

NFA Handbook Section on Athletics 2011-2012

2-15 ATHLETICS

Athletic Director: Ms. Anne Porter

Faithful to the Vision and Mission of Norwood-Fontbonne Academy and motivated by the desire for excellence in the athletic program, the school's athletic staff accepts the challenge and the responsibility of providing quality instruction in competitive skill building for our student-athletes.

Training in the areas of teamwork, inner self-discipline, and fair play requires guidance. Thus evolves the formation of basic athletic and moral values that will direct the student athlete's attitude toward self and toward others throughout life.

The athletic program of NFA is a key formative experience. It provides for the total growth and development of its student-athletes in grades 4 through 8 by both Catholic Academy League competition and intramural programs. The school's program is based upon the ability to compete on an equal physical level, mastery of basic athletic skills, knowledge of team-concept participation, and individual growth. The integration of the school's athletic program with the total school philosophy and the responsibility to provide quality athletic instruction for the total athlete is achieved by the initiative of a dedicated coaching staff who use their abilities and training, their time and talents, to teach and to enrich the athletic education of the student-athlete in competitive and non-competitive situations.

Goals and Objectives

1. To teach the basic skills of each particular sport
2. To foster a healthy interaction with teammates
3. To engender the essence of fair play
4. To encourage the total support of faculty, students, and parents
5. To foster an appreciation of the value of winning, losing, and their related consequences
6. To recognize and affirm the growth and development of each student-athlete throughout the season
7. To provide professional advice to parents concerning the proper placement of a student-athlete in a particular sport
8. To develop the concept of "team" as the meshing of the individual talents of its members

Policies

NFA is a member of the Girls' and Boys' Catholic Academy League. NFA participates in all league activities at the interscholastic level for both varsity and junior varsity competition. The selection of the athlete for participation on a Norwood-Fontbonne Academy interscholastic team is based upon objective evaluation of the following:

1. ability to compete on an equal physical and skill level
2. mastery of basic athletic skills
3. knowledge of team-concept participation
4. individual growth

Ordinarily NFA sports have competitive tryouts. The student-athlete earns his/her position on the team. Therefore, tryouts each year are "open tryouts." When cuts are necessary, it is handled sensitivity and individually. Additionally NFA provides instructional and intramural sport programs, which include basketball, indoor soccer, and field hockey. These programs are designed to allow the student-athlete to play primarily for enjoyment and to experience various opportunities for skill building.

Physical Examinations

Physical Examinations are required of all students participating in Interscholastic and Intramural sports. Paperwork must be on file prior tryouts and/or practice.

Team Uniforms

Uniforms are distributed by the athletic director. Students will receive uniforms upon receipt of the athletic fee. Uniforms are returned to the athletic director at the end of the season in the good condition in which they were received. If not returned, the student athlete must pay for the uniform.

Students are permitted to participate in one interscholastic sport per season.

Absences from Practices and Games

A note signed by parents is required for student-athletes who miss practice. This parental note must state reason for absence and must be presented to the coach at the next practice. Absence may affect student-athlete's team standing and/or playing time. Students must be present for the school day in order to participate in athletics on that day.

Playing Time: It is the endeavor of every coach to play all team members.

Fees:

Interscholastic Sport:	First Child:	\$ 125.00
	Second Child:	\$ 115.00
Intramural Sports:	First Child:	\$ 80.00
	Second Child:	\$ 75.00

Payment of Fees:

Fees support coaches' and referees' salaries, equipment, uniforms, field rentals and bus transportation. Fees for Interscholastic sports will be due on the first day of p

