



## Student-Parent Handbook



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### Baltimore County Public Schools Mission Statement for Athletics

The Baltimore County Public Schools support the philosophy that a quality interscholastic athletic program is vital to the positive social, physical, and educational development of students. The interscholastic athletic program enhances and supports the academic mission of the school system. We are committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play at all athletic contests. We support high standards of

good citizenship and propriety, along with regard for the rights of others.

Being a member of the interscholastic program is a privilege to be earned and maintained throughout the season. Each time participants step into a school or onto the practice field and anytime they participate in a game they are expected to represent themselves, and their family, team and school in a responsible, sportsmanlike manner.



It is our responsibility to provide challenging opportunities for our student-athletes to compete successfully at the county, regional, and state levels.

### Franklin High School Mission Statement

In addition to embracing and committing to the BCPS Philosophy, at Franklin High School, we will also encourage and promote:

1.) The belief that athletes should participate in multiple sports and not specialize in any one specific sport.

2.) The concept of the broadest-based participa-

tion possible by offering as many teams as we can, so as to extend the opportunity to participate to as many students as possible.

3.) The premise that all teams are considered vital for our student-athletes and each is a valued part of our athletic program. No one sport is considered more important than any other.

4.) The approach that all teams are treated as fairly as possible.

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>COACH</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
<b>Varsity Football</b>	Head Coach	Anthony Burgos	<a href="mailto:aburgos@bcps.org">aburgos@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Football</b>	Head Coach	Tim Miller	<a href="mailto:coachtmill@aol.com">coachtmill@aol.com</a>
<b>Varsity Soccer (M)</b>	Head Coach	Ian Reid	<a href="mailto:ireid@bcps.org">ireid@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Soccer (M)</b>	Head Coach	Anthony Legge	<a href="mailto:tleg81@yahoo.com">tleg81@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Varsity Soccer (W)</b>	Head Coach	Sara McCallam	<a href="mailto:semccallam@hotmail.com">semccallam@hotmail.com</a>
<b>JV Soccer (W)</b>	Head Coach	Chris Sakers	<a href="mailto:csakers@bcps.org">csakers@bcps.org</a>
<b>Varsity Volleyball</b>	Head Coach	Christy Callahan	<a href="mailto:s-cachma@mail.vjc.edu">s-cachma@mail.vjc.edu</a>
<b>JV Volleyball</b>	Head Coach	Katie Righter	<a href="mailto:krighter@bcps.org">krighter@bcps.org</a>
<b>Badminton</b>	Head Coach	Jonathan Olgerson	<a href="mailto:jolgierson@bcps.org">jolgierson@bcps.org</a>
<b>Cross Country (M)</b>	Head Coach	Howard Spears	<a href="mailto:hspears@bcps.org">hspears@bcps.org</a>
<b>Cross Country (W)</b>	Head Coach	Paul Hannsen	<a href="mailto:Hippopotomos@aol.com">Hippopotomos@aol.com</a>
<b>Varsity Field Hockey</b>	Head Coach	Kate Boyle	<a href="mailto:kboyle2@bcps.org">kboyle2@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Field Hockey</b>	Head Coach	Scott Laudeman	<a href="mailto:slaudeman@hotmail.com">slaudeman@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Golf (M)</b>	Head Coach	Chad Vaughn	<a href="mailto:chadv@pga.com">chadv@pga.com</a>
<b>Golf (W)</b>	Head Coach	Jason Mager	<a href="mailto:jmager@bcps.org">jmager@bcps.org</a>
<b>Varsity Cheerleading (Fall)</b>	Head Coach	Lori Gueno	<a href="mailto:lgueno@bcps.org">lgueno@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Cheerleading (Fall)</b>	Head Coach	Jen Holmes	<a href="mailto:jenholmes99@aol.com">jenholmes99@aol.com</a>
<b>Allied Bowling</b>	Head Coach	Charles Mallonee	<a href="mailto:cmallonee@bcps.org">cmallonee@bcps.org</a>
<b>Varsity Men's Basketball</b>	Head Coach	Kieran O'Connell	<a href="mailto:koconnell@bcps.org">koconnell@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Men's Basketball</b>	Head Coach		
<b>Varsity Women's Basketball</b>	Head Coach	Denikwa James	<a href="mailto:djames@bcps.org">djames@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Women's Basketball</b>	Head Coach	Lynn Frost	<a href="mailto:lfrost@comcast.net">lfrost@comcast.net</a>
<b>Varsity Cheerleading (Winter)</b>	Head Coach	Lori Gueno	<a href="mailto:lgueno@bcps.org">lgueno@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Cheerleading (Winter)</b>	Head Coach	Jen Holmes	<a href="mailto:jenholmes99@aol.com">jenholmes99@aol.com</a>
<b>Varsity Wrestling</b>	Head Coach	Mike Slaughter	<a href="mailto:mslaught@bcps.org">mslaught@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Wrestling</b>	Head Coach	Brian Rudo	<a href="mailto:brainrudo@yahoo.com">brainrudo@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Men's Indoor Track</b>	Head Coach	Paul Hannsen	<a href="mailto:Hippopotomos@aol.com">Hippopotomos@aol.com</a>
<b>Women's Indoor Track</b>	Head Coach	Amanda Graff	<a href="mailto:agraff@bcps.org">agraff@bcps.org</a>
<b>Varsity Softball</b>	Head Coach	Edward Lahay	<a href="mailto:eddy204@comcast.net">eddy204@comcast.net</a>
<b>JV Softball</b>	Head Coach	Marissa Spears	<a href="mailto:mspears@bcps.org">mspears@bcps.org</a>
<b>Varsity Baseball</b>	Head Coach	Tim Gordon	<a href="mailto:tgordon@bcps.org">tgordon@bcps.org</a>
<b>JV Baseball</b>	Head Coach	Kyle Campbell	<a href="mailto:kcbamaboy3@aol.com">kcbamaboy3@aol.com</a>
<b>Varsity Men's LAX</b>	Head Coach	Scott Laudeman	<a href="mailto:slaudeman@hotmail.com">slaudeman@hotmail.com</a>
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<b>Varsity Women's LAX</b>	Head Coach	Andy Heller	<a href="mailto:ahellerinsurance@aol.com">ahellerinsurance@aol.com</a>
<b>JV Women's LAX</b>	Head Coach	Kait Gentry	<a href="mailto:gentry,kait@gmail.com">gentry,kait@gmail.com</a>
<b>Varsity Women's Track and Field</b>	Head Coach	Amanda Graff	<a href="mailto:agraff@bcps.org">agraff@bcps.org</a>
<b>Varsity Men's Track and Field</b>	Head Coach	Paul Hannsen	<a href="mailto:Hippopotomos@aol.com">Hippopotomos@aol.com</a>
<b>Tennis</b>	Head Coach	Sarah Provins	<a href="mailto:sprovins@bcps.org">sprovins@bcps.org</a>
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## Franklin High School's Handbook for Parents of Athletes

