

**2022-2023 Seffner Christian Academy**

**Athletic Department  
Handbook  
(Parents version)**



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# Athletic Handbook

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## **Introduction**

### **Philosophy of SCA Athletic Department**

1. We believe that glorifying God through Athletics is the primary Goal of the SCA Athletic Program.
2. We believe that Athletics is an avenue of reaching people for Jesus Christ.
3. We believe that Athletics is a microcosm of life, and that lessons learned on the playing field can be applied to life.
4. We believe in striving to do our best to win; to that end, every athletic contest is played to win.
5. We believe that Athletics builds a sense of loyalty to the school.
6. We believe that Athletics promotes physical fitness, which aids in body growth and development.
7. We believe that the SCA Academic Program takes precedence over the SCA Athletic Program.
8. We believe that the SCA Coaching Staff will teach our athletes to develop Christ-like attitudes, leadership skills, and physical skills.
9. We believe that Athletics help develop sportsmanship in our athletes.
10. We believe that our off-season and weightlifting programs will help athletes to compete at the Championship level.
11. We believe that it takes tremendous commitment on the parts of our athletes, coaches, parents, administrators to build a championship-level athletic program.

### **Athletic Department Mission Statement**

The mission of the Athletic Department of Seffner Christian Academy is to provide a winning athletic program that helps develop the students through education and competition, to stimulate a lasting attitude of discipline, sportsmanship, integrity, leadership, and social responsibility, to promote Seffner Christian Academy's values by providing a Christian foundation for student-athletes, and to make the athletic programs an enduring source of confidence for the student body, alumni, and community.

### **Athletic Department Vision**

The vision of the Athletic Department of Seffner Christian Academy is to provide student-athletes an environment that promotes and supports Christian, academic, athletic, and personal achievement, to field athletic teams to perform at competitive levels in competition, to utilize highly-qualified coaches, dedicated support staff, and administrative personnel to help individuals become better students, athletes, and citizens, and to prepare student-athletes to make transitions to the next level of participation academically and athletically.

### **Athletic Department Goals**

- To honor God and exalt Jesus Christ through athletics.
- To produce disciplined, high level and high achieving championship teams at all levels and in all sports.

- To be ambassadors for Christ and Seffner Christian Academy, at home and away.
- To model humility in winning and grace in losing.
- To graduate student-athletes committed to Christianity, prayer, and servant leadership.
- Be an Athletic Department recognized as an ethical leader and a model of excellence in conduct, management, and performance.
- Create an enjoyable and valuable experience for all participants, providing them with the opportunities for meaningful growth combined with the challenge of competing at their highest level.
- Place significance on the setting and achieving of goals.

The SCA Athletic Program functions under the guidelines of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA).

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT** **CHAIN OF COMMAND/JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Chain of Command**

Follow this chain in the administration of your sport:

1. Head Coach
2. Athletic Director
3. School Administrator

### **Athletic Director**

The Athletic Director serves under the direction of, and has a direct reporting relationship with the Head of School. The Athletic Director oversees the total operations of the athletic department and supervision of all athletic coaches and is supported by the Assistant Athletic Director, Strength and Sports Performance Coach, Head Athletic Trainer and Facilities/Grounds Staff. The AD oversees all facilities and game management.

### **Assistant Athletic Director**

The Assistant Athletic Director serves under, and has direct reporting relationship to the Athletic Director. The Assistant Athletic Director oversees the daily operation of all sports, and serves as the department's main facilities manager, supervises team scheduling, compliance, facilities and game management.

### **Head Athletic Trainer**

The Athletic Trainer oversees all functions of the Athletic Training Area and provides initial diagnosis and treatment of all athletic related injuries. They will provide follow-up treatment and medical referrals when necessary. The AT will refer injured athlete to their doctor; serve as liaison between physician and injured athlete, as well as injured athlete and coaching staff. The AT will maintain organized records of all student-athlete

physicals, clearances and FHSAA required paperwork and arrange for pre-season physical exams with team doctor. The AT has final say in conjunction with Director and Assistant Director of Athletics, over Athletic Training issues and participation.

