



CALVARY

EPISCOPAL PREPARATORY

Athletic Program Participation Guidelines 2019-2020

The Calvary Episcopal Prep Athletics Program is an important aspect of the education of our middle school students. Participating in athletic programs sponsored by the school provides each student with many unique experiences. In addition to learning skills, teamwork, cooperation, winning and losing in a sportsmanship fashion, each boy and girl has an opportunity to visit other schools, meet new friends, and to be a contributing member of a special group.

CEP middle school students may participate in the following athletic activities:

- Boys' Flag Football (5th-8th) (Team Sport)
 - Girls' Volleyball (5th-8th) (Team Sport)
 - Soccer (ages 8-11) (Coed) (Team Sport offered through the YMCA)
 - Boys'/Girls' Basketball (5th-8th) (Team Sport)
 - Tennis (Coed)* (6th-12th) (Individual Sport)
 - Golf (Coed)* (6th-12th) (Individual Sport)
 - Track & Field (Coed) (6th-8th) (Team Sport)
 - Archery (Coed) (6th -12th) (Individual Sport)
 - Cheerleading (Coed) (6th-8th) (Team Sport)
- *Limited space available, upper classmen have priority

The cost for participation in extracurricular sports activities is **\$150.00** (grades 3-5) or **\$175** (grades 6-12) for each sport. Soccer is **\$125**. CEP maintains a policy of "all play," meaning that all students have the opportunity to participate in their chosen sport(s). "All play" does not guarantee a team assignment or certain amount of playing time. This will be determined by the coaches. In selecting the teams for JV (Blue) or Varsity (Gold) the student is chosen on his/her ability, respect toward coach and other players, leadership ability and conduct. Middle school students compete in the West Houston Christian Athletic Conference (WHCAC) which field teams based on the criteria noted above, not grade level.

Eligibility

Satisfactory grades in academics and conduct must be maintained while participating in athletics. Athletes must maintain high standards of effort and integrity. For eligibility purposes, grading periods are defined as progress report and report card.

Each athlete has access to the Athletic Handbook online, and must agree to adhere to the academic, attendance and behavioral standards set within that handbook.

1. Athletes must have a 75% or better average in all subjects for each nine-week grading period as noted on the Eligibility Calendar in order to participate in games, practices, tournaments, or other athletic activities.
2. Athletes may not have more than one (1) "N" or a "U" in conduct grades in any subject(s) during the eligibility period. If he/she receives more than one (1) "N" or a "U" during the eligibility period he/she becomes ineligible and must follow the guidelines in #3 below to be reinstated.
3. A student may be reinstated at the next eligibility period if his/her average and conduct meet the requirements. There is a calendar attached to the handbook that will show the student when he/she may become eligible. Once the athlete becomes eligible, he/she is eligible until the next eligibility period. A student may not be reinstated if the reinstatement is during the play-off period.
4. Students may not practice during the suspension periods.

Physicals

All students participating in athletics must have a physical prior to the start of the school year and/or season. (This includes practices and camps.) The parent is responsible for providing the school with the physician signed copy of the physical exam report prior to the first practice session. The student will not be allowed to participate until the physician's report is on file. Physicals must be administered after May 1st to be accepted for the new school year.

School Attendance

Students must be present at school in order to participate in an athletic event and/or practice. Any student missing more than a half day of school, or four periods, will not be allowed to participate in an athletic event and/or practice that day. Students who are absent for more than 9 days for any reason per semester will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular programs/activities or practices for the remainder of that semester. (See the Student and Parent Handbook for complete attendance details.)

Discipline

Successful teams must maintain discipline. Coaches will determine disciplinary consequences which may include suspension from practice(s) and/or game(s). Infractions may include: poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, unexcused absences from practices, disrespect of teammates and/or coaches, fighting, or any action that reflects poorly on the reputation of CEP.

The following infractions will result in automatic dismissal from participation in extracurricular sports activities for the remainder of the school year:

1. Any instance of an out of school suspension.
2. Continued disruption by an athlete after efforts to correct the situation will result in a consultation between the coach and the headmaster. The headmaster will determine the eligibility status of the athlete.

Transportation

Transportation is to be provided by the athlete's parent or by a carpool arranged by the parent. These arrangements are to be made before or after school hours and should not involve the athletic staff. During the season of participation, parents/ carpools will pick up the athlete(s) for transportation to games or practices in a location as designated by the coach. School-employed coaches are not to transport any students to or from games or practices unless it is for a medical emergency.

Athletic Uniforms

Athletes are responsible for all practice and game uniforms issued to him/her. Uniforms must not be abused and must be properly cleaned prior to athletic events. The athlete and his/her family will be financially responsible for any damage to the uniform. Grade reports and transcripts will be withheld until all uniforms are returned or paid for.

Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Athlete of the Year

The MVP for a team is selected by the coach(es). The coach will make his/her decision based on the student's ability, respect toward others, participation, leadership, willingness to learn, and conduct. A student may receive MVP in a sport and still be able to qualify for Athlete of the Year.

The Athlete of the Year is picked on a point system. For the student to be eligible to receive this award he/she must participate in at least three sports, two of which must be team sports. If the student qualifies, he/she will be subjected to a point system. Each coach will list his/her top three players. These players will receive points. The student with the most total points will receive the Athlete of the Year.

2019-2020 Eligibility Calendar

August 14	First Quarter Begins
September 13	Progress Reports-all remain eligible with warning
October 11	End of First Quarter
October 15	Second Quarter Begins
October 17	Report Cards Posted
October 18	Eligibility Check—students may remain eligible, become ineligible, noon
November 7	Progress Reports Posted
November 8	Eligibility Check –students may remain eligible, or reestablish eligibility, noon
December 18	End of the Second Quarter
January 7	Third Quarter Begins
January 9	Report Cards Posted
January 10	Eligibility Check-students may remain eligible, become ineligible, or reestablish eligibility, noon.
January 30	Progress Reports Posted
January 31	Eligibility Check –students may remain eligible, or reestablish eligibility, noon
March 6	End of the Third Quarter
March 16	Fourth Quarter Begins
March 26	Report Cards Posted
March 27	Eligibility Check-students may remain eligible, become ineligible, or reestablish eligibility, noon.
April 23	Progress Reports Posted
April 24	Eligibility Check –students may remain eligible, or reestablish eligibility, noon
May 21	End of Fourth Quarter

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Acknowledgement
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I have read, understand and agree to follow the guidelines as stated in the
"Athletic Program Participation Guidelines" document.

Student Athlete _____ Date _____

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Parent(s) _____ Date _____

**Please return this document to the school office or his/her coach prior to
the start of the school year or season.**

Thank you,

Coach Jalon Debbs, Athletic Director