



STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK

CSD ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETICS PROGRAM

We are excited that you have decided to get involved in the athletic programs in the Christina School District.

The Christina School District Athletic programs are an extension of the classroom. The purpose is to educate our students. Student athletes have earned the privilege of participating by showing the proper attitude, attendance and achievement in school.

Research shows that students who are involved in extracurricular activities such as athletics have a greater chance of being successful later in life. It is our hope that by participating in interscholastic athletics student athletes will develop values, attitudes and skills that will show both personal growth and involvement in a diverse community. Through involvement in education-based athletics, students tend to have:

- Higher graduation rates
- Better attendance in school
- Better grades
- Lower discipline issues
- Higher motivation to achieve goals
- Better self-esteem
- Good sportsmanship
- Better ability to work in teams
- A sense of commitment
- A sense of Pride in both their school and their community
- Stronger leadership skills

Please Note: All secondary schools of the Christina School District are members of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) and subscribe to the philosophy and intent of its bylaws. Copies of the DIAA policies can be found online at <https://education.delaware.gov/diaa/>

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LIST OF SPORTS

High School Sports Offerings

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Cross Country Cheerleading Field Hockey Boys Soccer Girls Volleyball Football	Basketball Cheerleading Competition Cheerleading Indoor Track Swimming Wrestling	Baseball Lacrosse Softball Girls Soccer Tennis Track & Field Boys Volleyball

Middle School Sports Offerings

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports
Boys Soccer Girls Volleyball (MSHA) Boys Cross Country Girls Cross Country	Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Cheerleading	Boys Track Girls Track Girls Soccer(not at MSHA)

Please note: Teams will only be run in these sports if there are enough participants to field a full team.

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ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

ALL high school students are allowed 4-years of competition beginning with their initial entrance into 9th grade.



Grade Requirements

Grades 6-8 Grade Requirements

- DIAA - Must be passing at least 4 full-year courses, 2 of which must be English, Math, Science, Social Studies or World Language

Grades 9 -11 Grade Requirements (and 8th graders competing on HS sports teams)**

- DIAA – Must pass 5 credits, 2 of which must be Math, Science, English, Social Studies or World Language.
- For semester based schedules, athlete must pass 3 credits, 1 of which must be English, Math, Science or Social Studies.

Grade 12 Grade Requirements:

- DIAA – Must pass all credits (classes) required for graduation.

**** Note: For Grades 6 and 9:** Students that have been promoted or assigned to the 6th or 9th grade are immediately eligible to participate in athletics, for the **FALL** season. There is no GPA requirement. However, eligibility for the remainder of the school year is based on the DIAA requirements.

Report Cards

DIAA Regulation 2.6.4 - - A student forfeits or regains his/her eligibility on the day report cards are issued, or are available to students. Please be aware of when reports cards are issued and check progress regularly via home access regularly. Interim reports cannot be used for eligibility!

Age Eligibility

DIAA Regulation 2.1.1 – Students who become 19 years of age on or after June 15 immediately preceding the school year shall be eligible for all sports during the current school year provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

DSD Students

DSD students who attend one of the CSD high schools may participate in athletics at a CSD school in accordance with DIAA Regulation 2.3.2. Students who do not attend one of the CSD regular high schools may participate in athletics at Christiana HS as designated by the Christina School District in accordance with DIAA Regulation 2.3.3.2.4 and 2.3.3.2.4.1.

8th Grade Participation in High School Sports

Each year, Christiana will apply to the DIAA for 8th grade participation on the varsity and sub-varsity level teams. All 8th grade athletes accepted onto a high school team will be following the same regulations as high school students. They will travel with the HS team as do the HS students.

Students may not compete at both the HS and MS level in a particular sport. (For example, they may play Middle School Soccer or HS soccer, but not both).

12th Grade

DIAA Regulation 2.6.2 – In the case of a student in the twelfth grade, he/she must be passing all courses necessary for graduation from high school in order to be eligible for participation.

FAQ Concerning 1009.2.6

How is eligibility determined for a student classified as an 11th grader but graduating at the end of the school year? A student who was classified as a junior but had declared his/her intention to graduate at the end of the school year and was taking the courses necessary to do so (either during the regular school day or outside of the regular school day), should be held accountable to the 12th grade academic eligibility standard. Therefore, the student would be required to pass all courses necessary for graduation in order to practice, scrimmage, or compete rather than the five (5) credits with two (2) credits the core academic areas.

