



ATHLETE/PARENT CONTRACT 2026-2027

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

These guidelines have been developed to help ensure that our athletic seasons are safe and successful here at Franklin Academy. Please review these guidelines with your child and sign the attached signature form specifying that you and your child understand and will participate in our athletic events appropriately. If any rules are broken, the administrative team, athletic director, and/or coach have the right to take appropriate actions outlined in this contract. Thank you for your assistance, and please feel free to contact one of our Athletic Directors with any questions or concerns.

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Expectations:

- **Athletic Participation Fee:** The athletic participation fee is \$225.00 per athlete, per season and is due upon acceptance to a Franklin Academy-sponsored athletic team. If the season is shortened, the fee will be reduced to \$150.00.
- **Weekly Progress Reports:** Completed weekly progress reports are due to the coach every Thursday by 4:00 PM. Student-athletes who do not submit a completed progress report by the deadline will be ineligible to participate in practices and/or games until the report has been received.
- **Academic Probation:** Any student-athlete who receives a failing grade will be placed on Academic Probation. While on Academic Probation, the student-athlete will work with their coach to develop a plan to improve their academic performance. The coach will monitor the student's progress and provide support and accountability until the grade has improved to a passing level.
- **Grade Point Average:** Student-athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale for each marking period. If a student-athlete's GPA falls below a 2.0, they will become immediately ineligible to participate in athletics. GPA eligibility will be reviewed on a weekly basis.
- **Detentions:** Student-athletes who receive a detention during any given week will be ineligible to participate in one game that week. If all games for that week occur before the detention is assigned, the student-athlete will be required to sit out one game during the following week.

- Behavior Expectations: Student-athletes are expected to follow all Franklin Academy behavior expectations during the school day, while traveling on school transportation, and during all athletic practices, competitions, and events.
- Academic Responsibilities: Student-athletes are expected to manage their time effectively so that academic responsibilities do not conflict with athletic commitments. Any assignments missed due to athletic competitions must be completed and submitted within two (2) school days. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to communicate with teachers and complete all make-up work.
- Discipline: Repeated or serious disciplinary issues may result in removal from the team. Students removed from a team for disciplinary reasons will not receive a refund of the athletic participation fee.
- School Rules: Student-athletes must respect and comply with all Franklin Academy rules, policies, and regulations at all times.
- Uniforms: All uniforms and issued athletic equipment must be returned at the conclusion of the season. Parents/guardians are responsible for the replacement cost of any missing or damaged items.
- Administrative Authority: School administration reserves the right to make final decisions regarding academic and athletic eligibility when it is determined to be in the best interest of the student-athlete and the school.
- Service Hour Requirement: Students with a service hour flag in PowerSchool are not eligible to participate in athletics until the flag has been cleared.
- Financial Obligations: Students must have no outstanding school fees or negative lunch account balance to remain eligible for athletic participation.
- Parent Service Hour Requirement: A parent or guardian is required to complete one (1) service hour for each sport in which their student participates. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to contact the coach regarding available service hour opportunities and to track completed service hours for the team.

Attendance:

- Athletes must be in attendance for ½ of the school day in order to practice or participate in any game.
- Athletes who are sick and in the nurse's office for more than 1 period may not participate in that day's game or practice.
- Please note that siblings are not allowed to remain on campus after school unless they are officially signed up for a club or athletic activity.

Sportsmanship:

- Please be courteous and use positive remarks toward game officials, coaches, players and opposing teams. Remember parents: you are a role model for your child and are also representing Franklin Academy.
- Athlete ejections: If an athlete is ejected from any sporting event for any reason, they will serve a suspension from future athletic events as determined by the administrative team, athletic directors, and coaches and in accordance with the FHSAA guidelines.
- Playing time is based on hard work, attitude and skill level. Some athletes may get more playing time than others.
- Concerns with coaches: Please contact the athletic director the next day if you have any issues with a coach. ***Coaches will be unavailable for discussion immediately after the game.***
- Athletes will conduct themselves in a manner as to bring respect to themselves, the team, and Franklin Academy.
- Participation is a season-long commitment. Any student who quits during session will not be eligible for any other sport at Franklin Academy for the current and following season and will not receive a refund of the fee.
- Athletes will exhibit good sportsmanship on and off the field of play.

Transportation:

- If busing is available, athletes must sign a transportation waiver to ride with the team. Athletes will adhere to all school rules while riding to away games. Transportation will only be available to the game. Parents must be present at the game to pick their athletes up at the conclusion of the event.
- If busing is not available, athletes will need to be transported to and from away games from Franklin Academy by their parents.
- Only designated individuals on the completed form can sign out a player. Players can ONLY be signed out with the coach. A completed sign-out form must be on file in order for the coach to release the player at a game.
- If designated individuals are not available to transport the athlete to and from the event, you may opt to have your athlete ride with a team parent. In this case, you are required to make contact with the coach, athletic director, or administration prior to the release of the student.
- Please pick up your athlete on time from every practice and game, in order to be respectful of the coach's time. Late pickups will result in a \$1.00 dollar per minute charge.

Health Information:

- A Sport Physical Evaluation form must be on file with the school prior to the tryouts.
- Head injuries and concussions are serious health concerns. Please consult your child's physician after a head injury for treatment issues. If an athlete has a concussion, they will not be allowed to play again until they have a doctor's note saying they are cleared to play.
- Parents are obliged to inform the school office if medical contact information changes.

Disciplinary Procedure:

- Student athletes will be held to the following disciplinary standard. Failure to meet expectations, sportsmanship requirements, and other eligibility requirements will result in the following disciplinary action being taken.

1 st offense	Players will be addressed on an individual basis and corrective measures will be put in place.
2 nd offense	Player will be penalized in the following way: a. 1st offense procedure b. Loss of leadership - daily (for team captains) c. Loss of playing time at practice d. Parents will be notified
3 rd offense	Player will be penalized in the following way: a. 1st and 2nd offense procedures b. Half game suspension c. Parent notification
4 or more	Player can be punished in the following ways a. 1st, 2nd and 3rd offense procedures b. Loss of a whole game c. Loss of leadership position - permanent d. Loss of membership on Franklin athletics e. Parent notification