### **Head Coaches**

The Head Coach abides by all Athletic Department regulations, knows and understands the content of Coach's Handbook. The Head Coach informs student-athletes of rules and regulations (including awards criteria) before the season and adheres to all student-athlete eligibility guidelines, as well as FHSAA rules and bylaws. The Head Coach plans daily practice & training sessions, game strategies, etc. and maintains a complete and updated roster at all times to ensure proper compliance and record keeping. The Head Coach prepares a master calendar of practices prior to season and is responsible to coordinate and communicate expectations for players and parents and inform them of calendar and schedule changes. Head Coaches are solely responsible for matters involving game officials.

### **Strength and Sports Performance Coach**

The SSP Coach works under the supervision of the Athletic Director and will supervise the weight room and fitness training facilities. The SSP Coach will create and administer workouts for all Varsity and JV sports teams at SCA. The SSP Coach will interact and liaison with Head Coaches to make sure all athletes are in the correct program and participating according to team direction.

### **Facility and Grounds Staff**

As it pertains to athletic contests, the Facility and Grounds Staff will maintain and prepare athletic fields and courts for participate under the supervision of the Athletic and Assistant Athletic Director. Team coaches will be co-responsible for care of the fields and facilities and will work with The Facility and Grounds team in keeping athletic fields in their best possible condition.

## **Student-Athlete Guidelines**

### **General Rules**

- Display good sportsmanship at all times.
  
- The use of alcohol, tobacco and vaping, illegal drugs or profanity is a violation of school rules and will be dealt with according to school board policies.
  
- Attend all practices and contests unless excused by the head coach.
  
- Attend school regularly.
  
- Present themselves in a positive manner as a representative of SCA (dress, mannerisms, language, etc.).

•Will adhere to any additional individual team rules (which must be accepted by Athletic Administration) set forth by coaches for the purpose of governing team behaviors in accordance with SCA policies.

### **Specific Rules**

- Quitting a sport goes against everything that the SCA Athletic Program is about. Once a student comes out for a sport, they are making a commitment that they will participate for the duration of that sport season. Any athlete that quits a sport after the final roster is posted may not be able to participate in any sport for the rest of the school year. We realize there are certain circumstances that do occur – these will be taken under the discretion of the Athletic Administration. An athlete cannot quit one sport to participate in another.
- A student-athlete assigned detention by a teacher or administrator is required to serve that detention. Detention takes precedence over team practices and games.
- A student who misbehaves at an athletic event or who is ejected from a contest is subject to school disciplinary action.
- Any student ejected from a contest is required to meet with the Athletic Director before he/she is allowed to return to the team. The Athletic Director will schedule the meeting with the student at the earliest possible time.
- Students who use profanity during practice or a game are subject to disciplinary action.
- A student must attend school on practice or game days in order to be eligible to practice or play on that day. All athletes must be at school no later than 11:00 am on a school day in order to participate in any kind of athletic activity that day.
- Participation, association, involvement in immorality, homosexuality (including self-identification), bisexuality, transgender lifestyle/identity, or other activities of an adult nature (i.e. sex texting, pornography, pregnancy, etc.) on or off campus may result in immediate dismissal from the team.

## **Athletic Department Policies and Guidelines**

### **Welcome to Athletics Night – (will begin in fall 2023)**

The Athletic Department will host an information event at the beginning of the school year. The date is usually the first Tuesday after the first day of class. All parents are required to be in attendance. Information and details will go out 1 week prior to meeting.