2 Sport Participation

Playing two sports in the SAME SEASON is allowable, BUT... an athlete cannot exceed the 2-hour practice limit, no matter which sport(s) they are playing.

DIAA Regulation 4.2.9 – Practice on Official Student School Day

4.2.9.1 Practice session shall be limited to two (2) hours. The two (2) hour time limit on practice sessions on official school days includes all instructional activity on the field, court, mat, track, or in the pool, weight room, or classroom such as team meetings, film reviews, blackboard sessions, warm-up and cool – down exercises, drills or mandatory strength training. Student athletes must declare a primary sport at the start of the season in case of conflicts in schedules.

Years of Participation(HS)

DIAA Regulation 2.7.1 – No student shall represent a school in an interscholastic athletic contest or scrimmage after four (4) consecutive years from the date of his/her first entrance into the ninth grade. No student shall have more than 4 opportunities to participate in a fall sport or combination of fall sports, in a winter sport or combination of winter sports or in a spring sport or a combination of spring sports. No 5th year Seniors!

DIAA PHYSICAL EXAMS

All student-athletes must have a physical at the beginning of each school year or season of participation. **The DIAA sports physical form must be used.** Any physical exam completed on or after April 1st will be effective until June 30th of the following year. Please schedule a physical at **ANY** of the following locations as soon as possible:

- School Wellness Centers
 - Christiana Wellness Center - (302) 454-5421
 - Glasgow Wellness Center - (302) 369-1501
 - Newark Wellness Center - (302) 369-1606
- Your Primary Care Physician
- MedExpress Walk-In Clinics
- Abbey Go Care
- Urgent Care Centers

DIAA Physical Form: https://education.delaware.gov/diaa/health_and_safety/medical_forms/

Please make sure that all signatures are on the forms before submitting them to your school/

Recommended deadlines for Physicals for **Returning Student Athletes:**

- Fall Sports Participation: August 1st
- Winter Sports Participation: November 1st
- Spring Sports Participation: February 15th

With Wellness Centers in all high schools, there is **NO EXCUSE** for not having DIAA physicals completed well in advance of the start of a sports season. **Failure to have your DIAA physical completed in advance may impact your ability to tryout for a sports team.**

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!

Reminder: Athletes must practice for a minimum of 7 days before competing!

Please Note: Students found participating without a physical will forfeit their right to play for that particular sports season. NO EXCEPTIONS! This is a DIAA requirement and legal issue.

CHRISTINA ATHLETICS CORE VALUES

* Sportsmanship *

Honesty

* Responsibility *

Respect

* Competitive Spirit *

* Believe in the Team *



DIAA STATE Sportsmanship
Award

SPORTSMANSHIP - GOOD SPORTS ARE WINNERS!

What is Sportsmanship?

sportsmanship (n.) the practice of playing fair, of taking loss or defeat without complaint or victory without gloating, and treating opponents with fairness, generosity, and courtesy.

ACCEPTABLE/ Sportsmanlike BEHAVIOR:

- Accept all decisions of the officials/referees.
- Applaud during player introductions.
- Shaking hands with opponents who foul out of the game.
- Leading fans in positive cheers.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of the contest, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat the competition as a game.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of the team.

UNACCEPTABLE/Unsportsmanlike BEHAVIOR:

- Taunting, trash talking, or name calling to distract an opponent.
- "IN YOUR FACE" celebrations.
- Disrespectful or offensive yelling, chants, songs, or gestures.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision.
- Questioning, disagreeing, or harassing officials.
- Yells that provoke opponents.
- Fighting or violence of any kind.
- Refusing to shake hands with the opposing teams' coach and/or players.
- Blaming the loss of a game on an official, coach, teammate, or other participant.
- Use of profanity or other disrespectful language.

Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship.

You represent OUR school as a
coach, parent, athlete or fan.
Be humble in victory and courteous in defeat.

EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Athlete Expectations

Participation in athletics is not a guaranteed right, but rather it is a **privilege!**

Student athletes are representing the Christina School District and your schools at all times. It is the expectation of the administration and coaches that student-athletes will be role models for the Christina School District student body. Appropriate behavior will be required at all times to maintain eligibility. This includes classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, on buses*, and at all events. The following are the expectations for our student-athletes:



1. Be on time to school, classes, and practices
2. Be respectful to all school staff, students, opposing teams, and officials
3. Refrain from inappropriate use of cell phones (including but not limited to photos and videos)
4. Report immediately, and remain in your designated area with a coach at all times. If you are found in an undesignated area, you will be sent home.
5. Show respect for authority and property
6. Use appropriate language at all times
7. Obey all school rules and team rules
8. Show proper sportsmanship at all events as a participant or spectator
9. Follow directions given by any member of the coaching staff or athletic administration
10. Behave appropriately on all buses – *failure to do so will result in consequences up to and including suspension from all athletic bus services indefinitely.

**Failure to comply with the above expectations
will result in loss of playing time and/or eligibility.**

Parent/Guardian Expectations

Parents and Guardians play an important role in the athletic programs in the Christina School District. We welcome support and encouragement from all parents. The expectations we hold for parents are as follows:

1. Be positive in support of CSD athletics
2. Attend any pre-season coaches meetings and/or parent information nights
3. Read and review all sports physical information and team rules
4. Communicate any concerns in a timely manner, using the chain of command
5. Show proper sportsmanship at all events including treatment of officials.
6. Assure that student-athletes are picked-up in a timely manner
7. Be active in fundraising activities

Failure to comply with these rules can result in the parent or guardian being excluded from attendance at athletic events in the Christina School District. Any concerns should be addressed to the coach first, prior to contacting the Athletic Director or Administration. If after contacting the coach, there is no resolution, then please contact the Athletic Director. Thank you for your support!

24-Hour Rule

We follow the “24-Hour” Rule

All Christina School District athletic programs and coaches have a 24-hour rule in place after each game.

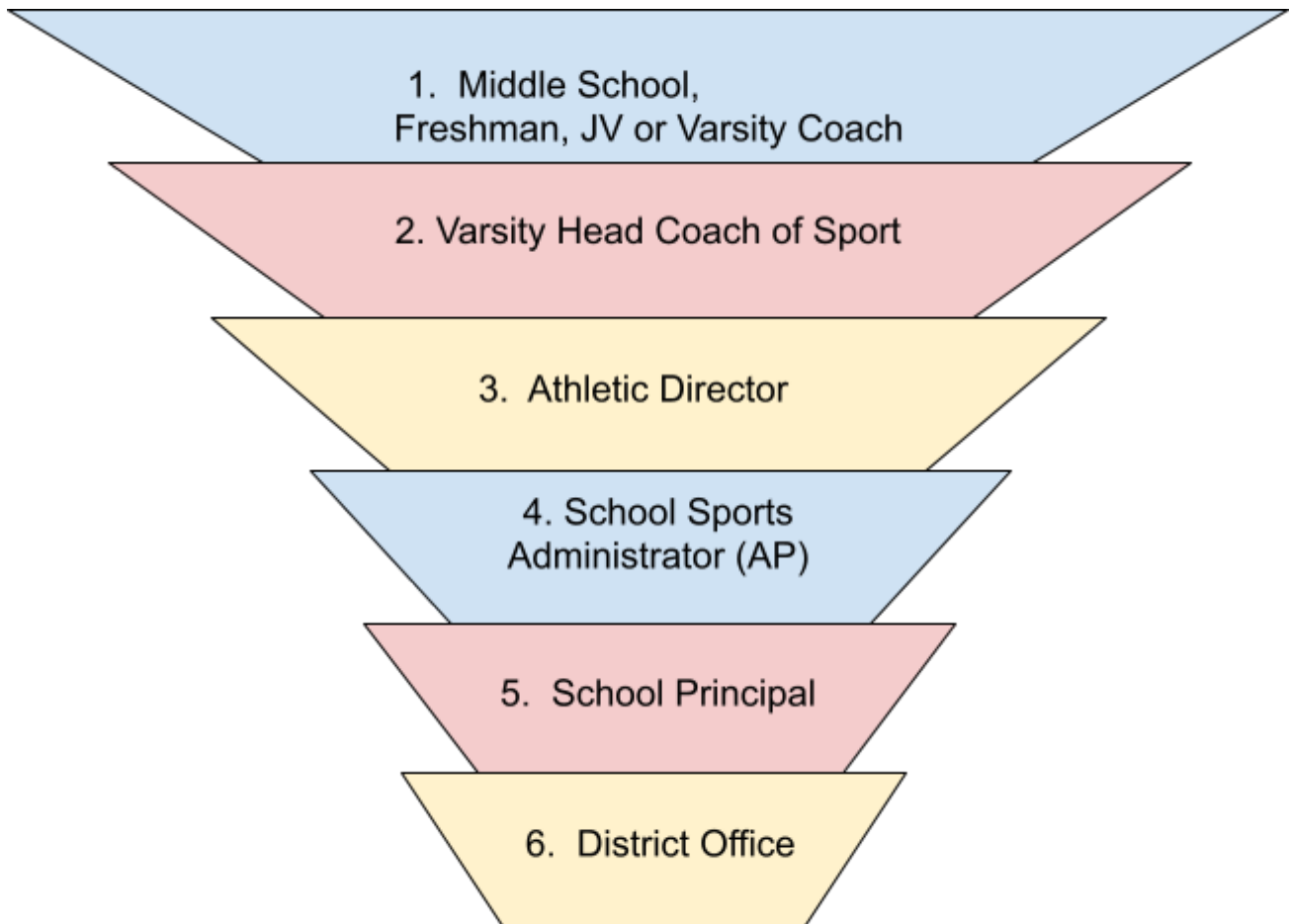
Athletics are heavily tied to emotions. Fans, players, and coaches often get excited and overly emotional, no matter how much we try not to do so. There is a time and place to discuss and communicate concerns. Therefore, as you communicate with each other, please remember to do it in a proper format.