This handbook is designed as an informative tool to help guide you through the expectations and guidelines of our Athletic Department at Franklin High School. It can also be used as a reference in regards to athletic policy in Baltimore County and the State of Maryland.

### The Player-Coach Relationship

Unfortunately, through televised games and the more recent proliferation of cable TV, many adults feel that they understand or perhaps know more than many coaches. Everyone becomes an expert. While this newfound expertise may heighten your appreciation of a sport, as a parent, however, you are not the coach.

The player-coach relationship is arguably the most critical relationship in athletics. Unfortunately, a parent can have a pronounced effect on this very important and delicate relationship. While you may not agree with all decisions made by a coach, how and when you express your feelings can have a decided effect upon your child.

If you express a negative opinion in the presence of your child, you need to remember that he or she will return to practice the next day and may carry with him or her your convictions. Your son or daughter will then have to interact with this coach. You, as the parent, can greatly affect this delicate relationship.

Receiving technical or strategic instruction at home may interfere and conflict with the instructional process at practice sessions and games. This may ultimately impede your son or daughter's progress and affect his or her playing time or even winning a starting position. ~ Dr. David Hoch

### The Parent-Coach Relationship

In your role as a parent, you obviously love and are concerned about your child's welfare. You want the best for him or her. But an athlete can have only one coach. Allowing the coach to instruct and guide the team is crucial in many respects.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not approach the coach immediately at the conclusion of a contest. At this time, coaches have other responsibilities and it may be an emotional time. Call and make an appointment for a later time and approach this meeting in a calm, courteous and logical manner.

