

Coosa Valley Academy Athletic Policy

Philosophy:

The Mission Statement and the Keys to the Mission apply to all aspects of all athletics at Coosa Valley Academy. The pursuit of excellence in academics is the hallmark of CVA. The pursuit of excellence in athletics is also the goal of CVA; however, academics will always take precedence over athletics. Athletics is a privilege that carries a great deal of responsibility for the coach, athlete and fan. Athletics is also an education that teaches all involved how to participate with a high level of class, responsibility and sportsmanship. Participants are required to represent CVA in a fashion of high respectability regardless of the outcome of any event and regardless of the sportsmanship shown by the opposing team, players, coaches and fans. All participants must act honorably in their pursuit of victory.

This Athletic Policy will co-exist with Student Handbook. In the event that any contradiction exists between the two sources, the Athletic Policy will always take priority.

Coaches:

Coaches will be held to the highest level of standards. The head coach is responsible for not only his/her actions and words, but also of the actions and words of all other team coaches and athletes. This includes not only practice and games, but also transportation during team activities. Coaches are required to make sure that all rules and regulations as set by the AISA, CVA Athletic Policy and the CVA Student Handbook are met and enforced at all times. Coaches are required to promote sportsmanship at all times. Coaches are prohibited from swearing or allowing such behavior from other coaches or athletes at all times. Coaches will incur the cost of any fines levied against CVA by appropriate organizations for his/her actions during a team function. All coaches, volunteer or employed by CVA, are required to read the AISA Athletic Policy, CVA Student Handbook and the CVA Athletic Policy. Risk management training shall be conducted by the athletic director and shall include all coaches, volunteer, or employed by CVA. The athletic director will be required to submit an overall athletic budget to the headmaster by March 31 for the following school year budget.

Athletes:

Athletes must understand that they represent CVA when on a team. He/she will show respect for the coaching staff, teammates, referees, fans and CVA at all times. Athletes will refrain from arguing with referees or any other authority. Athletes are prohibited from using profanity at any time. An athlete will incur the cost of any fines levied against CVA by appropriate organizations for his/her actions during a team function.

Cheerleading is considered an athletic sport at CVA, and will be treated as any other athletic sport at CVA to include, but not limited too, abiding by this Athletic Policy and any and all rules and regulations that deem appropriate as found in the AISA Athletic Handbook.

Tryouts & Evaluations

In the event that the athletic director and team head coach deem individual evaluations are necessary to determine team membership, the method of evaluation will be left up to the athletic director and team head coach.

Junior Varsity:

Junior Varsity teams will be made up of 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. 6th graders or below will be allowed to play junior varsity sports as needed.

If a head coach would like a student to play up from JV to Varsity, due to lack of numbers on the Varsity team or to pursue advanced skills in the athlete, he/she may do so under the following circumstances:

1. The coach must consult with the athlete, his/her parents and the administration to ensure that the athlete is ready for Varsity play.
2. The coach and athlete understand that the athlete may return to the JV team, either by recommendation of the coach or the desire of the athlete.

Termite and Pee Wee:

All student athletes that dress out for a game must play at least one (1) full quarter. No player may play at two different levels in one day.

Transportation:

Transportation to and from all athletic events will be coordinated through the athletic director and/or headmaster's office. Every effort should be made to minimize the loss of classroom time for the student athletes. Absences from class for school sponsored events are covered in the Student Handbook. If multiple vehicles are used to transport athletes, they should travel in a group to and from events so as to provide mutual assistance and safety as needed.

Drug Testing:

Any student athlete, including those in grades 7 and 8, may be tested for any reason whatsoever at any time for the remainder of the school year, as long as participation in sports continues, at the direction of the headmaster, athletic director or head coach. In the event that a student fails a drug test, said athlete will automatically and immediately be suspended from any and all teams and team functions that are currently in season until subsequent CVA approved drug test results are drug free. Any student who fails a drug test must then adhere to the official CVA drug policy prior to being allowed to participate on future teams. In addition to regular drug screening, athletes may be screened for performance enhancing drugs, as well. Athletes that have tested positive and have been through the required drug rehabilitation program must receive permission from their personal physician before they can return to any athletic program at CVA.

Grade Requirements:

CVA is a college preparatory school. The pursuit of excellence in academics is the hallmark of CVA. With this understanding, it is a requirement that student athletes maintain minimum grade levels in order to have the opportunity to participate in athletics. In order to participate in athletics, each student will be required to maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or greater based on core subjects, as well as foreign language, on the most recent final semester grading period. In addition, all core classes must receive a passing grade each semester.

In the event that a student does not meet these requirements, said student will immediately be suspended from all official game activities for the following semester. Fall sports require that these requirements be met from the previous spring. Summer classes and grades will be considered and will constitute make up work in order for any student to be eligible for fall sports. Transfer students will be subject to the same grade requirements in their core classes and must be earned during their most recently completed semester.

Policy Changes:

The athletic teams and grade level for participants posted in the Student Handbook, are the policy of the CVA Board of Directors. A change in policy can ONLY be made through a recommendation of the athletic committee to the board of directors and approved by the latter. Membership in these clubs and organizations is subject to each club's individual by-laws and constitution or approval of the sponsor(as the case may be). All funds for clubs and organizations will be kept by the school office, and request for withdrawal of funds must be presented in writing to the office. All use of club funds is subject to the approval of the administration and sponsor.

All activities of school organizations are subject to the approval of the administration and should be cleared at least one day in advance. Sponsors of the activity should fill out an activity form and place it on a calendar in the direction of the headmaster, athletic director and the board of directors.

Approved at regular scheduled Board of Director's meeting on _____.

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Date

Secretary of the Board of Directors

Date