The 24-hour rule simply states that coaches will not discuss a game or situation until at least 24-hours after the fact. This important rule does two things. First, it moves the discussion away from the presence of the players. Second, it allows all parties to have time to put things in perspective and "cool off", if necessary.

If parents will respect the 24-hour rule, their concerns are more likely to be fully addressed in reasoned discussion. More importantly, the kids' enjoyment of a game will not be marred by an ill-timed confrontation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent and/or Player Issues - Chain of Command

The CSD Athletic Department follows the chain of command listed below. We ask that you observe this line of communication if you elect to pursue any concern you may have with regard to the athletic program. Thank you.



Parent & Coach Relationship

Appropriate concerns to discuss with Coaches

- The emotional and physical development of your child.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your child's behavior with the team on the practice/game field.
- The future of your child's play at the next level.

Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with Coaches -

- Team strategy.
- Play calling.
- Other student-athletes.
- Your child's playing time.

"It has always been my thought that the most important single ingredient to success in athletics or life is discipline. I have many times felt that this word is the most ill-defined in all of our language. My definition of the word is as follows:

- 1) Do what has to be done;
- 2) When it has to be done;
- 3) As well as it can be done; and
- 4) Do it that way all the time."

~ Bob Knight, College Basketball Coach

Head Coach Responsibilities

Coaches are representatives of the Christina School District and their respective schools. They are responsible for all events related to practice, transportation, and competition with their athletes and staff. The following expectations are held for all coaches within the Christina School athletics program.

1. Assume responsibility for all players on their squads
2. Be respectful towards all officials and opposing coaches and players
3. Show good sportsmanship at all times.
4. Enforce all rules of the Christina School District, their respective school and the athletic department.
5. Be on time for all practices, meetings and games.
6. Be prepared for all practices and games.
7. Supervise athletes at all times before, during and after practice until buses have left the campus and all players have been picked up.
8. Maintain a safe environment for all athletes.
9. Set-up and maintain team rules and expectations
10. Report all injuries to the athletic trainer within a day.
11. Set-up and maintain communication with students and parents.
12. Communicate with athletic directors about any incidents that occur at games/events
13. Will abide by all DIAA regulations and uphold any sanctions imposed during the season.

Try-Out Dates & 1st Practice

Fall Season	HS	August 12 (Football-Aug 5)
	MS	September 4
Winter Season	HS	November 10
	MS	November 10
Spring Season	HS	March 2
	MS	March 2

Joining a team after the season begins

Coaches **may** choose to allow students to try out after the season has begun. However, a coach does have the right to not accept players after their own set date, and cutting players is at the coach's discretion.