**Eligibility**

*Eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:*

- Must legally be a student at SCA or homeschooled.
- A student who reaches 19 prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> is permanently ineligible
- Students must have a cumulative un-weighted GPA of at least 2.5 from the beginning of their freshman year.
- A student who falls under a 2.5 GPA after their first semester of ninth grade is ineligible for the spring semester. There may be certain exemptions for 10th graders who do not have a cumulative 2.5 but who do have a 2.5 for their previous semester. **See below for an excerpt from our SCA school handbook**
- Grades will be checked by the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director at the end of each semester.
- A student who is not eligible at the beginning of the academic year cannot become eligible until the beginning of the second semester.
- Any questions or concerns related to eligibility are to be directed to the Athletic Office.
- Using an ineligible student-athlete will result in forfeiture and a fine by the FHSAA. Any coach who knowingly uses an ineligible student-athlete may be terminated.
- Any player at a contest in uniform is considered to have played in that game. MS, JV and Varsity teams must be separated from each other on game dates.
- All players cannot practice or play games until confirmation of eligibility is given from the Athletic Director and Athletic Trainer.**
- All team players must have physicals on file with the Athletic Trainer and cleared through the athletic office.
- If an athlete is declared ineligible, the student may sit with the team at home games, but may not dress out. They may not travel with the team to away games. If a student is declared academically ineligible, the student will be informed by the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will notify the Head Coach of the ineligible athlete. Ineligible students will be allowed to practice with the team at the coaches' discretion.
- Any athlete who does not finish a sport season, for eligibility or disciplinary reasons, will not be eligible to receive any awards at the Athletic Banquet.

•Student-athletes who transfer are allowed to immediately participate in interscholastic athletics for their new school as long as they have followed FHSAA transfer regulations

### **From SCA School handbook**

SCA maintains an active interscholastic athletic program for both young men and women. The philosophy of SCA regarding athletics and other activities is that the programs are an integral part of the student's total education. Our athletic program strives to honor Christ in each activity.

As class members of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), Seffner Christian Academy and their athletes adhere to FHSAA governing rules, regulations and eligibility requirements. Eligibility requirements are higher at SCA to reflect the mission and vision of our school as well as aligning with student academic expectations. Students will be held to SCA academic eligibility requirements when determining eligibility for participation.

Academic Requirements:

- a. Accordingly, a student must maintain a **2.5 grade point average** in order to be eligible to participate in any sports at SCA. Students who do not earn a 2.5 GPA are ineligible for participation in any school-sponsored sports for an entire semester and until their GPA reaches above 2.5.
- b. At the beginning of each semester, GPAs will be checked to determine the athletes' eligibility of that sport. Eligibility is determined no later than the first day of the semester and remains in effect for the entire semester.
- c. This policy is final with no exceptions. If they are ineligible, the student may sit with the team at home games, but may not dress out. They may not travel with the team to away games.

SCA Administration reserves the right to suspend or dismiss an athlete from participation at any period during the school year

### **Participation**

Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> may participate in interscholastic athletics. Only 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be eligible to participate in athletics at the varsity level. Elementary students, grades K-5<sup>th</sup>, may participate in SCA's intramural Little Crusaders program which is not a competitive event/team. Any athlete in Middle School may try out for a Junior Varsity or Varsity team.

Athletes will only be allowed to participate in one sport each season (Fall, Winter, Spring).

The SCA Athletic Program allows homeschool athletes to participate in interscholastic sports. Homeschoolers have contributed to the success of our athletic program over the years and will have the same opportunity to make any of our teams as an SCA student. Homeschool athletes must abide by the same high standards which our SCA in school athletes adhere to. SCA Code of Conduct and student behavior guidelines will apply to them as well.

Athletes who make a team have an obligation to the school team that supersedes any participation on AAU teams, Recreation League teams, etc. Athletes are strongly advised against participating in these leagues while their



school team is in-season. Priority may be given to those athletes who do not compete outside of SCA events.

### **Transportation**

All athletes must ride the school bus to off-campus activities, unless approval is granted by the school administration. When an athletic event takes place on non-school day, the Head Coach may grant approval for athletes to provide their own transportation to the event. ***Non-SCA students are not permitted to ride the bus.*** Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner when traveling to and from away games. Athletes that are riding home with their parents after an away game must inform their coach before they leave.

