

Junior Crusader Athletic Handbook

Purpose of the Handbook

This handbook provides students, parents, coaches, and others with information about the policies and procedures related to Junior Crusader Athletics.

Philosophy and Structure of Junior Crusader Athletics

The Junior Crusader Athletic Program aims to provide instructive and competitive athletics within the overall mission of CCHS, and to promote sportsmanlike conduct and Christian behavior on and off the field. The Junior Crusader Athletic Program operates under the auspices of the CCHS principal, with the assistance of the Junior Crusader athletic director. Decisions regarding athletic offerings and participation are at the discretion of the principal. While separate from the high school, Junior Crusader Athletics operate with the goal of continuity with and further athletic development in the Catholic Central High School athletic program.

Teams

Junior Crusader teams are:

- Fall: Cheering (girls), Football (boys), Volleyball (girls)
- Winter: Basketball (boys and girls), Wrestling (boys)
- Spring: Track (boys and girls)

Conference

The Junior Crusaders are members of the Buckeye Mountain Conference.

Athletic Director

The athletic director reports to the Bishop Mussio Junior High principal or Assistant Principal. The duties of the athletic director include:

- Recruiting coaches and ensuring they have or obtain a pupil activity permit
- Attend monthly BMC meetings
- Schedule games/meets for each sport
- Oversee all sports sign-ups and required paperwork for student athletes (physicals, waivers, code of conduct, emergency authorization forms)
- Assist coaches with scheduling facility use
- Host annual Meet the Team and the end of the year Sports Assembly
- Handle parent and coaches' issues and communicate concerns to the principals
- Work with Junior Crusader Club parents to assure that an adult is responsible for opening and closing the event

Coaches

Junior Crusader coaches are volunteers who are hired and supervised by the athletic director. Coaches are expected to promote the mission of Bishop Mussio Junior High School, the philosophy of Junior Crusader Athletics, including both instructive and competitive aims, and to serve as role models of sportsmanlike conduct and Christian behavior. Coaches are responsible for obtaining a pupil activity permit, for good

stewardship of uniforms and equipment, and for knowing and complying with all relevant school, diocesan, and conference policies.

Eligibility

Students are required to be in attendance for the entire school day in order to participate in athletic activities; specifically, the student must be present by the beginning of the second period and may not be dismissed before the regular dismissal time. Students must be in attendance on the last school day preceding non-school day activities.

Student athletes must maintain a 75% cumulative average for all subjects for the quarter. Eligibility will be reviewed each Friday; if a student is not maintaining a 75% cumulative average for all subjects, the student will be ineligible to participate the following week (Monday through Saturday).

Student athletes must maintain satisfactory conduct. As a result of misconduct, the principal may determine that a student is not eligible to participate in athletic activities for a certain time period.

Participation and Cuts

Junior Crusader coaches have the discretion to cut students at the beginning of a season. Students may be cut for reasons including but not limited to: meeting a roster target as determined by the coach and the athletic director; a student does not have a realistic chance of competing in a particular season as determined by the coach; a student does not have a minimum level of athletic ability as determined by the coach.

Playing Time

Junior Crusader Athletics are both instructional and competitive, with each coach determining playing time for students. Coaches are encouraged to communicate realistic expectations regarding playing time to each student.

Diocesan Policy

Athletic programs in Grades 7 through 12 shall comply with the rules and regulations established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Pupil activity permits are required for all individuals who will direct, supervise or coach a student activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity or activities with health and safety considerations, for ALL grade levels. (OAC 3301-27-01)

It shall be the responsibility of the pastoral administrator, building principal and directors of various extracurricular programs to insure that school activities of a non-religious nature are not scheduled during any day of the Sacred Triduum, i.e., Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Specifically, activities of a non-religious nature are not to be scheduled between 12:01 a.m. of Holy Thursday through the completion of Easter Sunday.