DIAA Regulation 4.2.3 - A student shall be required to practice for a period of at least SEVEN (7) calendar days prior to participating in a contest. This includes transfer students, as well as any student who cannot participate because of his/her grades.

Suspension/Illness/Injury

DIAA Regulation 2.3.5 - A student may NOT participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest during the time a suspension, **either in school or out of school**, is in effect or during the time he/she is assigned to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons.

DIAA Regulation 2.3.6.1 - A student who is not legally in attendance at school due to illness or injury shall NOT be permitted to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest on that day. Athletes must be in school for *half of the day (by 10:30am)* in order to participate in a team practice or to play in a team contest.

Bus Expectations

Student athletes are expected to comply with all school rules as set forth by the student handbook and code of conduct. As stated earlier, it is expected that student-athletes will serve as role models for the student body. This includes buses to and from school as well as to and from athletic events.

Riding the bus is a privilege.

The expectations include but are not limited to:

1. Remain quiet in lobby or designated areas while waiting for buses.
2. Follow directions given by all adults including bus drivers
3. Remain seated while on the bus
4. Sit where requested by driver
5. Use appropriate language at all times
6. Show bus pass to driver prior to getting on activity bus
7. Refrain from loud volume and voices while on the bus
8. Remove all trash and belongings brought on the bus

Failure to comply with bus driver instructions or to behave appropriately on an athletic bus will result in disciplinary consequences up to and including suspension from bus privileges and/or removal from the team.

First Offense: Removal from activity bus for one week. Parent/guardian will be responsible for transportation from school at the conclusion of practice/game.

Second offense: Removal from the bus for the remainder of the sports season and possible removal from the sports team for the remainder of the sports season. Parent/guardian will be responsible for transportation from school at the conclusion of practice/game.

Smoking/Vaping & Alcohol Policy

Use or Possession of Drugs/Alcohol

1st Offense: Suspension from sports for the remainder of the marking period or season as it applies to athletics. Student must submit a petition to athletic director and principal for eligibility for the next marking period or season.

Smoking/Vaping:

1st offense: One game suspension

2nd offense: Suspension from sports for the remainder of the marking period or season.

Possession of Tobacco or Vape:

1st offense: Coach/Player/Parent/AD conference

2nd offense: One game suspension

3rd offense: Suspension for sports for the remainder of the marking period or season.

UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT

The student-athlete is responsible for all athletic equipment and uniforms issued during the course of the season. This includes cleaning and maintenance of all items. All equipment must be returned within 1-week of the completion of the season. An unmet obligation will be issued for any equipment not returned and cleaned upon return. The unmet obligation will be in the amount of money it would cost to replace the uniform/equipment. **Student-athletes will not be allowed to compete on any other teams until all equipment has been returned or a reimbursement has been made for missing items.**

TEAM FUNDRAISERS / WARM-UPS

Each head coach is encouraged to fundraise for his/her sport. Coaches should be sensitive to the amount of time spent by student-athletes and staff, and limit these fundraisers to no more than 3 per season. Coaches must get approval from their building athletic director and principal prior to starting any type of fundraising. It is expected that all members of the team participate in fundraising efforts.

The purchasing of team “warm-ups and practice gear” is handled by each sports team and its head coach. The athletic department encourages all teams to conduct fundraisers in order to purchase team gear, extra equipment, and end of season celebrations. District will provide **basic needs** for each sport.

FAN GEAR

Each school will open fan gear stores prior to the start of each sports season. Store links will be on each school's website and on their athletic page. Families will have the opportunity to purchase school and sport specific fan gear. Show your CSD pride by supporting your favorite school team.

DIAA CONTEST LIMITS (HIGH SCHOOL)

DIAA Regulation 4.3 – Maximum Game Schedule and Designated Sports Seasons:

The DIAA (Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association) Board of Directors approved the following maximum contest limits. The Board also instituted a limit of three (3) scrimmage dates per school team.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORT	DIAA CONTEST LIMIT
Varsity Football	10
JV Football	9
Boys/Girls Basketball	20
Baseball/Softball	18
Outdoor Track	16
Indoor Track	11
Cross Country	15
Field Hockey	15
Boys/Girls Soccer	15
Girls/Boys Volleyball ##	15 ^{##}
Swim/Dive	15
Golf	15
Boys/Girls Tennis	15
Wrestling **	18 ^{**}

^{##}... In Volleyball, no more than one (1) date may involve more than 2 teams and may be competed over a two consecutive day period.