One of the responsibilities which a coach has at the conclusion of a contest is to have a brief meeting with his or her players. Athletes should not pause to talk to parents or friends immediately after games. These brief meetings are essential to the learning process involved in athletics. ~ Dr. David Hoch

### The Parent-Player

Some parents may try to live through their child's athletic efforts. Being positive and supportive is important, but adding pressure and unrealistic expectations can be extremely harmful. Allow your son or daughter to enjoy and grow from this valuable experience. In numerous national studies, it has been determined that most athletes participate for enjoyment or fun. Excessive pressure or expectations can alter this most fundamental reason for playing.

When you do speak with your child after a contest, don't dwell on his or her play, how many points they scored or if they started. Instead, first ask how the team did. Did your son or daughter play hard, give 100% and have a good experience? ~ Dr. David Hoch

## Relationship with Officials

There is an age-old phrase often used by irate fans. "How much are you're paying the officials?" The home school does not obtain the officials. The commissioner of the particular sport assigns all officials and neither team has control of which officials are assigned.

Officials agree to follow a code of ethics. They do not care or have a vested interest in which team emerges as the victor. It is also important to recognize that they are a very necessary part of the game. A contest cannot be played without them.

So while you may not agree with all of their calls (who does?), please do not harass and taunt them. It is almost important to remember that they are in charge of the contest and have complete authority to have unruly spectators removed. In many sports, a team will see the same official several times during a season. Coaches, athletics administrators, and schools often work hard to establish a rapport and good working relationship which can easily be damaged by disrespectful spectators. ~ Dr. David Hoch

## Spectator-Cheerleader

Cheerleaders try to infuse spirit into the fans / spectators and to lead them in selected cheers. Taking this responsibility into your hands is not appropriate. Fans that leave the stands to direct cheers may often cause or lead to confrontations with the opponents. Following the cheerleaders' directions, therefore, is absolutely necessary at an athletic contest.

The emotion and atmosphere at athletic contests can be very exciting and the cheerleaders need to be allowed to direct and control this aspect of the event. ~ Dr. David Hoch

## Participation on an Athletic Team

It is important to understand that participation on an athletic team at Franklin High School is a privilege and not a right. Being on and maintaining one's membership on the team means accepting all the responsibilities of an athlete. However, unlike recreation or intramural teams, equal or guaranteed playing time does not exist. In an effort to win, a coach will use players best suited to the conditions or demands of the contest at that time.

## ! Risks of Athletic Participation !

Participation in interscholastic athletic activities often includes intense competition and poses the potential for serious, catastrophic, or life-threatening injury. Participants and parents are urged to consider that there are inherent risks and hazards associated with athletic participation. Risks vary from sport-to-sport and can occur even under direct supervision and with use of proper safety equipment.

# Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy

Since athletics should be educational in nature, it is important that all parents and guardians demonstrate good sportsmanship and serve as role models for our athletes and students. Sportsmanship is an overt display of respect for the rules of sport and for all others – players, coaches, officials and fans (National Federation News, March 1995, p. 10). It also involves a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity. This means:

There can be no vulgar or inappropriate language from our fans or spectators.

Taunting or trash talking of our opponents and their cheerleaders cannot be tolerated.

Spectators cannot leave the bleachers or enter onto the court or field during a contest.

Fans should be supportive and positive. Cheering should be done for our team and not against our opponent.

We should not impede or interfere with our opponent's cheerleaders from leading their cheers.

In some specific sports such as basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, and volleyball, we should not yell or use noise makers while an opponent takes a foul shot, attempts to serve, swing a bat, and or deliver a pitch.

## Sportsmanship for the Athlete

### **(The BCPS Ejection Policy)**

An athlete who is ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct or fighting will not be allowed to participate in the next game.

A substitute who leaves the team box and enters the playing area during a fight will be ejected.

The **SECOND** time an athlete is disqualified in the same sport or any other sport during the school year, the penalty shall be doubled.

