

FAITH OUTREACH ACADEMY

ATHLETICS HANDBOOK



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Who?

Faith Outreach Academy is committed to educating your child not only in the classroom, but also through our many exciting athletic opportunities. We understand that athletics are a very big commitment for both students and parents. Before you make such a commitment, we want to share a very big statement with you.

Jesus Christ is the reason we do what we do.

It is that simple. Jesus called us to victory; a feat that He achieved. We believe that whatever we do should be done to His glory. Faith Outreach Academy takes this responsibility very seriously in both academics and athletics.

We are thrilled to have student athletes and parents that not only support this mission, but also endeavor to assist in it.

Our three-stranded cord is this:

Almighty God(1), FOA coaches, administration and staff (2), and your family unit, including the student athlete (3).

It will not be easily broken.

What?

Faith Outreach Academy centers our athletic program around 6 core values.

C- Class

W- Winning Attitude

P- Poise

U- Unity

S- Sacrifice

H- Humility

Everything we ask of our players is in line with at least one, but often many of these core values. To be an FOA Eagle, is to embody each of these core values. This is our standard.

Student athletes have the option of trying out for a variety of sports at FOA. Current sports programs are Varsity Volleyball (girls), Varsity Basketball (boys and girls), JV basketball (boys) and Flag Football (Co-Ed). We are always looking to add more sports to our offerings, and work closely with the Suncoast Christian Conference in doing so. We encourage parents who would like to be more involved to speak to our athletic director and discuss possible areas where you can serve!

Why?

At Faith Outreach Academy, we believe that our purpose goes beyond general education and general athletics. Our purpose reaches into eternity and helps to shape the very moral principles that our students and student athletes will base their worldviews around for years to come.

Athletics teaches a great many lessons. The uniform and dress codes, how our athletes conduct themselves teaches CLASS. The difficult demands of our coaches and intensely structured practices, the overcoming of mental and physical adversity, and the expectation of good sportsmanship will teach a WINNING ATTITUDE. POISE is learned through immense pressure and fast thinking of game situations. Without a doubt, our athletic program teaches student athletes to exhibit UNITY with teammates that share different cultural roots, ethnicities, familial backgrounds, athletic ability and many other differences, for the achievement of a common goal. SACRIFICE is an integral part of our program. Students must forego the opportunity to do many things after school hours, they must run when they are tired, they must push when they are weary, they must stand when they want to sit, they must say “yes” when they want to say “no.” They must help their teammates learn, and build one another up. Our final core value, HUMILITY, is learned through the triumph of victory, the disappointment of defeat, the honest manner of our

coaches, and the reinforcement that we are gifted by God to do the things that we do in our gym.

Where?

FOA's involvement in the Suncoast Christian Conference, as well as our commitment to providing our student athletes with the maximum learning and life experience through athletics, requires us to travel to road games consistently throughout our sports seasons. As a result, our Varsity teams sometimes get back later at night. We ask parents to make arrangements to pick their student athlete up in a timely manner upon our arrival back to the school, and will make our itinerary available to you prior to our departure. In the event that something changes, parents will be notified immediately. Student athletes who are not picked up will be sent to after care if our arrival back to FOA is before 6:00 PM.

We love when parents, friends and other family members come out to support our Eagles! Whether at home or away, you are always welcome! We have concessions available at all home games, and we do charge a small fee for entry. Come support our student athletes as well as our entire school, by watching our teams play. Just remember the core values we believe in, and encourage all who come along to conduct themselves accordingly. We can't wait to see you there!

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When?

Because of the competitive nature of athletics and because it is in line with our core values, we hold practices very frequently throughout the sports seasons. Typically, our JV teams would have the earlier time block, with practices being completed by 5:00 PM, and our varsity teams would be later, with practices being completed by 7:00 PM. It is imperative that all of our student athletes be at all practices and all games. Practices and games are mandatory. If a student would like to request a special accommodation, he or she may do so by speaking directly to his or her coach. An example of a possibly excused absence, would be a family vacation over the holidays while we are holding practices. These situations are rare.

We are so grateful for parents who support us in our goal of teaching student athletes the importance of honoring their commitment to their teammates, coaches and school. Parents are encouraged to speak to the athletic director if they feel a disciplinary situation might warrant a child's absence.

All games and practices are held after school hours, and we not only expect your child to successfully complete all daily homework assignments, but on game days we will provide time for our varsity athletes to do so. Your student athlete's grades are of paramount importance to us, because we believe

that to be a great teammate and exhibit a winning attitude, one must be studious and responsible.

How?

With your involvement and commitment, with your student athlete's dedication to our program, and with the diligence and expertise of our coaching staff, we can use the FOA athletic program to assist your child's teachers and school leadership in building them up to be the great and godly young men and women that the Lord would have them to be.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.-

Proverbs 22:6

We are deeply moved by your decision to trust our school with the development of your child. We are excited to train them up through our athletic program.

We will see you on game day!

Go EAGLES!