^{**}... In Wrestling, no more than 6 of the 18 permissible contests may be tournaments. Dual Meet Tournaments count as one (1) contest for each dual meet wrestled in the tournament.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

Are you a College-bound Athlete? Here is what you need to know!

Facts about the NCAA Sports as reported by the NCAA:

- What percentage of high school student athletes receive scholarships? 2%
- What percentage of NCAA Student athletes move on to professional sports? 2%
- What percentage of Men's NCAA Basketball players move on to professional sports? 1.2%

What do you need to do to be an NCAA student-athlete? FIRST PRIORITY- BE A STUDENT!!!!

To compete in NCAA Division I or Division II:

- You must register with the eligibility center to be certified.
- Go to: eligibilitycenter.org to create an account and get started.

NCAA Academic Requirements:

Division I	Division II	Division III
GPA: 2.3 in the core courses listed below only (not overall GPA)	GPA: 2.2 in core courses listed below only (not overall GPA)	Set their own admissions and academic requirements as there are NO ATHLETIC scholarships offered.
16 NCAA-approved core-courses credits (10 must be complete by end of 11th grade): • 4 English • 3 Math • 2 Science • 1 additional of English, Math or Science • 2 Social Sciences • 4 Additional courses in Eng, Math, Science, Soc Sciences or World Language	16 NCAA-approved core course credits: • 3 English • 2 Math • 2 Science • 3 additional of Eng., Math or Science • 2 Social Science • 4 additional courses in Eng, Math, Science, Soc Sciences or World Language	

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

PARTICIPATION POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Philosophy

Christina School District middle school teams will focus on **skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship**. Every effort will be made to play athletes based on safety, attitude and awareness, skill and knowledge of the particular sport, and regular attendance at practices. Players will develop and learn in both the practice and game settings, and will cooperate with the coaches and officials on and off the field. This will lead to a successful level of participation. The coach will work hard to help each individual student-athlete to become a better person and player through their efforts.

Middle School Department of Athletics Offerings

See page 3. (changes could occur due to participation numbers)

Sports will be added to this list as approved by the Christina School District and as growth of the Middle School occurs.

6th through 8th Grade Participation

All eligible students may try out for the Middle School teams that are available each season. If teams have more than a safe amount to be coached, the coaches will be responsible for selecting the final list of athletes. Schedules will be made for teams to participate against other middle school teams during the competitive season with the opportunity to add an additional 1 - 2 contests out of district.

8th Grade Participation in High School Sports (For MSHA only)

Each year, Christiana will apply to the DIAA for 8th grade participation on the varsity and sub-varsity level teams. All 8th grade athletes accepted onto a high school team are held to the DIAA High school standards and requirements. They will be riding the bus to games and home from practice with the high school students, and will not be permitted on the middle school athletic bus.

Students may not compete at both the HS and MS level in a particular sport. (For example, they may play Middle School Soccer or HS soccer, but not both).

DIAA Rules and Regulations: For the most current DIAA Rules and Regulations related to eligibility and participation please refer to their website: www.doe.k12.de.us/diaa

Christina School District Middle Schools athletic programs will follow the same guidelines and expectations as outlined in this handbook.

DIAA Contest Limits (Middle School)

MS Sport	Maximum Games (per DIAA)	Required District Games
Boys Soccer	11	10
Co-Ed Soccer	11	10
Volleyball (MSHA)	11	N/A
Cross Country	11	4
Boys/Girls Basketball	13	10
Girls Soccer	11	8
Boys/Girls Track	9	5

Please note: All teams may not compete in the maximum number of allowable events. It does depend on when the team started practice, availability of buses, and availability of facilities to run events. Schools will participate in all district games.

Middle school tournaments are not covered by the Christina School District. Teams wishing to compete in tournaments will need to do team fundraising to attend. This includes transportation to and from the event.