## **Athletic Program Overview**

All athletic teams are open to any SCA or Homeschool student who meets the requirements for eligibility. The following sports are offered at SCA:

### **Seasons/Dates**

<b><u>Fall</u></b>	<b>First allowable <u>Practice</u></b>	<b>First allowable <u>Game</u></b>	<b>Last Regular <u>Season Game</u></b>
Varsity Football	1-Aug	26-Aug	4-Nov
MS Football	1-Aug	25-Aug	6-Oct
Varsity Volleyball	1-Aug	22-Aug	15-Oct
MS Volleyball	1-Aug	22-Aug	4-Oct
JV Volleyball	1-Aug	22-Aug	11-Oct
Cross Country (Girls and Boys)	1-Aug	22-Aug	15-Oct
Varsity Cheer	1-Aug	26-Aug	4-Nov
MS Cheer	1-Aug	25-Aug	6-Oct
Golf	1-Aug	22-Aug	22-Oct
<b><u>Winter</u></b>			
Varsity Girls Soccer	17-Oct	7-Nov	21-Jan
Varsity Boys Soccer	17-Oct	7-Nov	21-Jan

MS Girls Soccer	17-Oct	7-Nov	21-Jan
MS Boys Soccer	17-Oct	7-Nov	21-Jan
Varsity Girls Basketball	24-Oct	14-Nov	28-Jan
Varsity Boys Basketball	31-Oct	21-Nov	4-Feb
JV Girls Basketball	24-Oct	14-Nov	28-Jan
JV Boys Basketball	31-Oct	21-Nov	4-Feb
MS Girls Basketball	24-Oct	14-Nov	28-Jan
MS Boys Basketball	31-Oct	21-Nov	4-Feb

### **Spring**

Varsity Tennis (Girls and Boys)	16-Jan	6-Feb	8-Apr
Varsity Baseball	23-Jan	20-Feb	29-Apr
JV Baseball	23-Jan	20-Feb	29-Apr
MS Baseball	23-Jan	20-Feb	29-Apr
Varsity Softball	23-Jan	20-Feb	29-Apr
JV Softball	23-Jan	20-Feb	29-Apr
Track and Field (Girls and Boys)	30-Jan	16-Feb	14-Apr
Beach Volleyball (Girls)	6-Feb	27-Feb	22-Apr

## **Facilities**

- For some teams it is necessary to use off-campus facilities.
- Safety and security are the number one priority when utilizing off campus sights. Proper supervision should be provided at all times, and all agreement paperwork should be filled out before utilizing an off campus sight.

### **Weight Room Usage**

- The weight room is a common-use facility. Each team will have equal access to this facility, with priority given to in-season sports.
- Coaches will schedule the weight room through the athletic department.
- No student is permitted to use the weight room without direct supervision from a SCA coach or teacher.
- Athletes must pay attention to direction and assistance given by supervisory personnel.

- Students must have proper workout attire, consisting of a clean, dry T-shirt, athletic shorts, socks, and athletic shoes (no cleats). Students must remove all jewelry before entering the weight room.
- No food or drinks are permitted at any time except water and Sports drinks.
- Students are responsible for re-racking and cleaning of weight room after each use.
- Violations of weight room rules or policies may result in a loss of privileges.

## **Awards & Banquets**

### **SCA AWARDS**

Each year, there will be an Athletic Awards Banquet for all athletes who participated in a Junior Varsity or Varsity Sport. Banquet dates/times:

- Fall – First week of December
- Winter – First Week of April
- Spring – Last Week of May

Note – Teams may have their own get together but the banquet and awards night will be done with all teams in that season.

### **Varsity Letters**

- These are paid for by the Athletic Department.
- In order to receive a varsity letter, a student-athlete must have completed the season in good standing (maintained eligibility).
- Must have attended all games and practices unless excused by the Head Coach.
- Letters are only awarded once per sport. The process is as follows:
  1. First year: varsity letter and sport specific pin.
  2. Second year: service bar.
  3. Third year: service bar.
  4. Fourth year: plaque and service bar.
    - Letters may be awarded to student managers at a coach's discretion.  
Statisticians and scorekeepers who are only in attendance at games are not eligible for letters.
- Junior Varsity student-athletes will not receive letters.

