



FAYETTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

"Partnering with parents to provide quality Christian education for the glory of God."

Athletic Handbook and Coaches' Manual 2025-2026

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I. PHILOSOPHY

VERSE

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Cor. 10:31)

MISSION

The mission of Fayette Christian School is to partner with parents in the successful delivery of a quality Christian education, growing students spiritually, academically, socially, and physically to benefit churches, communities, and the world—all to the glory of God.

PURPOSE

The ultimate goal and purpose of Fayette Christian School is to train students in the knowledge of God, to show the Christian way of life, and to offer them an excellent education. It is our desire to work with parents in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and thus equipping the child to identify, evaluate, and relate properly to life's challenges. We exist to provide a Christ-based education for students of our church families, as well as those in the surrounding area who see the need for Christian education.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We believe and teach these principles:

- We believe the Bible to be the infallible, inerrant Word of God, inspired and authoritative in its entirety. (II Tim. 3:16-18; II Peter 1:20-21; Jude 3)
- We accept the Bible as the authority for faith and practice and the only absolute for developing a Christian worldview and living a Christian life. (Col. 2:8; Rom. 12:2)
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons— the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:21-22)
- We believe in the creation of man by the direct act of God. (Gen. 1:26-27, 2:16-17, 3:6,19; Rom. 3:10-23, 6:23, 7:18, 11:32; Gal. 3:22)
- We believe in the deity of Christ, that He was fully God and fully man. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life; His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father; and in His personal return in power and glory. (Gen. 1:26-27, 2:16-17, 3:6,19; Rom. 3:10-23, 6:23, 7:18, 11:32; Gal. 3:22)
- We believe that we are created in God's image, but as a result of personal sin, a relationship with God has been broken. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for man's salvation, and the reconciliation of that sinful state is made possible through an acceptance of the finished work of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 3:24-29, 5:8-10; I Tim. 2:5-6; I John 2:1-2)

- We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (John 17:17; Rom. 3:24-28, 8:9-11; I Cor. 12:13; Eph 4:30, 5:26; Heb. 10:14; Col. 3:1-4; I John 3:1-3)
- We believe that Satan exists as a person. He is not to be considered simply mythical, figurative, or symbolic of evil. (Luke 10:18; John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11)
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. Those who are saved are resurrected unto eternal life and those who are lost unto eternal damnation. (John 20:1-29; Acts 1:9-11; I Cor. 15:1-50; Eph. 1:20-23; I Thes. 4:13-18; Heb. 1:3; Rev. 20:11-15, 21:22)
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:1-47; Rom.12:1-8; I Cor. 11:23-24, 21:1-31; Eph. 1:22-23)
- We believe that marriage is between one man and one woman (Gen. 2) and that sexual immorality is against God's moral code of conduct (Lev. 20:13; Rom. 1:27)

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female (these two distinct, complementary genders together), each reflecting the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen. 2:18-25)
- We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4)
- We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10)
- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
- We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Fayette Christian School.
- We believe that in order to preserve the function, integrity, and testimony of Fayette Christian School as a ministry of the local Body of Christ (and to provide a biblical role model to the Fayette Christian School members and the community) it is imperative that all persons employed by or volunteer at Fayette Christian School (in any capacity) agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22)

PHILOSOPHY

Wisdom and knowledge come from God; therefore, man's education is complete only when God and His Word are the center of all learning. "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...*" (Proverbs 1:7a) In education Fayette Christian School is concerned with the total person—spiritually, academically, physically, and socially—believing these can be met only as approached from a Christian or Biblical philosophy. "*Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all*

things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.” (I Corinthians 8:6)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Fulfilling its philosophy, Fayette Christian School aims to develop young people who are . . .

