is responsible for making up all work missed. Work assigned to the student prior to the absence is due on the day he/she returns to school. This includes long-term projects that are due on the day of the absence. Work assigned to the student after the absence is due one day after the work is received.

## **ATHLETIC FEES**

There is a \$175/player/season fee for all student-athletes enrolled at PHCS, \$250 for homeschooled students. For all PHCS school families, that amount will be taken out of the family's FACTS account when rosters are turned in. For all PHCS home school families, that amount must be paid before the student-athlete can practice.

## **UNIFORMS**

All PHCS uniforms are to be returned by 5 school days after the end of the season. Any uniforms not returned by 5 days after the end of the season will result in a late charge to be determined by the Athletic Director. No student-athlete will be allowed to participate in another sport until previously issued uniforms are returned or payment is made.

## **TEAM UNIFORMS**

Team uniforms (jerseys) may be worn on picture day, the day of the first playoff game, and championship game.

## **TRAVEL**

Transportation to practices/games at Glen Arm Sports and away games will be provided by PHCS. Any parent/guardian who plans on driving their student-athlete to or from an away game must inform the Athletic Director or coach. PHCS student-athletes are expected to follow the instructions of the coach or driver, remain seat belted (under 17 years of age), and keep the vehicles clean.

## **MEDICAL CARE**

A nurse or medical person is no longer available onsite after 3:30pm. Students who have carry order completed by their physician. Ordered medication should remain with the student. Coaches also carry first aid kits and have a basic knowledge of first aid. Student should speak to staff member in charge about how they are feeling before calling their parents/guardians.

Students should stay with staff member until they are picked up by parent/guardian.

## **TEAM SIZE & PLAYING TIME EXPECTATIONS**

The coach and Athletic Director will make the final decision regarding the number of players per team in each season. In the event where it is necessary to make a second team, all parents will be informed in a timely manner. Student-athletes who make a team will not necessarily see equal playing time. Playing time is not guaranteed to any athlete.

## **SIBLINGS STAYING AFTERSCHOOL WITH ATHLETES**

The safety of our students is very important to us. During sports practices, coaches are busy helping their players learn and practice skills necessary for the sport and are unable to attend to siblings or other students staying after school. Therefore, PHCS will require any student who is not an eligible soccer or baseball team member to report to After Care. Parents will be charged the appropriate fees for this service. One exception to this policy applies to athletes who drive middle school or high school siblings who may wait on the bleachers during practice. Please email the athletic director with documentation if this scenario applies to your athlete.

For middle school and JV teams, the emphasis will be on skill development. The coach will attempt to play each player in every regular season game. In playoffs, the coach will make playing time decisions based on skill level. Playing time depends on the skill and experience of the player and will be determined solely by the coach.

Varsity teams will consist of the best players, regardless of grade. At the varsity level, playing time is not guaranteed. Playing time depends on the skill and experience of the player and will be determined solely by the coach.

### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Parents may not approach a coach before, during, or after a practice or game to discuss a concern. Rather, they should wait until the next business day and email the coach to express their concern. The coach will either address the concern via email or will schedule a time to discuss the matter further with the parent. If no resolution is reached after this exchange, the athlete/parent/guardian can request a meeting with the Athletic Director and coach.

### **PRACTICE & GAME SCHEDULE**

All practices and games are posted on our athletic calendar. The calendar can be found: <https://phcsweb.org/athletics-2/> and on the Perry Hall Christian App. Parents are expected to check the athletic calendar for changes. If there is a weather-related change, an email will be sent to affected teams, all parents/guardians will be sent an email within a week of practice starting to ensure the athletic office has the best email to reach parents. If an email is received, the parent(s) should contact the athletic office. The school calendar is always consulted when the athletic schedule is created. On occasion, there may be games played on days where there is no school. These games are set annually according to state and national tournaments which affect league games. In some instances (particularly in Mid-October) there are games which cannot be moved.

### **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

All student-athletes are required to attend the athletic awards at the end of each season. (Winter and Spring awards are combined.)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Athletic Schedules: <https://phcsweb.org/athletics-2/> or the Perry Hall Christian App

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PHCSathletics/?ref=settings>, Twitter:

@PHCSathletics

Athletic League: <http://miacsports.org>

### **PHCS SPORTS OFFERED**

Fall Sports- boys soccer middle and high school, girls volleyball middle and high school, coed cross country middle and high school

Winter Sports- boys basketball middle and high school, girls basketball middle and high school  
Spring Sports- boys baseball middle and high school, girls soccer middle and high school, coed flag football middle school

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