## **Trophies**

- The Athletic Department will purchase up to 4 trophies for each varsity team for their awards banquet.
- Awards must be requested for order no later than two weeks prior to the banquet to ensure they are received in time.

## **Requirements for ATHLETIC AWARDS**

- An athlete must have regular attendance at practices and games.
- An athlete must finish the season on the team

In addition to the above awards, SCA will present a Male and Female Athlete of the Year during the awards chapel at the end of the year. Listed below are the requirements for nomination:

- Participate in 2 Varsity Sports
- Outstanding achievement in their sport
- Provides leadership to the team(s) in which they participated
- Must be in good academic standing
- Be a Christlike example to the team and opponents

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Game Day Entry**

• Promotion nights such as Community Night, Senior Night and Homecoming are subject to normal ticket entry policies. Parents of student-athletes do not receive free admission to these events unless they have purchased a booster membership. Homecoming representatives are admitted as long as their names appear on a list provided by the coordinator to the Athletic Director.

- SCA uses GoFan for online ticket purchase or cash at the gate.
  - Varsity Sports: \$5.00
  - Post Season/District or Regional Games: \$7.00/\$8.00
- Coaches, ticket takers, or volunteers are not permitted to discount ticket prices for individuals entering a game. An administrator on duty or the Game Day Administrator must be contacted should a situation arise.
- Passes may be revoked without refund for reasons of unsportsmanlike behavior, forgery, or other activities deemed not in the best interest of Seffner Christian Academy.
  - All SCA coaches, boosters, alumni, students, faculty and staff are permitted free admission to all regular season home events. We unfortunately do not have authority to force schools in which we visit to

reciprocate the free admission.

### **Forms**

- The student must upload the following forms to Athletic clearances before the Athletic Trainer will clear that student to practice:  
<https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/>
- For the physical go to FHSAA.com. Go to the “Parents” tab and look for “Participation forms EL02”. Print and have the doctor assist in completing the forms. Then upload to SCA website through the Athletic portal.

*The link to upload documents:*

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/concussion-for-students> - concussion

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sudden-cardiac-arrest> - sudden cardiac arrest

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/heat-illness-prevention-2> - heat illness

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2> sportsmanship\*\*\*

*\*\*\*Beginning in school year 2022-2023 all parents must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course. Parents are encouraged to do the course together so that both mother and Father can add their name to the completion certificate.*

If the student attends SCA after attending another high school, the student's guardians must sign a notarized form (GA4) from the FHSAA regarding recruitment before participating. See the Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director for details.

**These forms are available on the school website. No athlete will be allowed to tryout until these forms are uploaded.**

### **Tryouts**

Tryouts for each sport will be conducted over a period of time deemed necessary by the Head Coach. Athletes must be at tryouts to be eligible to make the team. In a case where an athlete is out of town or sick while tryouts occur, a coach may make arrangements for a separate tryout for that athlete. Tryout dates and times will be posted on the school website or emailed to parents.

Any parent who has a question about the final team roster must first direct their questions to the Head Coach.

### **Multiple Sport Players**

We acknowledge that athletes would like to participate in multiple sports. This is permitted in different seasons. An athlete cannot participate in two sports in the same season (i.e. two winter sports like soccer and basketball).

For participation of sports in two back to back seasons, such as football and soccer, the athlete must remain focused on the current season and practice with

the current team. The athlete may be permitted to try out for the sport of the upcoming season, but must attend all practices and workouts for the current season. It is up to both coach's discretion and we ask that they try to work out the details to permit as much participation as possible. However, the in-season coach has priority and can affect policy.

### **Practices**

**All Wednesday practices must conclude no later than 5:30.** Any athlete that needs to leave earlier for church must inform the coach of the situation. Coaches may schedule practices and games on Saturdays, on days off school, or over Holiday Breaks, but no practices or games may ever be held on Sundays. Parents should not schedule doctor, dentist appointments, etc. during practices or games. The Head Coach of each sport will notify each athlete of their policy on missing practices. In a case where practice has been cancelled, parents will be notified by phone, text, group chat or e-mail. It will be the responsibility of the parent to pick their child up from practice on time. Any athletes that will miss practice for any reason must notify their coach in advance.

