

Jefferson Academy
Student-Athlete Handbook
Junior High 2020-21



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Sports Offered

<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>
Boys Soccer Girls Volleyball Boys and Girls Cross Country	Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball	Boys Baseball Girls Soccer Boys and Girls Track & Field

Only Boys Soccer, Cross Country, and Boys Baseball are offered after school and are therefore available to non-attending students.

Registration Requirements

All of the items listed below need to be completed each school year, except for the sports physical which is good for one calendar year. A fee is still applied to each sport. If you play more than one sport during a school year, it is the athlete's responsibility to notify the Athletic Secretary so that the registration paperwork may be transferred between sports.

In order to participate in any in-season activity, the athlete must submit all of the following:

- Emergency card
- Volunteer release
- Physical
- Driver clearance
- Fee

Eligibility

Course requirements

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of three JA classes during the season of participation. If you are unsure if your schedule will qualify, please contact the Athletic Director.

Weekly grades

Every week, first thing in the morning, teachers will post their current grades to eligibility. If a student has one F in a JA class, then they will be ineligible to compete in a game or scrimmage the following week. This will take effect from the following Sunday through Saturday.

Practice Information

Attendance

- Athletes are expected to attend all practices. There may be exceptions if an athlete is playing another high school sport or if pre-arranged with the coach. Playing time may be affected for missing practice. All policies for excused absences from practices will be determined by the coach.
- Students must attend at least two classes on the day of a competition in order to participate.

Participation Fees

Student participation fees are \$125 for each sport with the exception of boys and girls cross country which is \$100. This fee is due with registration unless the team is holding tryouts with cuts, and then the student can wait on their payment until teams are set. Students may not participate in a new sport if they owe a participation fee on a previous sport. Families have a cap of \$600 in registration fees over the course of one school year between both high school and junior high.

Refund policy

- Students will receive a full refund of their participation fee if they are released from the team, per Coach's decision, less than two weeks since the first official day of practice or if the student quits the team prior to the first game, whichever comes first.
- Students will not receive a refund of their participation fee if they quit the sport after the first competition or if they are released for disciplinary reasons.
- If the season is cancelled for reasons other than disciplinary action, families may request a refund prorated to the number of home games played.

Communication

Please do not contact a coach within 24 hours of a contest. This allows time for emotions to temper and gives everybody a chance to process the events.

Chain of communication

Step 1 - the player should communicate with the coach.

Step 2 - parents should communicate with the coach. Give the athlete a chance to work out their problems first.

Step 3 - the athlete/parents should contact the athletic director. The AD will direct the athlete/parent back to steps 1 and 2 before taking action.

Code of Conduct

This contract is binding of a student-athletes' first season of competition and will be valid for the entire time he/she is in attendance at Jefferson Academy Secondary. Failure to comply with, have player/parent signature, and or refusal to participate can result in the athlete(s) subject to removal/non-participation in Jefferson Academy Secondary athletic programs. These are the school-wide policies, coaches may include additional expectations for their team.

In Season Policy

If a student athlete during his/her season is involved with any type of possession, consumption, under the influence of, or distribution of a drug or alcohol, either on/off campus or within the community (that Jefferson Academy Secondary finds out about) he/she will be suspended for 30-50% of remaining competitions but must remain at practice with the team outside of any suspension dates.

30% for sports with 10 or fewer games and 50% with sports of more the 10 games

Minimum games suspended -3- sports with 10 or fewer games and -5- sports with 10 or more games

Games will carry to next sport season if necessary

Along with the suspension the student/athlete/parent must enroll/pay for the complete a drug/alcohol class along with the completion of 25 hours of community service to remain a part of Jefferson Academy Secondary athletic program. Documented course hours may be included toward community service hours.

Decision on the student athlete's status on the team once his/her suspension is over will be determined by the coaching staff of each team

Ten community service hours must be completed prior to returning to his/her first athletic event after suspension and proof of enrollment in a drug/alcohol course must be turned in to the athletic director before their return to director before their return to competition unless the offense comes with a mandatory expulsion (he/she would then be immediately terminated)

Signed documentation of 25 hours of community service and successful completion of the drug/alcohol course must be documented and submitted to the athletic director prior to the next sport season he/she participates in.

Failure to complete the drug/alcohol guidelines/expectations will result in immediate termination from the athletic team along with the student athlete **losing all participation options** in future athletic programs for a period of one calendar year from date of violation.

The policy will carry over from sport to sport and season to season. (ex. If student A violates the policy in a fall sport, but complies with the provisions and remains on the team, and then violates the policy during a Spring sport, he/she would be immediately terminated for one calendar year from the date of second violation)

On the second offense for any student-athlete, he/she will be immediately terminated from that team without recourse and the student athlete would no longer be able to participate in ANY athletic activities at Jefferson Academy Secondary for one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

If a second offense takes place **during the same sport season as the first offense will result in immediate termination from all athletic programs at Jefferson Academy Secondary for a period of one calendar year from the second violation date

Any student athlete that receives a termination term (along with his/her parents), must set up a meeting with the Athletic Director and Principal after the calendar year has elapsed to discuss re-admittance options to Jefferson Academy Secondary athletic programs.

Out of Season Policy

*Student athletes violating the drug/alcohol policy outside of a participation season would be subject to provisions outlined in the Jefferson County Conduct Code that all athletes sign and are accountable for during their high school career in JEFFCO.

**Provisions stated above (In Season Policy) for a second violation of policy if either of the events took place during the season would go into effect resulting in immediate termination from all athletic programs at Jefferson Academy Secondary for one calendar year from the violation date.

*****All decisions are appealable to the building Principal *****

Hazing

As a student-participant, I will not be the organizer of, or participant in an activity constituting hazing. Hazing is defined as any conduct or method of initiation, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include but not limited to whipping, beating, branding, forced behavior involving food, alcohol, drugs or other substances, destruction of property and/or brutal treatment or forced physical/sexual activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student or any other person.

Sportsmanship

Parent/Spectators:

Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.

A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious. Keep in mind there are other spectators around you who are there to enjoy the game.

Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student/athlete and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

Student-Athlete:

Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing the school and the community.

Live up to the standards of SPORTING BEHAVIOR established by the school administration and the coaching staff.

Social Media

A student-athlete may face disciplinary action, including suspension and/or removal from the sport, if a social media post is determined to be inappropriate or threatening.

Remember that social media posts don't disappear because they are deleted. These are put in place for the safety and protection of our student athletes and community.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are crucial to the operation of our teams. It is expected that families of athletes volunteer in one of the areas to support the program. Volunteerism is not restricted to only in-season opportunities.

- Game Day - this can include taking gate admission, operating the score clock, keeping score, line judge, ball running, among other things. Some training may be required.
- Concessions - volunteers operate either the indoor or outdoor concession stand in coordination with the Booster concessions coordinator. Some proceeds go towards the athlete's program. Training is required.
- Driving - the bus is not always available for away games. Teams need parent volunteers to carpool athletes to away games.
- Team support - Each coach has extra opportunities they need help with (ex. team dinners, in-game photos, team banquet, etc...). Please reach out to the coach to see how you can help.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL - (per CHSAA)

Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from participation and shall not return to play until cleared by a licensed healthcare practitioner (Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Licensed Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Physician Assistant, or Licensed Doctor of Psychology with Training in Neuropsychology or Concussion Evaluation and Management). Any health care professional or CHSAA coach may identify concussive signs, symptoms or behaviors of a student athlete during any type of athletic activity. Once concussive signs are identified, only a licensed healthcare practitioner (as defined above) can clear the athlete to return to play.