The **THIRD** time an athlete is disqualified in the same sport or any other sport during the school year shall result in immediate dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season. The offending athlete shall be prohibited from any further participation in the interscholastic program for the remainder of the school year. Interscholastic participation by such individuals in subsequent school years may be jeopardized and will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

An ejection or disqualification prevents a player from attending the next regularly schedule contest. This includes riding the bus, or being in the locker room, or on the sidelines, the bench, the stands, or anywhere on the contest site.

Any player who physically assaults an official, coach, player or spectator shall be immediately dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season.

Once a player has been disqualified, appeals from a coach, player, official, or other party will not be honored.

# **Eligibility Verification**

Student-athletes must pre-register **one week prior** to the start of each season.

**Fall – August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter – November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Spring – March 1st**

As the season approaches, designated registration dates and times will be provided. Students wishing to participate must bring the following items completed:

**Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form** (Valid for one year)

Date of exam and Signatures must be completed

Stamping from Doctors office preferred

**Parent Permission Form**

Medical insurance is mandatory

Policy number must be recorded on the form

**Academic Eligibility**

Must have their **report card** from the fourth marking period (2008)

Must not receive more than one failing grade for the fourth quarter of 2008

**The Student-Athlete may not be 19 years or older as of August 31st, 2008**

**HIPPA Form**

**Website Consent Form**

**Travel Permit**

**Emergency Information Card**

Medical insurance information must be completed

Parent / Guardian's signature required

**Athletic Policy Statement**

*Please make sure you pre-register on the following dates to insure that you are able to participate on August 15th. Anyone not pre-registering must expect delays which may cause you to miss vital practice time.*

All forms can be obtained from the following websites:

<http://franklinhs.bcps.org>

<http://www.digitalsports.com/school/id/9580.aspx>

## Athletic Eligibility

1. Ninth grade students entering high school for the first time must not have failed two or more subjects from the preceding grading period
2. Students are ineligible if:
  - A. They have received a failing or incomplete mark in any two or more subjects for the preceding grading period.
    1. First, second, third, and fourth grading period will be used for determining scholastic eligibility for winter, spring, and fall
    2. The beginning dates for grading periods shall be designated on the approved school schedule
  - B. They re-enter school after withdrawing and their work or conduct at the time of withdrawal was such that they would not have been eligible in the grading period.
  - C. They did not attend school the grading period prior to the intended participation
  - D. They are failing a class at the time of withdrawal in addition to another failure. The students shall be penalized for the withdrawal failure for one grading period only. Any first semester course or full year course dropped prior to November 15 will not be counted in determining eligibility. The date for dropping a second semester course is prior to April 15.
3. A student who is eligible during a grading period but incurs two or more failures at the close of that grading period becomes ineligible to play on the third school day following distribution of report cards as indicated by the official school calendar
4. A student who is ineligible in a grading period because of two or more failures for the preceding grading period can become eligible to play no earlier than the third school day following distribution of report cards as indicated by the official school calendar. However, this student can become eligible to practice on the day designated as the end of that grading period in which the ineligibility occurred.

## HAZING

In athletic settings, some may view hazing as a harmless rite of initiation or an important activity for team bonding. However, it is actually a form of harassment and represents a BCPS Disciplinary Code offense. A more complete explanation of harassment can be found in the BCPS Student Handbook.

Hazing, therefore, cannot and will not be condoned or permitted in the athletic program at Franklin High School. This means on the field or courts, in the locker rooms, on the bus, or at any other activity in which athletes represent Franklin High School.

## Responsibilities of an Athlete

Coaches expect an athlete to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The team's goals, welfare and success must come before any individual.
2. An athlete needs to consistently attend practice sessions. This also includes weekend and holiday periods.
3. Players must be receptive to coaching and conditioning requirements.
4. Team members are responsible for all issued uniforms and equipment.
5. As a member of a team, an athlete must agree to and follow the team rules. Athletes need to remember that they are ambassadors and represent not only themselves, but also the coaching staff and the school.
6. If injured, an athlete must report all injuries to either the coach or, more importantly, to our athletic trainer.
7. Players must abide by their community service activity to fulfill the well-rounded educational learning process.
8. Players must come to school dressed properly abiding by school guidelines.
9. Players must dress and participate in physical education classes in which they are enrolled on game day and practice days unless they have a note from a physician. Failure to comply will result in the athlete not being allowed to participate in their sport the day of the offense.
10. Players will address their coaching staff with the proper title. Players will not address coaches by any other title or name.
11. Players must complete all grade sheets and hand them in on time to the Head Coach.