### **Attendance**

A student must attend school on practice or game days in order to be eligible to practice or play that day. All athletes must be at school no later 11:00am on a school day in order to participate in any kind of athletic activity on that day.

Attendance at practices and games on days off school, over Holiday Breaks, etc. is mandatory unless the athletes' family is going out of town. In any case, the athlete must notify the coach in advance.

### **Sportsmanship**

Sportsmanship plays a vital role in the Athletic Program at SCA. Other parents, fans, schools, coaches, and officials judge a school by their sportsmanship during an athletic contest. All SCA athletes, parents, students, and coaches are to display behavior that will uphold the name of Jesus Christ and Seffner Christian Academy. The following policies established by the FHSAA concerning sportsmanship should be followed:

- Cheering should be done in support of our team and no athlete or parent may publicly criticize or berate an athlete, coach, or official prior to, during, or after any athletic contest
- Under no circumstance will an athlete or parent confront, question, challenge, rebuke, or threaten any coach, athlete, or officials.
- **Under no circumstances will a parent confront a coach about playing time, coaching decisions, etc. after a game. The parent must schedule a meeting not on a game day with the coach in private.**
- Officials and school administrators are responsible for the conduct of spectators during an athletic event. Spectators will be asked to restrain themselves or leave the premises if their conduct interferes in any way.
- Do not applaud errors by opponents or penalties inflicted on them.

- Treat all players, coaches, officials, and opposing fans as you would like to be treated
- Understand that you are an ambassador for your school. Others will base their impressions of your school on your attitude and behavior
- Respect the game and learn the rules
- Do not throw items of any kind on the playing surface.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision is unacceptable
- Only display behavior that will model The Lord Jesus Christ.

All parents will complete a mandatory course on sportsmanship through the NFHS Learning Center <https://nfhslearn.com/>. Athletes will not be able to participate in a contest until the parent has completed the course and has received a Completion Certificate.

### **Playing Time**

At SCA, all games are played to win. No athlete is guaranteed a certain amount of playing time. At the Middle School level, all athletes will play during the course of each game, but not every athlete will play the same amount of time. Our Middle School teams act as a feeder program to our High School teams. No parent should ever confront a coach about playing time immediately after the game. Any questions a parent may have about their child's playing time must be done in a private through a scheduled meeting with the coach.

At the High School level, the coach will decide which athletes on the team will put their team in the best position to win. No Junior Varsity or Varsity athlete is guaranteed playing time.

### **Uniforms**

Uniforms are distributed by the Coach at the beginning of each season. All athletes must turn their uniform in to the Head Coach after the last game of the season or end of season meeting. Students who have uniforms that have not been turned in will have their report cards and diplomas held, the account charged and will not receive any athletic awards until they are turned in. An athlete that has lost a uniform will be charged the price of the uniform to their student account plus a penalty fee.

### **Athletic Fees**

Each athlete is charged a fee for every sport that they participate in. The fees help offset the cost of the program; things like travel, officials and game equipment. The athletic fee is charged to the student account. An athlete that tries out for a sport, and does not make the team, will not be charged an athletic fee.

### **Specific Fees:**

(\*per child participating)

High School all sports except Football - \$125 per sport.

Middle school all sports except Football - \$105 per sport.

Football Middle School - \$350  
Varsity Football - \$525

NOTE – Some programs have additional participation fees. Please check with each coach before the season.

Player Paks – most sports programs ask players to have certain athletic wear to match with their teammates. These could be practice shirts, shorts, team bags etc. This is up to each individual sport program and usually costs under \$150.

### Homeschool Athletics

Seffner Christian Academy recognizes that the parents are ultimately responsible for the education of their children. As such, some parents will choose a program of home education that specifically meets the needs of their children. Seffner Christian Academy will seek to support home education families who desire their students to participate in our athletic program.

