

OA SPORTS POLICY 2018-19

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Oakdale Academy (OA) Athletic Program shall provide a variety of sports to develop meaningful experiences to enhance the development of healthy habits and attitudes that will prepare students for adult life.

The Athletic Program shall be conducted to glorify God, uphold the OA Statement of Faith, and in accordance with existing OA policies, rules and procedures. While the school takes pride in winning, it does not condone winning at all costs. The school encourages good sportsmanship and good health and discourages anything contrary. The athlete will be scrutinized more thoroughly in his or her character, ability, attitudes and skills. He or she will play before many witnesses, including the Lord.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

1. A yearly physical examination is required, and will be submitted to the Athletic Department prior to the student participating in his or her chosen sport. The examination covers all sports for the entire school year provide it was administered after April 15th.
2. A Permission to Participate form will need to be completed, signed by parent or guardian and turned in to the Athletic Office prior to the student participating in his or her chosen sport. Each sport offered at OA requires a separate Permission to Participate form.
3. A Parent/Fan Etiquette form will need to be completed, signed by the parent(s) and turned in to the Athletic Office prior to the student participating in his or her chosen sport. One form is required for the school year.
4. Academic Eligibility: In order to participate on an OA athletic team, each athlete must have satisfied all scholastic eligibility requirements and maintain a 2.0 GPA during the season, and take a minimum of one five credit class.

OBJECTIVES OF THE OA ATHLETIC PROGRAM

1. The athlete learns the value of teamwork, self-discipline, development of a strong work ethic and personal sacrifice. Contribution to the team is more important than personal or individual accomplishment.
2. The athlete learns to be a good sport while developing self control, honesty and a spirit of cooperation.
3. The athlete learns to be a good winner as well as a gracious loser. Sportsmanship is an important value and a major objective for all OA athletes.
4. The athlete learns the value of physical fitness that leads to a sound body, healthy mind and life-long health habits.
5. The athlete learns to cope with the competitive nature of athletics in a positive manner.

PHILOSOPHY OF WINNING AND PARTICIPATION

Winning is one of the goals of OA teams within the guidelines of the program.

1. Junior High: Participation in Junior High Athletics is an introduction to interscholastic sports. Skill development, sportsmanship and the team philosophy are important goals. OA will attempt to provide the opportunity for all students to participate. Playing time is guaranteed to all eligible athletes during each contest, but not equally.
2. Varsity: Varsity Athletics are the focal point of OA's Athletic Program. At this level there is no guarantee of playing time. Continued skill development and sportsmanship are emphasized with a strong emphasis placed on the dedication to the team.

RESOLVING ATHLETIC ISSUES

If there is a concern with a coach, the procedure(s) to follow are:

1. Encourage your athlete to solve his or her problems first.
2. Call the coach to set up an appointment.
3. Do not attempt to confront a coach before or after an athletic contest.

If the meeting with the coach did not provide satisfactory results:

1. Call the OA office and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

ATHLETIC TRAINING

1. Attendance: Students must be in attendance at least half of the school day in order to participate in a contest or practice.
2. Missing Practice: An athlete should always consult with the coach before missing a practice. Missing a practice or a game without good reason will be dealt with by the coach.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each team's Coach will conduct a meeting prior to the start of each sport. Specific dates and times for these meetings will be emailed to the parents by the coach as early as possible. At least one parent and the athlete are expected to attend this pre-season meeting. If some reason, neither parent or athlete can attend the scheduled meeting, they must schedule a time to meet with the Athletic Director prior to the athlete's participation in the chosen sport.
2. Volunteering: Parents are expected to serve in various volunteer capacities for each sports team their child participates. These include, working the scoreboard, keeping stats, admissions, concessions as well as other various needs.