

**Jefferson Academy
Elementary
Intramural Sports
Handbook**



I. JA Intramural Sports Mission Statement

Our goal is to develop continuity along with a shared philosophy between our elementary, junior high, and high school athletics. Our coaches and volunteers will focus on four very important traits: teamwork, academics, character, and sportsmanship.

II. Eligibility

Jefferson Academy Elementary and Summit Academy students in 5th and 6th grades are eligible to participate in our intramural sports program. In addition to these eligibility requirements, all participants are expected to demonstrate exceptional behavior at school, demonstrate exemplary performance in the classroom, and display great attendance at school. A school administrator, teacher, or intramural coach could prohibit and/or suspend a student from participating in our intramural sports program until the area of concern has improved. Finally, a completed registration form with payment and an Athletic Emergency Card are required for your child to be eligible.

III. Available Sports

Eligible students will have the opportunity to actively participate in co-ed volleyball, basketball, and/or soccer weekly practices and inter-squad games. We will offer 8 week sessions for each sport. Our coaches will focus on the rules and fundamentals to develop the skills necessary to compete safely and competitively. Our JA Elementary Intramural Sports Program is not affiliated with any leagues or organizations outside of JA. Volleyball and basketball will be held in the intermediate gym and soccer will be held on the Elementary Soccer Field, unless weather forces us to use the gym.

IV. Behavior Expectations

All members of the Jefferson Academy Elementary community are working together to fulfill our mission to help students attain their highest academic **and** character potential. In order to guide students in developing strong character, the JA staff collaboratively established these foundational phrases.

Jaguars

Respect

Own Their Actions

Always Do Their Best

Rise to Responsibility

V. Equipment and Attire

JA Elementary will provide all the necessary equipment for our sports. Unless your personal equipment is worn on your body, please do not bring it to our practices or intra-squad games as we are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Appropriate attire is required to prevent injury and preserve the gym floor. This includes comfortable workout clothes and sneakers or cleats. Soccer participants should be prepared for cold weather days by dressing in layers and having sneakers available in case the weather forces us to use the gym. If your child is not dressed properly, they will be asked to sit out. Furthermore, jewelry is not permitted as it can cause injury, or become damaged or lost. *All registered participants will receive a JA Intramural Sports T-shirt. *Participants will receive one shirt, not one per sport.

VI. Coaching and Supervision

Our JA coaches will provide skills-based instruction. We welcome athletes of all ability levels and we will do our very best to differentiate based on ability level and experience.

VII. Parental Expectations

We ask that you support your child both academically and athletically, and we highly recommend that you encourage your child to practice the drills at home. practices are open only to coaches and athletes but parents are encouraged to attend the inter-squad games. Should we need parent volunteers to help coach or provide supervision, you will be notified through our website. The expectation of our coaches is to teach our athletes how to correctly play a sport, not to provide daycare services. We kindly ask you to respect this request. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our program, we ask that you refrain from contacting our coaches and directly contact Mike Wilson, the JA Elementary Intramural Sports Coordinator. (mwilson@jajags.com)

We ask that you be prompt when picking your child up. Furthermore, when there is no school (for any reason), there will not be any IM activities for that day. During inclement weather, please follow Jeffco's announcements as they apply to school closures and the cancellation of after-school activities.

VIII. Attendance

Student absences - students will be removed from the sport at the 3rd absence and replaced by someone on the waiting list if there is still more than 50% of the season remaining. Students will not receive a refund. Students entering the season will be discounted at a prorated rate (\$10 /practice).