**Homeschool Athletics (grades 6-12):** SCA allows homeschool athletes to try out for athletic teams. **An annual non-refundable registration fee of \$300.00 per student must accompany the application for admission. There is a participation fee of \$125 per sport – except Football.** See fee schedule below for exact fees. Full payment and all paperwork is due prior to participating in activities.

- Any student enrolled full-time in SCA and chooses to withdraw during the school year will not be permitted to participate in athletics as a homeschool student for the remainder of that school year **unless approved by administration.**

The parents will be responsible to coordinate and monitor the following items:

- Registration with a local home school association and the Hillsborough County School Board (or appropriate county school board). This is a requirement of all students of compulsory attendance age who are not enrolled in a full day traditional education program. Those who wish to access any resources of Seffner Christian Academy must provide proof of registration.
- Students who participate in any aspect of Seffner Christian Academy's program must abide by all rules and regulations found in the parent/student handbook including uniform, hair and behavior guidelines.
- The student and parent must show proof of catastrophic insurance coverage and/or sign a waiver releasing the school of liability in the case of an accident.
- Parents/guardians must assume full responsibility for the health, education and welfare of the home-educated student.



Home school application does not guarantee each student's participation in the activity or team. And each new student will have to go through an interview process through the Athletic Department. Please contact the Athletic Office directly.

\*If a student does not make the team, all paid athletic fees will be refunded.

Participation in a prior year does not guarantee automatic participation for the future.

### **Homeschool Fees**

Participation Fees (per child participating):

High School all sports except Football - \$125 per sport.

Middle School all sports except Football - \$105 per sport.

Middle School Football - \$350

Varsity Football - \$525

Registration Fees:

One time per year fee - \$300

### **Volunteers**

Parent Volunteers provide a vital role in the functioning of the athletic program. It is the responsibility of each athlete's parent to volunteer at athletic events. Parent volunteers must work 3 times per child per sport, for each sport that each child participates in. Parents will be billed a \$125 volunteer fee at the beginning of the first sport that each child participates in. At the beginning of May, the fee will be \*taken off each family's account if it is determined the volunteer requirement is met. A parent must volunteer for an area that is listed on the sign up web site in order to get credit.

Sign up genius:

<https://signup.com/group/526865730079>

Some of our sports do not require volunteer positions- Cheerleading, Track and Field, Tennis, Beach Volleyball, Golf. If your child is on one of these teams, you must volunteer for a sport that DOES require volunteer positions filled. Also, for all parents, you can fulfill the volunteer requirement by volunteering for a sport your child is not participating in. In addition to working gate and concessions, parents may volunteer for any of the following areas:

- Volleyball- Bookkeeper, Libero Tracker, Scoreboard
- Soccer- Scoreboard
- Basketball- Bookkeeper
- Baseball- Bookkeeper, Scoreboard
- Softball- Bookkeeper, Scoreboard
- Football- Parking Attendants, Chain Crew, Spirit Table
- Cross Country- Parking, Course Workers

**\*The fee can also be removed if the parent enrolls in the Booster Club even if the parent does not work games.**

**\*The fee can also be removed for "team parents"**

**\*SCA coaches who are also parents of athletes will have their fee removed**

Volunteer hours can be credited for other volunteer occasions. Please see the Athletic Office for a list of those opportunities.

### **Schedules**

Game schedules are posted on the schools website and MaxPreps. It is advised that parents check the school website every day that there is an athletic contest, since game schedules can change frequently. In an event that there is a schedule change, the change will be posted immediately on the athletic page of the school website. It is recommended that parents and coaches stay connected via a group text or chat system. Game and practice information should be disseminated through this vehicle.

### **Games**

It is the intent of the SCA Athletic Department to play games against strong competition in order to develop our athletes. To that end, games are often scheduled on days off, over School Holidays, etc. All athletes who make a team are expected to participate in games on such days. Schedules are posted on the school web site well in advance in order for parents to schedule vacations and such around their child's games.