Biblically Grounded

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...” (Colossians 3:16)

- To guide each student toward a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior
- To instill a love for the Word of God
- To provide an environment where students learn to think biblically
- To awaken a realization that God has a calling for each life
- To instill a sense of responsibility and compassion for those who do not know Christ

Academically Prepared

“...but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...” (Romans 12:2)

- To impart a command of essential knowledge and skills in liberal arts
- To discover and develop individual God-given aptitudes
- To prepare each student academically for the next step in God’s calling
- To instill a love of learning and a desire for academic excellence
- To cultivate disciplined, analytical thinking
- To develop competency in oral, written, and technological communication skills and to instruct students in their appropriate use.
- To foster a genuine desire for lifelong learning

Socially Adept

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without...” (Colossians 4:5)

- To instill a loyalty to Jesus Christ in all things at all times
- To promote integrity in the application of Scripture to life
- To impart the crucial skills and understanding that equip students to act, dress, and conduct themselves appropriately in all circumstances and occasions
- To develop an understanding of the student’s place and obligations in the family, church, school, and community
- To treat others with respect, compassion, and civility
- To promote character traits exhibiting Christian leadership: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service to their community and country, honor, integrity, and personal courage

Physically Sound

“...present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable to God...” (Romans 12:1)

- To develop a respect for the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit
- To encourage the yielding of the body as an instrument of God’s use
- To teach intelligent care of the body
- To refrain from destructive physical behaviors through an understanding of biblical principles regarding the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit

NONDISCRIMINATORY STATEMENTS

The governing board of Fayette Christian School located at 1315 Dayton Avenue in Washington Court House Ohio 43160 has adopted the following racial nondiscriminatory policies.

The Fayette Christian school recruits and admits students of any race, color or ethnic origin to all its rights, privileges, programs and activities. In addition, the school will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, employment, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

The Fayette Christian school will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin in the hiring of its certified or non-certified personnel.

II. COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES

COACHING PREREQUISITES

1. Completed volunteer application (Main office)
2. Background check (Sheriff's Department)
3. Attend pre-season coaches meeting and scheduled meetings

LEADERSHIP

1. Be a spiritual leader – The coach is God's individual to aid the athletes in their spiritual growth.
2. Watch your conduct both on and off campus.
3. Set the standard with your language, emotional control, and operation of the team.
4. Make sure athletes representing FCS will always leave a positive impression for our program. Any coach receiving an attitude related technical foul must report the incident with an explanation in writing to the Athletic Director and School Administrator.
5. Start and end practice with prayer and seek opportunities to apply spiritual principles which have been brought out through the game or practice.
6. Realize that the students' first priority is academics.

FACILITIES FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

1. Practice times will be scheduled with the office and communicated to the teams with plenty of advance notice. The office should be notified of any changes to the schedule immediately.
2. Do not schedule mandatory practices or competition on Wednesdays.
3. Start and stop practices on time. Use these time frames:
 - a. One and a half hours to two-hour practice for Varsity
 - b. One and a half hours for Junior Varsity
 - c. One and a half hours for Middle School
4. All coaches need to take the initiative in setting up and tearing down after a game. Do not assume these areas will be taken care of by anyone else but the coach.
5. Coaches need to check after every game to make sure all equipment and facilities are secure before leaving the campus.
6. Varsity players should be encouraged to participate in keeping the facility in top shape.
7. Coaches are responsible to ensure that players DO NOT wear cleats inside the gym or school.

PRIORITY OF PRACTICE

Varsity sports will always have priority over Junior Varsity and Junior High teams if there is a conflict.

After practice or game, students are never to be left at the gym without adult supervision. The coach should remain until the last player has left campus. If parents are habitually late, have a conference and inform them that if it continues a monetary compensation might be arranged for the coach who is inconvenienced.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULING GUIDELINES

1. Suggested Number of Games Per Season
 - a. Varsity Soccer – 16
 - b. JH Soccer – 12
 - c. Varsity Volleyball – 20
 - d. JH Volleyball – 16
 - e. Varsity Basketball – 22
 - f. JH Basketball – 16
2. Total number of games includes invitational tournaments but not conference tournament or post-season tournaments.
3. Two to three games per week Monday – Friday (except tournament weeks). Saturdays should be used sparingly for tournaments and long-distance games.
4. If at all possible, schedule games together with the same school.
5. Teams must travel together to away games (exceptions made for some local schools). If students are riding back with parents, this should be communicated directly to the coach. The coach is responsible for making sure that all student athletes are accounted for prior to departing an event.

