

The Franklin School of Innovation



Student-Athlete and Parent Handbook 2017-2018

Welcome to the athletics program at The Franklin School of Innovation...
We are the BOLTS!!!

MISSION: *The mission of FSI Athletics is to create and establish a competitive and positive environment that:*

- *Promotes academic excellence*
- *Develops life skills and values*
- *Encourages a spirit of sportsmanship*
- *Provides a source of pride for the school community*

VISION: *To be a model athletic program excelling in academics, teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership.*

Athletic Program Goals:

The goal of the FSI Athletic Program is to provide opportunities for student-athletes to excel in teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline, acceptable personal and social behavior, and character. Members of teams must always serve as exemplars of high moral character and must demonstrate appropriate academic commitment.

FSI considers participation in athletics to be an integral part of the overall educational experience. Participation in athletics at FSI is “a privilege, not a right.”

Athletics provides opportunities for physical, mental, emotional, and social development. The competition of athletics is considered and viewed as valuable experience because it challenges each student-athlete to strive for excellence, helps each student-athlete discover their physical limits, and requires each student-athlete to work cooperatively as a member of a team.

While winning is a natural goal in the pursuit of excellence, the principles of good sportsmanship and enjoyment of competition take precedence at all times!

Objectives:

- To provide each student-athlete with opportunities to develop their individual skill and potential
- To provide each student-athlete with opportunities to learn how to function as a member of a team.
- To develop the qualities of good sportsmanship, respect, responsibility, integrity within each student-athlete.
- To develop an appreciation of the value of preparation, physical fitness and conditioning within each student-athlete.
- To teach the student-athlete to accept victory or defeat in a gracious manner.
- To provide each student-athlete with the best possible administration, supervision and instruction available.

- To provide each student opportunities for growth and development through athletic competition that will contribute to producing well-rounded community members and citizens.
- To develop school spirit and pride within each student-athlete.

CONDUCT:

The FSI Administration expects all student-athletes who represent FSI through participation in athletics to be good representatives of our school community.

Student-athletes should dress, act and conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively on our school. Each student is expected to display good sportsmanship at all times.

Any student who fails to conduct himself or herself appropriately may have the privilege of participation limited or revoked.

ELIGIBILITY:

Student-athletes must submit the following forms prior to participation in practices and/or games: (NO EXCEPTIONS)

- **Sports Physical**
- **Concussion Form**
- **Participation Waiver & Emergency Contact Information**
- **Athletic Participation Registration FEE paid**
 - all student-athletes must pay a registration fee to participate
 - Middle School= \$40.00**
 - High School= \$50.00**
 - (checks made payable to FSI)**
 - fee helps cover uniform, officials, facility and transportation costs.
 - this is a one time per year fee...no matter how many sports are played.
 - we want to create an environment where all students can participate equally...
 - if the fee is a deterrent, please contact Athletic Director, Kim Burke.**
 - We will work with you to ensure that every student has a place to play.**

Student-athletes must be in the appropriate academic standing in order to participate in practices and/or games. This means that student-athletes must maintain a 70 (C-) in all classes. ***This will be checked at the beginning/end of each grading period.***

Student-athletes also must abide by the Code of Conduct in the FSI Student Handbook.

If a student-athlete's grade is below average and/or behavior is deemed unacceptable/inappropriate, the student-athlete will be ruled ineligible immediately.

If this is related to grades, the student-athlete will remain ineligible until the next grade check (at that time, the grade(s) must be a 70 (C-) average or better to be reinstated.

If it is a discipline issue, the student-athlete will not be reinstated until approval by administration, athletic director and/or coach.

A student-athlete who is out of school due to suspension is not eligible to practice, play or attend any meeting during the time of suspension. If the suspension includes the last day of school before a vacation or weekend, the student becomes eligible the next calendar day after the last day of the suspension.

A student-athlete who is absent from school will not be allowed to participate in practice or an athletic contest. Exceptions such as funerals, field trips, college visitations must be approved by the principal or athletic director in advance.

Expectations and Responsibilities of Coaches:

The coaches will maintain a role of coach as professional and will keep the role of coach in perspective by:

- Developing and communicating specific goals for the team and individual players throughout tryouts, meetings, practices and games.
- Maintaining open and honest communication with student-athletes, parents, and other coaches.
- Developing and demonstrating proper and good knowledge base of best practice specific to their coaching arena.
- Modeling and teaching skills necessary to be successful.
- Supporting student academic expectations and requirements, responsibilities and achievements.
- Promoting and enforcing the FSI Student Code of Conduct.

The coaches will be positive role models in personal management, appearance, ethics and behavior by:

- Providing an environment of collaboration, positivity, and persistence among coaches and student-athletes.
- Modeling good sportsmanship at all times.
- Becoming an integral part of and developing relationships with the FSI community, including administration, coaches, parents, and students.
- Creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for student-athletes.

Communication you can expect from our coaches:

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child, as well as, the team.
3. Location and time frame for practices and games.
4. Team rules and policies. Note: These team policies may be different from team to team.
5. Special requirements including equipment, fees, pre-season and off-season conditioning, etc.
6. Discipline that could result in denial of your child's participation.

Expectations and Responsibilities of Parents:

The parents will communicate fairly with coaches by:

- Communicating issues and concerns in a timely manner. This includes concerns of physical and emotional well-being on behalf of their student-athlete.
- Communicating honestly and with respect.
- Following an appropriate chain of communication, such as:
 - Parent and Head Coach/Assistant Coach
 - Parent and Athletic Director
 - Parent and Principal
- Attending parent meetings and reading information disseminated by the coaches.

The parents will demonstrate good sportsmanship by displaying the following behaviors:

- Providing support for the coaches and officials in order to provide a positive experience for all student-athletes.
- Displaying good sportsmanship as a spectator and conducting themselves in a manner that reflects well on both the team and school.
- Refraining from coaching their student-athlete from the stands or sidelines.
- Promoting the team by being supportive of the school community.
- Expecting and promoting consistent attendance at practices and games.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve
3. Academic progress
4. Concerns about your child's behavior, both in class and in athletics.

Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with coaches:

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy and/or play calling
3. Other student-athletes

To have a meeting/conference with any coach:

Call or email the coach to set up an appointment. This contact information will be provided to parents. Assistance with setting up an appointment can be arranged through the Athletic Director.

Please do NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a game. These can be stressful, intense and emotional times for both parents and coaches.

TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL:

Please plan to provide transportation for your student-athlete to and from practices and games. Carpools are welcome and encouraged.

There will be occasions when transportation will be provided by FSI. This will be communicated via the coaches and/or Athletic Director.

UNIFORM POLICY:

All athletes are required to replace lost uniforms or damaged equipment either by payment or with the equivalent of the lost article/item. It is mandatory that uniforms be returned at the completion of the season to the coach and/or athletic director. If not, it will be treated as a lost/damaged article/item.

Athletes are responsible for clearing all obligations (lost/damaged uniform etc.) with their coaches before participating or practicing with another sport/next sport season. If student-athlete fails to take care of his/her financial responsibilities to the athletic department, he/she will be ruled ineligible and/or will be placed on a fee list and not permitted to participate in school activities/events.

To be the best BOLTS....

It is important to adhere to all regulations and expectations set forth in this handbook. The administration, faculty, athletic director, coaching staff, and FSI community feel strongly that high standards of conduct are essential in building and maintaining a strong and positive athletic program.

We are thankful that you have chosen to participate in athletics at FSI and we will do our very best to make it an enjoyable and positive experience.