## Responsibilities of a Coach

Coaches at Franklin High School have the following responsibilities:

1. The selection of the squad.
2. The determination of the style of play, including the offensive and defensive philosophy.
3. The teaching and instruction at practice sessions.
4. The determination of who starts and how long an athlete plays in a contest.
5. The decision of who plays in what position.
6. The establishing and enforcing of team rules.
7. The selection of team captains.
8. The communication with athletes and parents with respect to when practice sessions will be held, and when the sessions will start and finish.
9. The determined community service activity in which the team will participate after approval from the Athletic Director.
10. Monitoring of grade sheets.

## Athletic Chain of Command

The following Chain of Command is in effect at Franklin High School. Failure to use the chain of command will delay any progress in the matter in which you want resolved.

**Players**

**Assistant Coaches / Junior Varsity Coaches**

**Head Varsity Coach**

**Athletic Director**

**Principal**

If there are any questions or concerns involving some aspects of our athletic program, the **athlete** should first contact the appropriate coach. If there is no resolution, he or she should then go to the head coach, etc.

## Expressing Concerns

When expressing an occasional concern with a coach, please refer to and use the following guidelines:

1. Never approach a coach immediately after a contest. This is not the proper time or place for a discussion concerning your child or the team.
2. Do not call the coach at home at a late hour or after a contest. Respect their family time.
3. Call or email the following day and make an appointment which is convenient for both you and the coach to meet.
4. Allow up to 36 hours for a follow up phone call or email.
5. Raise your concern in a calm and civil manner. Yelling, being rude or using foul language is totally unacceptable.
6. Once you have stated your question or concern, listen to the explanation. Often a person may be blinded by emotion and this overrides logic and reason. Listening receptively may really help you to understand any explanation which is given.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**LET THE COACHES COACH.**

**LET THE OFFICIALS OFFICIATE**

**LET THE PLAYERS PLAY.**

**LET THE SPECTATORS CHEER.**

## Practice Sessions and Games

Practice sessions are “**closed**” (boundary restrictions) to spectators and there is a very sound reason for this. These sessions are the equivalent of a teacher’s classroom and there is real, quality instruction taking place. Interruptions and interference to an athlete’s concentration and focus in practice cannot be allowed any more than a disruption would be tolerated in an academic setting. Education in any setting cannot be compromised. This is in agreement with Baltimore County School Spectator Clause and Limitations.

If you must attend a practice session you must have a written request approved by the Head Varsity Coach prior to the date in which you want to observe. If you are coming to pick your child up for a pressing appointment please allow the coach to dismiss the player. If it is not a scheduled dismissal, please approach the coach in a discrete manner. During games, you may not enter or approach the respective team bench or gathering area or enter beyond the restricted boundaries of the playing area.

### Practice

1. May last two hours
2. May start and end at different times due to the schedule of the coach or of our facilities. Check with the coach for the specific times.
3. Will not be held when school is dismissed early due to inclement weather.
4. Will not be held when school is not in session due to inclement weather.
5. May and will be held on Saturdays and over holiday periods.
6. May be held before school, no earlier than 6:00 am.
7. May start as late as 6 pm.
8. Will not be held during professional development days until 2:30 pm.

Spectators at games, however, are very much encouraged. Positive and nurturing support of teams and athletes can be very helpful to performance in athletic contest.

## Selecting the Team

While our ultimate goal is to promote the greatest athletic participation possible at Franklin High School, it may be necessary in some sports to cut a squad. This may occur due to limitations of our facilities, regulations specific to some sports, travel restrictions, and other factors.

Every coach has the responsibility and authority for selecting his or her team. The criteria for selecting the team are developed by the coach. The criteria are verbally expressed at the coach's pre-season meeting with the players and with the parents at Meet the Coach Night.

It is also important to remember that there are no guarantees. Players from the previous year's junior varsity team, for example, do not automatically make either the junior varsity or varsity squad the following year. Having been a member of a team during the previous year or even being a senior does not ensure that an athlete will make the squad.

Parents should expect that every candidate is treated fairly and given every consideration. Coaches are sensitive to feelings of disappointment, will handle the task as positively as possible, and will be available to meet and answer questions in which the athlete may have.