COACH AND TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Team Roster
 - a. Each coach is to fill out a team roster as soon as your team is selected.
 - b. Sample roster is included below.
 - c. Rosters are to be submitted to the athletic director in person or through the office within two days after teams are determined.
 - d. Athletic Handbooks are on the school website: www.fayettechristian.org
 - e. Coaches are responsible to ensure all handbook agreement forms and physicals are complete for each of their athletes before they travel on school transportation or before the first game; whichever comes first. The handbook agreement form will be found at the end of this document.

2. Sample Roster

Number	Names	Position	Grade
11	Emily Brindle	G	8
21	Lauren Brooks	F	7
25	Rebecca Coan	F/C	7
31	Monica Cobb	C	8
23	Kelly Floyd	G	7
10	Sara Funderburk	G	7
12	Rebecca Lefler	F	7
20	Julianna Murphy	F/C	7
15	Danielle Stout	G	7
22	Dierdre Stout	G	7

3. Sports Results

- a. Each varsity coach is responsible to make sure results and stats are reported to the athletic director on the evening of the contest whether home or away. This will allow for timely reporting of games via media outlets.
- b. Current statistics are to be kept for all varsity teams.
- c. At the end of each season, a season summary for all teams is to be turned in to the athletic director.
- d. Coaches are responsible for posting website information or submitting information to the person responsible.

4. Equipment

- a. Each coach is to keep and maintain his/her equipment for the season.
- b. Check out and return all equipment to the athletic director or his assistant. At the end of the season, turn in an inventory list with the equipment.
- c. Athletes are not to borrow equipment for their own personal use unless their coach gives permission.
- d. Please make sure all equipment is treated with respect by the athletes.
- e. Any equipment needed is to be turned in to the athletic director by the coach.
- f. Budget requests for the following season should be turned in to the athletic director ideally within a week of the end of the current season.

5. Uniforms

- a. Each coach is to hand out and collect all uniforms for the sport they coach.
- b. Athletes are responsible for any damage to the uniforms or lost items.
- c. Each coach is responsible for properly laundering the team's uniforms during the season.
- d. Coaches may have players do their own laundry with proper instructions.
- e. Coaches may use school laundry.
- f. Coaches may launder at home and be reimbursed if necessary.
- g. Each coach is to keep an inventory list for uniforms checked out during the season.
- h. The Coaches should coordinate with the Athletic Director to make sure all uniforms are cleaned, collected, and stored properly at the conclusion of the season.
- i. Each varsity coach will address uniform needs to the Athletic Director at the close of the season for the following year.

6. Managers, Statisticians And Clock Operators

- a. It is the coach's responsibility to find a manager (if needed), scorekeeper and other personnel needed to aid your team.
- b. As a coach you need to take responsibility of directing the above mentioned people.
- c. Student Managers and statisticians are subject to time requirements, code of conduct, and eligibility as athletes.
- d. These students should be included on the roster and are accountable for handbook forms and a physical if they practice with the team.
- e. The athletic department will take care of furnishing clock management.

7. Road Trips

- a. Coaches are expected to disperse themselves among the students on the bus. Athletes are to remain seated with their knees out of the seats. Boys and girls should not sit together. It is the coaches' responsibility to see that the bus/van is clean after a trip.
- b. When staying overnight, the coach must set a reasonable curfew and check each room at the time. Coaches should challenge students concerning principles that determine what is watched on the TVs in the rooms. It is imperative that coaches have room/team devotions with the athletes each night. Do not leave this to the players' discretion.
- c. Motel expenses for coaches and chaperons on overnight trips will be covered by the school. Allowable meal expenses should be paid by the coach and a receipt given to the office for reimbursement.
- d. Athletes are responsible for their motel expenses. The athletic director should be given an accurate list of those staying overnight. Coaches may be responsible to collect and account for expenses and turn in to the financial office.
- e. Coaches may be asked to assist with game day transportation responsibilities as needed.