STUDENT ATHLETE INJURIES

We are fortunate to have our own Athletic Trainers in the Christina School District. Meet the training staff:

- Erin Westcott- erin.westcott@christina.k12.de.us (Housed at Christiana HS)
- Mari-Kate O'Shaughnessy marion.oshaughnessy@christina.k12.de.us (Housed at Glasgow HS)
- Neil Turner- neil.turner@christina.k12.de.us (Housed at Newark HS)

In the event of an injury or illness:

- **FIRST:** Report all injuries to the Athletic trainer at the school. (For MS, report to the coach/ms coordinator, who will report to the nurse/athletic trainer.)

Athletic trainers will complete the injury report that is necessary to send to the school nurse. Athletic trainers will also recommend next steps to the student-athlete and their family.

If an athletic trainer is not available such as in the case of middle school, injuries should be reported the coach and school nurse for follow-up.

Return to Play

Athletic trainers will determine when an athlete is cleared to return to practice/games after reviewing any and all medical documentation that is provided following an injury or illness. Coaches are NOT permitted to allow a player to practice or participate without permission from the athletic trainer.

Insurance Procedures

It is the expectation that all student-athletes have their own primary health insurance to cover injuries and illnesses. In the event that there are costs not covered by the primary insurance, the Christina School District does provide a secondary insurance policy. Once an injury report is submitted to the nurse, the nurse can work with the student athlete to get reimbursed for any expenses that the primary insurance did not cover.

School nurses will provide an injury claim form to the family. It will have the district portion completed. The family is then responsible for attaching all remaining bills and sending them in for reimbursement. This is not handled at the school level.

Social Media - Athletic Code of Conduct

Social media refers to internet-based applications designed to create and share user generated content. Any form of digital magazines, internet forums, web-blogs, podcasts, photographs, video, rating and social bookmarking found on websites or applications such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or Tumblr that is open to public viewing is considered to be social media. This is a rapidly changing network as we move into the 21st Century, and many more not mentioned will arise, which are also included in this policy. Violations of this policy are subject to investigation and sanctions outlined in the Christina Student Manual. Conduct are also subject to review by state and federal law enforcement. Additionally, student athletes are held to a high standard and there may be additional consequences up to and including removal from the team. Any and all disciplinary measures depend on the severity of the infraction.

Student –athletes should be aware that third parties including: media, potential coaches, future employers, and college officials, could easily access your profiles and view all personal information. This includes all pictures, videos, posts, and comments. Any inappropriate content found by third parties affects the perception of the student athlete, the athletic department and the school. This can also be detrimental to the student – athlete’s future employment and/or educational opportunities.

Christina School District student athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner as a member of their teams and our Athletic program. As a student athlete you are responsible for your social media use. Any inappropriate use of social media platforms shall not be tolerated. Inappropriate use may include, but is not limited to:

1. Derogatory language or remarks regarding fellow athletes, students, coaches, administrators, faculty and staff of your school or another school.
2. Demeaning statements or threats that endanger the safety or well-being of another person.
3. Incriminating photos or statements regarding illegal criminal behavior, underage drinking, use of illegal drugs, sexual harassment, hazing, bullying or violence.

As a student athlete I have reviewed and carefully read, with my parent(s) / legal guardian, the Social Media Policy and agree to abide by all provisions contained within. Furthermore, I understand that a violation of said rules may result in loss of athletic privileges and/or suspension from participation.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date

Christina School District Athlete/Parent Verification Form

Prior to participation in any athletic contest the parents and athletes must read the statements below and click on the link for their school to complete the verification form.

Student-Athlete:

I have read and understand all of the information presented in the Athletic Handbook. I also understand that there may be additional team rules presented by my coach that I am expected to follow. I understand that I represent my school and the Christina School District at all times and will act responsibly both in and out of school. I understand that misbehavior or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in loss of participation.

Parent/Guardian:

I have read and understand all of the information presented in the Athletic Handbook. I also understand that there may be additional team rules presented by the coach. I understand that it is my responsibility to reinforce the rules of the athletic department with my student-athlete. I understand that I am expected to act appropriately at all events which I attend. I understand and agree that I must contact the head coach first, prior to contacting the Athletic Director or Administration with any issues. I understand that failure to comply with the expectations of the Christina School District Athletic Handbook will result in exclusion from attendance at events and possibly removal from the team for my student- athlete.

Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (please print)

Parent Signature

Date