While we understand that being cut is disappointing for many athletes and even for their parents, we unfortunately cannot keep everyone. Anyone cut from a team is welcome to try out again next season or to try another sport. When parents and athletes understand and support the coach's decision, this difficult process becomes a less painful experience for all.

## The Purpose of a Junior Varsity Team

Junior varsity teams exist to provide those athletes who are unable to participate on the varsity squad an opportunity to develop skills and gain experience. While the athlete's age, size, or skill level may be the limiting factor in not making the varsity team, participation on a junior varsity team may enhance the athlete's potential to make the varsity squad in the future.

A caution, however, must also be given. Being a member of a junior varsity team does not guarantee that an athlete will automatically move up the following year to the varsity squad. The athletes best suited for varsity competition will make the squad each year.

Striving to win is important in athletics. However, compiling a great record or winning a championship should not be the primary objective of a junior varsity team. The development of athletes should be the ultimate purpose of a junior varsity squad, while at the same time acknowledging the value of winning, learning, and enjoying being a member of a team.

## Team Captains

There may be several good reasons for having captains of a team. These athletes may serve as positive role models, links between the team and the coach, and they certainly should be leaders. A good captain can be a real asset to the team and coaching staff.

While some coaches may allow their team to select captains, the ultimate responsibility lies with the coach. It is also important to understand the serving in the capacity of a captain is not reserved solely for seniors on a team, but rather this position is for the athlete who is best suited to filling the responsibilities.

## Team Travel

Teams will be transported to away contests by either Woodlawn buses or bonded carriers. Athletes are expected to travel to and from these contests with their team on these buses.

If there is a special reason to travel with parents, an athlete must present a signed note to their coach detailing this situation. This note must be given to the coach prior to departure. This is applicable to state tournament games. The coach may also deny any requests.

Before an athlete leaves an away contest with parents, the parent should make contact with the coach to indicate that they are leaving. For safety and legal reasons, athletes may only leave with their parents and not with other relatives or friends.

On rare occasions, a team may need to travel to a contest by car. In such instances, the BCPS Travel Permission Form must be completed and filed with the coach. Travel by car would usually involve, for example, the Golf Team, Tennis finalists in regional competition, and Wrestlers in championships meets.

## Fund Raising



Whether to supplement the budget or to purchase additional discretionary items, fund raising in athletics has become increasingly important and in many cases necessary. At Franklin High School, fund raising by all organizations, including athletics, is organized and structured by the coaching staff and the Athletic Director, with final approval from the administration.

At the beginning of each school year, the Athletic Director holds a meeting for all coaches and sponsors who are interested in conducting a fundraiser for their team or club. During this meeting, each sport's or club's fundraiser is assigned and listed on the school calendar to ensure that all are treated fairly. Only these approved fund raising efforts are permitted to take place within the school. Items can be added this current year due to the transition taking place.

## Athletic Award Letters

### Varsity

All student-athletes who complete the season in good standing will earn a varsity letter.

Athletes will receive a Varsity Certificate, Letter\*, and Sport Emblem\*\*

Captains receive a Captain's Star

Managers receive a MGR's Emblem

### Junior Varsity

All student-athletes who complete the season in good standing will earn a junior varsity certificate.

Athletes will receive a Junior Varsity Certificate\*

*\*A player may only receive one letter for their respective career at the varsity level.*

*\*\* Sport Emblems are earned only for multiple years of service. Example – A player who plays varsity volleyball as a junior will earn the sports emblem to place on their letter their senior year.*

# Franklin High School

## Sportsmanship Expectations

### Acceptable Behavior

- Applaud during the introduction of players, coaches, and officials.
- Recognize a player's performance that has fouled out with applause from both sets of fans and with a hand shake from opponents.
- Accept all decisions of officials.
- Follow the lead of cheerleaders in positive school cheers in a respectful manner.
- Shake hands at end of contest between participants and coaches regardless of the outcome.
- Treat the competition as a game and not a war.
- Search out and congratulate opposing coaches and players.
- Applaud the performance of all participants at the end of a contest.
- Show concern for an injured player regardless of which team he or she plays for.
- Encourage only sportsmanlike conduct which includes class, dignity and respect.