CHILD SAFETY AND ABUSE POLICY

Physical and sexual child abuse is a serious problem affecting American schools today. Fayette Christian School is committed to protecting our students, our employees and our ministry from these devastating tragedies. Allegations of child abuse or misconduct (even false allegations) can potentially destroy your career and our ministry; therefore, **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES AND PROCEDURES BE OBSERVED BY ALL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT FCS.**

Avoid physical contact, especially with older students. Do not kiss, hug, carry, or wrestle with any child or allow the child to sit on your lap. Appropriate touching would be gentle and from the shoulders up as well as the hands and arms. Injuries may require discretionary contact with the student: i.e. broken/sprained ankle, etc..

FCS employees or volunteers should **NEVER** be alone with a student in an unobservable location. The two-adult rule applies.

1. An individual must not take a child to the restroom alone. If a child soils himself, **two** adults may assist; however, insist on the child cleaning himself.
2. Employees and volunteers should not ride alone with a student in their vehicle.

3. When chaperoning student activities, employees/volunteers are not to have students in their homes alone. Group sleepovers or lock ins must have two (2) approved adult sponsors present.
4. Employees and volunteers should always be sure that areas such as restrooms and locker rooms are clear of students of the opposite sex before entering to accomplish a task.
5. Children must never be “popped”, “swatted”, shaken, slapped, pinched, etc.
6. Corporal punishment may be administered on the administrative level using appropriate procedures and care.
7. If any employee/volunteer has a reasonable suspicion that an incident of abuse has occurred, it should be brought to the attention of the administration immediately.
8. FCS employees and volunteers must submit to a criminal records background check and agree to abide by the school’s child safety policy statement.
9. Coaches should document and report to the administration any unusual student behavior that makes you feel uncomfortable or suspicious.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND REPUTATION: EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER AND FAMILY

The reputation of FCS and its employees and volunteers must not bring reproach on our Lord. While it is not possible to list every activity that is either discouraged or prohibited, it is possible to describe the testimony and personal effectiveness that a FCS employee or volunteer should possess and then evaluate individual activities by their impact on the desired testimony and effectiveness. The desirable testimony and reputation of a FCS employee or volunteer is that of a Christian who lives their life consistent with the teachings of the Bible and the employee handbook for FCS.

The purpose of this policy is to empower the leadership of FCS to address incidents and activities that, while not written in the staff handbook, do not promote a desirable testimony that is above reproach. Further, if that is found to be the case, the administrative leadership shall instruct the employee or volunteer to cease the activity or, in the case of a family member, cause the activity to cease.

Athletic personnel must follow all employee guidelines set forth in the staff and/or volunteer handbook.

DESS CODE – COACHES

Coaches who are not full time faculty/staff should abide by these guidelines any time they are on campus or involved in a school function.

Lady coaches should dress modestly and neatly (keeping in mind the professional nature of your position). Game day options: dress pants/jeans, skirts, dress shorts, or athletic pants with a FCS shirt. Hemlines and slits of skirts should not be above the middle of the knee while walking or sitting. Practice options: athletic shorts or athletic pants. Athletic shorts should keep with the length requirements of the student handbook. Pants should not be form fitting.

Male faculty and staff members should be clean shaven or neatly maintained mustache or beard with sideburns no longer than the bottom of the ear lobe and have a haircut which meets the regular school hair code. Game day options: dress pants/jeans, dress shorts or athletic

pants with a FCS polo, dress shirt, or FCS shirt.

We expect each coach to maintain high personal standards in relation to dress, music, entertainment (ex. videos and concerts), and social

