



FCA Athletic Participation Rules and Agreement 2010-2011

1. Academics – At FCA, the bar for academics and discipline should be, and is, placed very highly. With that in mind, the student/athletes will be held to the following guidelines academically.
 - a. Grading scale will be as follows:
 - i. 100-90 A
 - ii. 89-80 B
 - iii. 70-79 C
 - iv. 0-69 F
 - b. Grade reports will be issued for each student every Friday during the season he/she is involved in the sports program.
 - c. If a student has an “F” (failing) in any class, he/she is ineligible on the Friday of the grading report, until the following grade report (the next Friday) comes out.
 - d. Exceptions will be extremely rare.
 - e. Education comes first, if tutoring is needed, it is priority. Once tutoring is complete, the student is to attend the remainder of practice.
 - f. If a student is ineligible due to grades, he/she is still required to attend practice during that time.
 - g. If a student is ineligible due to grades, he/she will not be allowed to travel to any away games including playoff games.
 - h. If a student receives four (4) detentions in one (1) week, that student will not be allowed to start (he/she may play after the game has started) the next game directly after the fourth offense.
 - i. If a student receives two (2) demerits during an athletic season, he/she will be suspended for the next game whether regular season, or playoff.
 - j. If a student receives four (4) demerits during an athletic season, he/she will be removed from all team activities.
 - k. Any exceptions to these rules will be dealt with on a case by case basis by conducting an informal meeting with the student, coach, teacher, and athletic director.
 - l. The ruling of the athletic director after the informal meeting is final.
2. Athletics
 - a. Ejection from any sporting event will result in suspension for the next two (2) regular season athletic games, and the first playoff game if the team makes it into the playoffs.
 - b. Players and Parents are to follow the TAPPS “Prohibited Activities” form on the school website. http://fcaknight.org/academy/?page_id=215
 - c. Players and Parents are to sign and turn in the Student Acknowledgement of Rules form by the date listed on the school calendar.
 - d. Players are to be team minded first and foremost.
 - e. Coaches have the final say in playing time during games and practice.
 - f. Coaches have the final say in tactical methods of sports.



- g. Your best is expected at all times.
 - h. As in life, excuses are not acceptable. Excuses should not be given during the athletic season.
3. Attendance
- a. Before the athletic season of the sport your child will play in, a meeting will be held with the coaches, players, and parents. At this time, any medical appointments, family vacations, pre-scheduled appointments or obligation must be brought up for an absence from practice to be excused.
 - b. Players are required to be at all practices scheduled by his or her coach unless one of the following exceptions is met:
 - i. Students may miss practice for medical emergencies, death in family, or with approved Drs. Excuse.
 - ii. A note from parents will not suffice unless it has been pre-scheduled and brought up during the pre-season specific sports meeting with coaches, players, and parents.
 - c. Students are to bring the appropriate attire for practice and games.
 - d. Students who are not prepared for practice will have the practice count as an unexcused absence.
 - e. If a student is sick but is at school, he/she is expected to attend practice but not participate.
 - f. If a student is injured but at school, he/she is expected to attend practice but not participate.
 - g. Missing more than 3 practices due to unexcused absences during a season will result in removal from all team activities.
 - h. Students are expected to arrive to practice, and games that are not on regular school days, on time. During the pre-season, specific sports meeting, practice times will be given out. Students are not to be late to the start of practice.
 - i. Three (3) late arrivals will result in the following games suspension, including the playoffs.
4. Transportation
- a. Rides
 - i. Permanent ride situation taken care of before season starts.
 - ii. Students must ride in same vehicle to games throughout the year.
 - iii. Students may not ride with anyone other than assigned ride to games.
 - iv. Students need parental/guardian approval to ride from the game with someone other than assigned ride.
 - b. Students whose parents or legal guardian do not travel to an away game must be called by the student on the way back from the game so that the parent/guardian will be at the school ready to be picked up once the team arrives at the school.
 - c. On all evening trips or tournament trips in which the team travels more than 30 minutes from the school, or the game finish time ends after a normal evening meal time (around



6 or 7 pm) the team will be stopping to eat on the way back home. Please make sure the student has money for his or her meal.

5. Fees – To help offset cost of travel, athletic facility upkeep, referees, and other athletic associated costs, the schedule of fees will be as follows:
 - a. Per Sport-
 - i. 9 games or fewer = \$75
 - ii. 10-19 games = \$100
 - iii. 20-29 games = \$125
 - iv. 30+ games = \$150
 - b. Snack Shop-
 - i. All parents with children involved in a sport that plays home games at the FCA gymnasium are required to work the snack shop at least one time during their child's season.
 - ii. Coaches will take care of the scheduling at the pre-season, sports specific meeting.
 - iii. A fee of \$30 will be assessed if a parent/guardian cannot work during the season.
 - c. Gate Entry-
 - i. All parents with children involved in a sport that plays home games at the FCA gymnasium are required to work the entry gates to collect money to pay referees at least one time during their child's season.
 - ii. Coaches will take care of the scheduling at the pre-season, sports specific meeting.
 - iii. A fee of \$30 will be assessed if a parent/guardian cannot work during the season.
 - d. Equipment
 - i. Necessary field and facility equipment for athletics play is taken care of by the athletic fee that is charged for any athletic season.
 - ii. School equipment is to be maintained and taken care of by the students using the equipment during his or her season.
 - iii. Replacement of any equipment that is damaged, destroyed, or altered from its intended use, through means other than normal wear and tear during an athletic season, will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian and student.
 - iv. Shoes, kneepads, sweatbands, and things of this nature are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and student.
 - e. Facilities
 - i. Facilities are to be maintained and taken care of.
 - ii. Destruction of any school property by a student will be paid for by the student and his/her family.
 - f. Parents
 - i. Parents have the responsibility to coordinate with the coach to set up working the Gate and Snack Shop during the school year.



- ii. Parents have the responsibility of paying fees for the individual sports their child competes in.
- iii. Parents have the responsibility of giving the coach (or coaches) the authority to teach and coach their child and will allow them to do that during both practices and games.
- iv. Parents have the responsibility to do their best to ensure that they are not hindering their child's success by causing them to miss practice or causing them to be late to practice.
- v. Parents have the responsibility and privilege to support their child in their athletic endeavors by attending their children's games as they are able.

As a student, I realize that it is a privilege and great responsibility to represent Faith Christian Academy and most importantly the Lord Jesus Christ while competing. I accept and submit to the guidelines and sign understanding this will be followed through. I have "counted the cost"!

Student's signature _____ Date _____

I, the parent understand and will also comply with this contract recognizing that Godliness is trying to be achieved, as we desire unity among brethren. (Ps. 133:1)

Parent's signature _____ Date _____