### Unacceptable Behavior

- Yelling or waving arms during opponent's free-throw attempt.
- Performing disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs, or gestures.
- Booming or heckling an official's decision.
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yelling anything that might antagonize the opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming loss of game on official, coaches, or participants.
- Taunting or name-calling to distract an opponent.
- Using profanity or displays of anger that draws attention away from the game.
- Performing your own cheers instead of following lead of the cheerleaders.

# Join the FHS Athletic Boosters!



The Franklin High School Athletic Boosters, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization established to promote school spirit and work to improve our sports and club teams. Our primary purpose is to get students, parents, staff and the community involved in our programs so we can support FHS athletics. The athletic programs at FHS offer all students an outstanding opportunity! Academic excellence, sportsmanship, competition, and personal improvement are the common goals of the school's administration, coaching staff, and the Boosters. We usually meet the second Wednesday every month at 7:00PM in the library. Please join us! We need your support, ideas and involvement.

**Why Join?** Each year, the Baltimore County School system provides some monetary support for the athletic programs at Franklin High School. Event admissions, concession sales and student fund raising efforts combine with the system funds cover a portion of the total operating budget for the athletes at Franklin High School. Since those activities alone do not totally fund the athletic programs at Franklin, the FHS Athletic Boosters, Inc provides supplemental funds to your son or daughter's teams. One hundred percent of your membership donation goes directly to support *each and every athletic team* at Franklin High School – 43 athletic programs, 700+ athletes!!

Membership fees, fundraising events, concessions and merchandise sales and direct donations support as follows:

- Provide new uniforms and equipment to ALL teams in need
- Provide awards, letters and scholarships for athletes
- Maintain and operate concession stand
- Fund special projects and recognition activities

Promote school spirit!!

**FHS Athletic Boosters, Inc. Class of 2009 Scholarships:** The Franklin High School Athletic Boosters, Inc. established a scholarship fund to honor seniors who are involved with the athletic program while attending Franklin High School. This school year we will award (6) \$750 scholarships to graduating seniors who apply and qualify. The scholarships will be granted to three male and three female graduates for a total of \$4500 in scholarships funds. *You must be a Booster member for your child to be considered.*

For more information on Franklin Athletics, including schedules go to:

<http://www.digitalsports.com/school/id/9580.aspx> or <http://franklinhs.bcps.org/>

**...Support our athletes and JOIN!!!**

## Booster Club President

**Tina Gibson**

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## Membership Levels and Benefits

<i>Membership Level</i>	<i>Contribution</i>	<i>Membership Benefits</i>
<b>Corporate Level</b>	\$500- 1 <sup>st</sup> year \$300- renewed	Banner with company logo displayed fall/spring in stadium, winter in gym  Designate \$100 to team(s) of your choice FHS logo Polo shirt <b>** (Size _____) **</b> FHS Stadium Blanket FHS Booster car decal 10% discount off Booster Spirit wear
<b>Blue</b>	\$175	Designate \$50 to team(s) of your choice FHS stadium blanket + t-shirt <b>** (Size _____) **</b> FHS Booster car decal - 10% discount off Booster Spirit wear
<b>White</b>	\$100	Designate \$25 to team(s) of your choice FHS stadium blanket + FHS Booster car decal - 10% discount off Booster Spirit wear
<b>Red</b>	\$50	Designate \$10 to team(s) of your choice FHS Booster car decal - 10% discount off Booster Spirit wear
<b>Franklin Supporter</b>	\$35	FHS Booster car decal 10% discount off Booster Spirit wear

*Make checks payable to*

*FHS Boosters Inc.*

*Franklin Athletic Boosters, 12000 Reisterstown Rd., Reisterstown, MD 21136*

Any questions, call Mary Corton – Membership Chairman 410-581-0579

## Single Game Admission Prices

**Adults \$5.00**

**Students \$3.00**

**Senior Citizens \$2.00**

**Middle School Students \$1.00**

**Children under 7—FREE**

**State Regional Contests**

**All Tickets \$5.00**

***Only MPSSAA Passes Accepted!***

## Season Passes

The cost of tickets to athletic contests has been increased for the 2008-2009 school year. The new price increases are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. These increases are throughout Baltimore County. We also are no longer allowed to offer Booster Club discounted admissions due to the School Activity Fund ruling.

