

Faustina Academy's Athletic Program strives to provide our students a path for spiritual, mental, and physical development. Athletics teach numerous life skills and offer tremendous opportunities for personal growth. Representing Faustina is a privilege. Expectations for our teams, athletes, and parents are high – not solely on a win/loss basis, but in making Faustina Academy an exemplary model of a properly-run athletic organization. As such, our school shall meet or exceed the high standards we set for ourselves.

GOVERNING ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

- Students in 5th-8th grades compete in the IAA with like-minded Dallas County private schools
- Students in 9th-12th grades compete in TAPPS and abide by their guidelines for athletic play

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- Students who have not met the standard of 70% or above for each grading period will be athletically ineligible for a minimum period of two weeks. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director and Principal.
- Students may also be required to miss an athletic game or competition for any of the following reasons: repetitive missed homework assignments, missed deadline for an assigned research or long-term project, academic dishonesty.

COMMUNICATION

- Communication expected from a coach: weekly team information (practice plans, game times, locations, etc), general team guidelines and expectations, equipment needs, volunteer opportunities.
- Communication expected from parents: advance notification of any schedule conflicts, concerns regarding a coach's expectations, willingness to volunteer, support for the athletic program.
- Appropriate concerns to discuss with a coach: ways to help your child improve, treatment of your child (physical, mental, spiritual), behavior (at home or school).
- Issues not appropriate to discuss with a coach: team strategies, decisions or play-calling, other team members or other coaches.
- If you have a concern to discuss, it should be handled in the following sequence: student/coach, student/coach/parents, student/coach/parents/Athletic Director, student/coach/parents/Athletic Director/Principal.
- Any meetings involving a coach, Athletic Director or Principal should be scheduled in advance, NEVER during or immediately after a practice or game.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION & CONDUCT

-All required paperwork must be completed and on file with the Athletic Director prior to participation in games or contests (medical forms, TAPPS forms, Faustina form)

-All athletic fees for participation in a particular sport must be paid prior to the first game or contest. Fees for each sport will be determined by the Athletic Director.

-Attendance at scheduled practices and games is expected. Absence from a practice or game must be discussed and approved in advance with the head coach. An approved absence should fall into one of the following categories: medical reason, family emergency, or academic assistance. Unexcused absences from practice will be grounds for dismissal from the team.

-A student who is absent more than half of the school day (more than 3 class periods) is not permitted to participate in a scheduled game or contest later that day, unless approved by the Athletic Director and Principal.

-Quitting a team is unacceptable. The first week of each sport season will be an "open week", and students are free to decide if they'd like to participate. Beginning with the second week, full commitment is expected from all team members. Students that choose to quit a team will be ineligible to participate in Faustina Athletics for the remainder of the school year, and will not be recognized for any athletic participation for the year.

-A student who is removed/ejected from a game or contest by an official for detrimental conduct is required to pay a fine of \$200 to TAPPS and is ineligible for the next scheduled game or contest. A second removal within the season will result in an additional fine and increased suspension from competition.

-Parents shall authorize their approval for their child to ride with another student to a practice or game after school hours. If a game is scheduled during school hours, all players must ride in the school van to the game and return to school in the van or with their parents.

-Students are expected to wear approved attire at all times for practices and on game days. Coaches will enforce the uniform policy set by the school for all uniform/practice attire.

-Students may use the school weight room only when approved and supervised by an adult. Any music played in the weight room must be appropriate (language & subject matter).

-Students are expected to maintain proper behavior and good conduct while at Faustina. Any student with habitual discipline problems or has a disrespectful attitude may be suspended or removed from a sport at the discretion of the Athletic Director and Principal.