PURCHASING POLICY

1. Consumable Items (items the players will keep after the season is over, such as hats, T-shirts, socks):
 - a. T-shirts or warmups may be ordered for each team. Orders are to be placed and bills with a list of each student to be charged passed to the Athletic Director.
 - b. For any additional items, approval must be obtained through the Athletic Director before the orders are placed.
 - c. Sponsorships should not be obtained without approval from the School Administrator.
2. All other athletic orders **must** be approved by purchase order and ordered by the athletic office.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Academics:** A student athlete must meet certain academic standards in order to participate in athletics. This academic eligibility requires having no F's and no more than one D in any subject. Eligibility will be determined by the grades on the progress and report cards. If a student fails to meet this standard, the student will become ineligible and will not be permitted to participate in any game (this includes attending away games and/or dressing out) for the next two weeks, or three games, whichever is the least amount of time. At the end of this period, a student's grades will be checked. If the grades are satisfactory, the student will again be eligible. If the grades do not improve, the student will remain ineligible, and will continue to be checked every two weeks or three games until they are raised to a satisfactory level. Students may attend practices while they are ineligible.
2. **Age:** Junior high teams may include 5th through 8th grades. Junior varsity and varsity teams may include grades seven through twelve, although only those in grades 9-12 are eligible to earn varsity letters. (It will be left to the coaching staff to decide whether or not 7th and 8th graders will be included on JV or varsity teams.) Students must not be older than nineteen prior to August 1st to be eligible to play.
3. **Enrollment:** All full-time students are eligible for FCS athletic programs. As per the school handbook, participation in FCS athletics is also open to home schooled students. Activity fees must be paid in full before any student may begin participation. Sports physicals are required for any students participating in junior high or high school sports. Home school students will be expected to follow the school policies regarding adherence to the statement of faith, dress code, etc.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all practices and games is mandatory. The only exceptions will be for illness or pre-planned, approved absences explained to the coach personally. The coach will determine the consequences for an absence (loss of starting position or playing time, etc.) Any student absent

from school on the day of an activity is not permitted to participate in that day's activity. To qualify as an exception, the involvement must be pre-approved by the principal. Athletes are also required to report to school on time the morning after an event and remain for the entire school day. Failure to do so (unless excused by the administration) will result in the student's not playing the next game.

APPEARANCE

Modesty and propriety should be demonstrated at all times in dress and appearance. This includes practices, games, and travel. Practice attire should never be too short, tight, or immodest in any way. Shorts should have at least a 7-inch inseam, and tops should have sleeves. Please make sure your tennis shoes/cleats are in good condition. Cleats should not be worn in the gym, and indoor shoes must have non-marking soles. The coach and the athletic director will monitor this policy.

An athlete may choose to change out of his/her uniform after a game; however, dress must be consistent with FCS policy for casual dress. Please remember that you are representing the school and must be modest in all areas. It is up to the coach to determine whether or not the attire is acceptable. Athletic shorts must have at least a 7-inch inseam and be loose-fitting.

CONDUCT

1. Attitude and Team Conduct:

- a. Probably the most important area of an athlete's development is attitude. It is imperative that a good attitude and respectful behavior (including speech and actions) be exhibited at all times: (1) in the classroom toward teachers and classmates; (2) at practice toward coaches and teammates; (3) while traveling toward anyone else in any situation; (4) during games toward referees, opposing coaches and players, and fans;
- b. All practices, games, and travel to and from are considered school functions; therefore, all school rules and consequences apply.
- c. FCS students are expected to maintain Christian standards in courtesy, kindness, language, morality, and honesty. As representatives of FCS, athletes must agree to strive toward unquestionable character in dress, conduct, and attitude both on and off the field or court. Students are expected to respect the property of the school and of others. Damaged property is to be replaced at the offending student's expense. Any athlete who receives 75 demerits will become ineligible for participation in all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the academic year.
- d. Failure to follow these guidelines at any time will result in immediate action. Depending on the severity of the offence, the coach and/or athletic direction will determine if a verbal warning, parent conference, loss of playing time, or expulsion from the team may be warranted.
- e. Players may not leave during a competition, even with a parent, unless there is a medical or family emergency, or illness. Violation of this may result in suspension or removal from the team.

2. Spectator Conduct

- a. Please remember that we are a Christian organization and, therefore, expect only God-honoring conduct at games. There should be no negative comments directed toward players, coaches, opposing fans, or referees at any time. Please be respectful to those sitting around you when cheering. Inappropriate conduct may result in expulsion from the activity.
- b. Spectators are to refrain from coming onto the court or approaching the bench at

any time during the game. (Exceptions may be made in the cases of medical emergencies or to bring a player water on the bench.) Parental support is encouraged; however, coaches are responsible for coaching their teams. The times during and between periods and games are to be reserved for the coach's instruction.