In effort to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses of parents and students who attend frequent athletic events, Franklin High School has established a system wide standard price for season athletic passes. The athletic pass will be sold by the individual high school and will only allow the bearer whose name appears on the pass admission into **HOME** athletic contests conducted by that school. This pass is **NOT** honored at away games.

### **Season Passes for Entire Year (Fall, Winter, and Spring)**

Adult \$70.00

Student \$40.00

#### **Fall Season Only**

Adult \$30.00

Student \$18.00

#### **Winter Season Only**

Adult \$40.00

Student \$24.00

#### **Spring Season Only**

Adult \$30.00

Student \$18.00

Passes can be ordered online by going to <http://www.digitalsports.com/school/id/9580.aspx> and clicking on **School Store** icon. The passes will be mailed directly to your home from the company. You can either pay by credit card or check for the athletic passes.

## Pre- and Post-Practice and Game Responsibilities

Student-athletes waiting in the lobby pose potential problems at Franklin High School. Risk of injury, property damage and disruption of meetings can possibly result from unsupervised gatherings and activities. In part to address this issue, the following guidelines will be used.

The Coach will be responsible to:

1. Call-in the game results
2. Supervise the locker room while athletes change
3. Secure all equipment, locker rooms and gymnasiums
4. Supervise the lobby area and hallways until the last athlete's transportation has arrived and he/she leaves Franklin High School

Athletes are responsible to:

1. Must be under the supervision of a coach or teacher after 2:30pm. No student is permitted in the building otherwise. If practice starts later in the evening, then that student must leave campus and or be supervised until practice.
2. Arrange in advance for the necessary transportation after all practice sessions and games
3. Leave the building and grounds within a half-an-hour after the conclusion of a contest or practice session

## Contact Information

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**Athletic Director**

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*\* Best way to contact me is by email*

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**Athletic Office Fax      410.887.1126**

**Main Office Fax         410.833.4434**

**Main Office Phone      410.887.1119**

**410.887.1120**

## ! Web Pages !

**<http://franklinhs.bcps.org/>**

**<http://www.digitalsports.com/school/id/9580.aspx>**

All team schedules, athletic events, post-poned contests, cancellations, and driving directions can be found on the digital sports site. ***Please visit this site before calling the school for information.***

## BCPS SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 16	First Day of Fall Practice
August 25	Opening Day for Students
October 31	Marking Period 1 Ends
November 15	First Day of Winter Practice
November 17	Report Cards Distributed
December 23	Winter Break Begins
January 5	School Reopens
January 23	Marking Period 2 Ends
February 9	Report Cards Distributed
March 1	First Day of Spring Practice
April 3	Marking Period 3 Ends
April 3	Spring Break Begins
April 14	School Reopens
April 27	Report Cards Distributed
May 22	Last Day for Seniors
June 17	Last Day for Students

## Booster Club Meeting Dates

All meetings are subject to time, location, and date changes. Please seek confirmation of times and dates before attending. All meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the high school library.

August 5, 2008	7PM	Mrs. Gibson's Home
September 9, 2008	7PM	Franklin High School
October 7, 2008	7PM	Franklin High School
November 5, 2008	7PM	Franklin High School
December 2, 2008	7PM	Franklin High School
January 6, 2009	7PM	Franklin High School
February 3, 2009	7PM	Franklin High School
March 3, 2009	7PM	Franklin High School
April 7, 2009	7PM	Franklin High School
May 5, 2009	7PM	Franklin High School

# Parental Consent

**By signing this page you acknowledge that you have read all the information in the Parent Handbook and understand each topic as it pertains to Franklin High School Athletics.**

**This form must be completed in full and returned to the Head Coach of the sport in which the student-athlete is participating.**

**Student-Athlete:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Print Full Name)**

**Parent / Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Print Full Name)**

**Parent / Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The image features a stylized, three-dimensional logo of the letters 'FBI'. The letters are rendered in a bold, serif font. The primary color is a deep blue, which is outlined by a thick red border. A white inner outline is also present, creating a layered, shadowed effect. The letters are positioned centrally on a plain white background. Above the logo, the year '1900' is faintly visible in a light yellow font.