

FATHER ALLOUEZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Father Allouez Catholic School (FACS) Athletics is a Parish/School organization. Religion Education students are invited and encouraged to participate. However, league rules have two requirements for Religion Education students: 1) The athlete must remain in good standing in either parish Religion Education Program, and 2) The athlete is not allowed to participate in an organized public school league of any kind (including organized intra - mural) **AT THE SAME TIME** that they are participating in a parish sport.

FACS has a “no cut, everyone participates” policy. However, registrations will **NOT** be accepted from athletes who have not previously returned their uniform and/or equipment. All sports are open to boys & girls with the exception of volleyball. The following sports are offered:

SOCCER: Grades 5 – 8. Team make-up includes coed 5th/6th grade and coed 7th/8th teams. The game season begins in the first week of September and continues through October. There are one or two games a week with some possible practice times. The games start between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. If you are considering Allouez Buccaneer Cheerleading or Football, there may be conflicts. A league tournament happens on a weekend in early October. Typically 7th/8th grade games are held on Mondays/Wednesdays and 5th/6th grade games are held on Tuesdays/Thursdays.

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL: Girls Grades 5 - 8. The season begins in August (before school starts) and ends in October. There are one or two games a week with some possible practice times. Games are usually on Mondays & Thursdays. A tournament is offered one weekend in October.

CROSS COUNTRY: Grades 6 – 8. Join in with Notre Dame of DePere's program, which starts the end of August through the first week of October. Participate in local meets against other middle school and GRACE students.

BASKETBALL: The league consists of 5th through 8th grade girls' and boys' basketball teams. The 5th and 6th grade teams practice or play games twice a week from early November into February. Those times are during the week. The games are determined by the home team facility availability and start between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. There will be no Wednesday games or practices after 6:00 p.m. The 7th and 8th grade teams practice twice a week starting in late October during the week. All games are held in area local gyms. Those that participate in hockey or select volleyball may have conflicts. **The 3rd and 4th grade instructional program is a short season that does 2 weeks of practice and then 2-3 weeks of games between the 5th through 8th basketball leagues and track. The season happens in February and March.**

TENNIS: Grades 5 – 8. The season begins in April and continues through May. There are several practices before starting matches. Match times vary, but most are after school around 4:00pm. Due to the short season, sometimes there are several matches in a week's time.

GOLF: Grades 5 - 8. If you are interested in golf and you know the game or are learning this will interest you. Green fees at the time of participation will need to be paid. This takes place at area courses after school a few times in the spring.

TRACK: Grades 5 – 8. This spring season sport goes from the end of March up to Memorial Day in May. All students compete against each other, although, the girls run against girls and the boys against boys. Meets are held after school at several different sites. Practices are held every day after school.

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Parent/Athlete Rules

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Players will be expected to act like young Christian men and women. As representatives of Father Allouez Catholic School (FACS), they are expected to be on their best behavior at all practices and games. Students are expected to display appropriate effort and attitude both in school and/or religion education and at athletic functions.

A. Athletic Eligibility:

Eligibility to compete will be determined by a player's effort, attitude, and conduct in school.

B. Player Contract:

1. A contract stating the understanding and agreement of player eligibility and player responsibility will be signed by the athlete and parent and will be returned to the Athletic Director prior to the first practice.
2. Each year, any student participating in the athletic program will sign a player contract. The athlete will be held to this contract throughout the duration of his/her participation. However, if amendments are made to the policy, athletes will be asked to review and sign the updated version.

C. Attendance:

Everyone is to be at practice and be on time. Out of respect, if you must be late, a call should be made to the coach. No athlete will be allowed to participate in a practice or contest if he/she has not been in attendance for least half of the school day.

D. Return of Athletic Uniforms:

1. Uniforms are to be returned to the school office or athletic director within one week of the last game of each sport. Uniforms will be checked in by the Athletic Director or designee. If a uniform is not returned, a bill will be sent to the student and his/her parents: \$50 for shorts and/or \$100 for shirt. Getting your uniform back shows respect for all of the programs. There are some uniforms that are used for more than one sport.
2. Failure to pay the bill or return the uniform will result in a student's ineligibility for any further participation in FACS Athletics until the bill is paid or the uniform is returned.
3. Uniforms must be returned clean and in good condition. If a uniform is damaged during a game or a practice session, it must immediately be reported to the Athletic Director. Failure to report damage and/or uniform returned damaged will result in a bill to the student and his/her parents: \$50.00 for shorts and/or \$100.00 for shirt.

E. Disruptive Behavior is defined as:

1. A total of two unexcused absences from practice or games. (Acceptable excuses as determined by the coach and/or Athletic Director.)
2. Vulgar language.
3. Verbal or physical fighting.
4. Lack of respect for coaches, referees, players, facilities, or equipment.
5. Poor effort, attitude, or conduct in school and/or Religion Education program.
6. Drinking, smoking, and/or drugs will not be tolerated, nor will possession of any substance that qualifies. Automatic dismissal for the entire school year will occur if a student athlete becomes involved with any of these behaviors inside or outside of school.
7. School behavior notice/referral forms are not acceptable. Removal from athletics will be on a case by case basis.
8. A student that is not passing in any of their classes will be held ineligible for 1 week and/or until all work is completed.

F. Disciplinary action:

1. **First Offense:** A letter from the Athletic Director and the Principal to the parents explaining the offense and future ramifications.
2. **Second Offense:** Two game suspension. A letter of apology to the coaches and teammates, if appropriate. This letter will also include a request to be reinstated on the team. This letter shall be delivered to the Athletic Director with a copy to the coach and Principal within five days of notification of suspension.
3. **Third Offense:** Total suspension from all parish athletics for the remainder of the year. If there are less than three games remaining in the season, the suspension will carry over into the next year for a total of at least three games. To be reinstated for the following athletic year, a letter from the student/athlete requesting reinstatement must be in the Athletic Director's possession with a copy to the Principal before the end of the first week of the new school year. The letter will state that the athlete waives the first and second offense warnings if their behavior that caused further disciplinary action. The Athletic Director, together with the Principal, will consider reinstatement.
4. Occasionally, the **severity** of an offense may warrant omitting the first and second offense steps. In such cases, the approval of the Principal and Total Catholic Education Committee is required.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A contract stating understanding and agreement of player responsibility will be signed by the athlete and parent and returned to the Athletic Director prior to being able to participate in the first game or practice.
2. An emergency medical form providing medical information and giving consent to coaches will be signed by the parent and returned to the Athletic Director prior to the first practice.
3. Participating in meeting with player's coach scheduled at or before the time of the first practice.
4. Communicate directly with coach for questions regarding athlete's participating/performance in the sport. Communicate with the Athletic Director and/or Principal regarding athletic eligibility.
5. Arrange transportation for athlete. Coaches are not responsible for transporting athletes to and from games/practices.
6. Support team/coach. Presence and **positive** cheering at games is encouraged. There will be no tolerance of vulgarity or verbal abuse toward athletes, coaches, or referees.
7. If a student athlete has been treated by a physician or emergency personnel for any athletic injury, it is imperative that the Athletic Director receive a note from the doctor releasing this student athlete for further competitions.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Grievance must first be discussed with the player's coach/coaches.
2. If step one does not result in action/solution, a letter from the parent/player must be written to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will then meet with the coach and parent/player.
3. The next step will be a letter to the Principal, who will then address the issue with all involved and will make a recommendation to parties involved.
4. If still unresolved, a letter stating the grievance can be addressed to the Total Catholic Education Committee who may consider a meeting with those involved IF steps 1-3 have been followed.