3. Coach Conduct

- a. Fayette Christian School will follow OHSA rules governing suspension as a result of an ejection of a coach from a game, if deemed necessary by administration.
- b. Offending coaches must also write a formal apology to the referees and to the opposing team.

PHYSICAL EXAMS AND FEES

1. Physicals:

- a. Physical forms may be obtained from the Ohio High School Athletic Association's website at <https://www.ohsaa.org/> and must be completed and returned before the first game or team transportation from school. No one will be permitted to play in a game until their physical form has been turned in.

2. Participation fees:

- a. All athletes must pay a non-refundable participation fee before the first game of the season.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The Lord has blessed us with facilities and equipment that make it possible for us to run a sports program. Athletes are to respect the gym and equipment and follow all rules set forth by their coach for maintaining it.

- Uniforms will be handed out to athletes at the beginning of the season. Athletes are expected to keep track of their own uniforms for the season. When washing uniforms, make sure to follow instructions given either on the tags or by your coach. In the event of a lost or ruined uniform, the athlete will be required to pay for the affected items.
- Athletes are not permitted to be in the gym without FCS staff supervision.
- Students may not enter storage areas unless given permission to do so. Equipment should be kept neat and organized. Report missing or damaged equipment.
- The following guidelines are to be followed by ALL patrons:
 - No one under the age of 18 permitted in the gym without a responsible adult.
 - Any type of shoe that can mar or otherwise damage the gym floor is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to cleats, street shoes, and shoes with soles that leave marks.
 - The area above the bleachers is off-limits.
 - No climbing or hanging on rims or nets. This includes the outdoor basketball goals.
 - No running or jumping on bleachers.

TRAVEL

The school will provide transportation for away games. Please make sure that you are courteous to the driver and leave the vehicle in the same condition as when you entered. When girls' and boys' teams are in the same vehicle, boys and girls will not be permitted to sit together.

All athletes are to travel to and from away games with the team unless given specific permission by the coach to go home with their parents/guardians. Athletes may travel home from away games with others with specific written permission from parents/guardians.

During the season, and at tournaments, it may be necessary for a team to stay overnight at an away site. When this occurs, the following guidelines will be followed:

- Athletes will spend the night in rooms with a school-appointed chaperone or with their own parents.
- Male and female athletes will not visit each other's rooms.
- Students wishing to fellowship must meet in the hotel lobby.
- If a hotel has a pool, appropriate swimwear is required as per FCS dress code. No student/athletes should go swimming without a responsible adult present.
- Athletes are to be in their rooms at the time set by their coach.

RELATIONSHIP GUIDELINES

- 1. Team Communication:** Coaches will be required to use TeamReach for team communication. This will allow for consistency and ease of communication throughout our athletic program.
- 2. Parent/Coach Guidelines:** Please remember that the coach's goal is to help your child grow in skill as well as character. Parents are strongly encouraged to support the decisions of the coach. While it is true that coaches' and teachers' relationships with students do have an impact on their personal development, we recognize that the primary person of influence in a child's life is the parent. Your attitude towards the coach and his/her coaching decisions will be reflected in the attitude of your child.
 - a. All practices are for athletes and coaches only and are closed to spectators to give the coaches the best possible environment to do their job. Please arrange ahead of time for any parental visits to the practice. (This also means that siblings may not attend practices, as this can lead to disruptions.)
 - b. If a parent feels the need to speak with a coach regarding a coaching decision, the parent needs to call the school office to schedule a meeting with the coach and the athletic director or principal. Parents are not permitted to approach the coach before, during, or after a game to discuss a coaching decision.
- 3. Athlete/Coach Guidelines:**
 - a. There are to be no personal text messages or phone calls between athletes and coaches.
 - b. The school office and coaches will make every effort to send timely information regarding changes or cancellations to practices or games. Email or text messages will be sent through Gradelink.
 - c. Coaches, during their particular sports season, may contact their players via cell phones with information regarding any changes to practices or games.
 - d. In order to promote team unity, there will be no activities involving coaches and an individual athlete. All activities should include the whole team.
- 4. Teamwork:**
 - a. Good teamwork is important in order for any team to be successful. Student athletes are expected to be supportive of their teammates.
 - b. Coaches may require certain team activities to encourage teamwork. All athletes are expected to attend any team activity.
 - c. A spot on a varsity team is an earned privilege and not a right.
 - d. Playing time is determined by the coach and is not guaranteed. Players on the bench are to be respectful of the coach's decisions and support those playing. Crusader teams also need to support each other.
 - e. At away games sites, if one team is not playing while another team is, the idle team needs to be in the stands supporting the playing team.
 - f. Coaches may choose to appoint captains for the team. This position is a privilege,

and captains are expected to encourage and be good examples for the rest of the team.

Conflict Resolution: In the event of a conflict, individuals should go directly to the parties involved. The coach should be notified of the issue. If, for any reason, the conflict is not resolved the athletic director will be notified. At any point, the coach may request that the athletic director be involved in conflict resolution.

MEDICAL

- Copies of physical forms and medical releases will be taken to all games.
- A medical kit with general medical supplies will be taken to every game. Any prescription medication that might be needed during a game, such as inhalers, should be given to the coach to keep in the medical kit.
- Pre-existing medical conditions must be discussed with the coach prior to the season. All athletes must be self-sufficient and cleared by a doctor. Medical conditions should not prevent athletes from keeping up with the majority of conditioning and practice exercises.
- All students and parents must watch the required video, read the required informational handout, and then sign and return the Lindsay's Law form in order to participate in FCS athletics. The required information can be found at this web address:

<https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/Lindsays-Law/Lindsays-Law>

AWARDS

All athletes and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the awards banquet held at the end of each season. This is a fun time to celebrate the athletes' accomplishments.

Requirements for lettering:

- An athlete must be in the 9th grade or above.
- An athlete must participate in at least half of the games, matches, halves, quarters, etc. that are played during the season.
- An athlete must not have missed any games due to ineligibility during the season.

AWARD NOMINATING

At the banquet, each Varsity coach may present the following awards for outstanding achievement:

1. Varsity Sports – up to five awards for teams with six or fewer players; six awards for teams with seven or more players
2. Junior Varsity Sports – up to four awards
3. Junior High School Sports – up to four awards
4. Some examples for awards are as follows:
 - a. Best Offensive Player
 - b. Best Defensive Player
 - c. Most Improved Player
 - d. Sportsmanship
 - e. Coach's Award (can substitute another area of achievement)
 - f. Other: _____

CELL PHONE USAGE

Athletes are permitted to take their cell phones to practice; however, they are not to make calls/texts during practice unless given permission by the coach. Cell phones may be taken to away games; however, the school is not responsible for lost or damaged property.

FUNDRAISING

In order to keep the sports program running, we may need to do fundraisers throughout the year. Athletes are expected to participate in fundraisers as assigned by the coach.

Concessions: One source of income for athletics is concessions. At least one parent per athlete must sign up to work concessions for at least one home game per season. It may be worked out that JH parents work Varsity games and vice versa so that parents aren't missing their own child's game.

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AGREEMENT FORM

I, _____, agree to uphold the standards of Fayette Christian
(Printed Student Name)

School outlined in the FCS athletic handbook.

- I agree that following Christ is the first priority of a Christian School athlete.
- I agree that academics is a higher priority than athletics.
- I agree that all things should be done decently and in order. (1 Cor. 14:40)
- I agree that athletics is about the team and not just about myself. (Heb. 10:24)
- I agree that all things, including sports, should be done to the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31)
- I agree that Christ should be preeminent, first place, in everything, including sports.
(Colossians 1:18)

_____ (Student signature)

_____ (Parent signature)

_____ (Coach signature)

_____ (Athletic director signature)

Coach Transportation Waiver

In the event that there is not sufficient school transportation available, _____ has permission to ride with the coach of the team to and/or from games and events.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

STILL TO CREATE

Coach inventory signout form

Coach exit survey