



# ***Athletic Handbook***

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## ***Shaping Hearts & Minds***

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT – Reviewed 12/12/22**

The purpose of Denbigh Baptist Christian School is to assist the family in fulfilling their God-given responsibility for training their child. We do this by providing an education marked by a Biblical world view, curricular excellence, extra-curricular excellence, and affordability, ensuring students will be equipped to impact their world for the glory of God.

### **MISSION STATEMENT – Reviewed 12/12/22**

The mission of Denbigh Baptist Christian School is to EDUCATE the mind, NURTURE the soul, and SHAPE the character of each student in a Christ-centered environment, based on the Truth of God's Word.

### **VISION STATEMENT – Reviewed 12/12/22**

The vision of Denbigh Baptist Christian School is to develop students who will ENGAGE God's Truth, EXAMINE all things in light of God's Truth, and EMBRACE what is consistent with God's Truth.



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## 1. Athletic Mission Statement

The mission of the Denbigh Baptist Christian School's Athletic Department is to embrace the holistic development of our spiritual student athletes with a focus on spiritual mentoring, academic excellence, athletic success, and social growth. Our desire is to assist in educating individuals for a life of service as we build quality programs that will enable each young man and woman to become stronger in body, mind, and spirit through sports. Student athletes learn how to compete effectively and with integrity in any setting, how to be a contributing member of a team, how to provide leadership, and how to be resilient after defeat or victory. We believe that these life lessons instill and strengthen those qualities that add to success in our students' personal lives, as well as future professional lives.

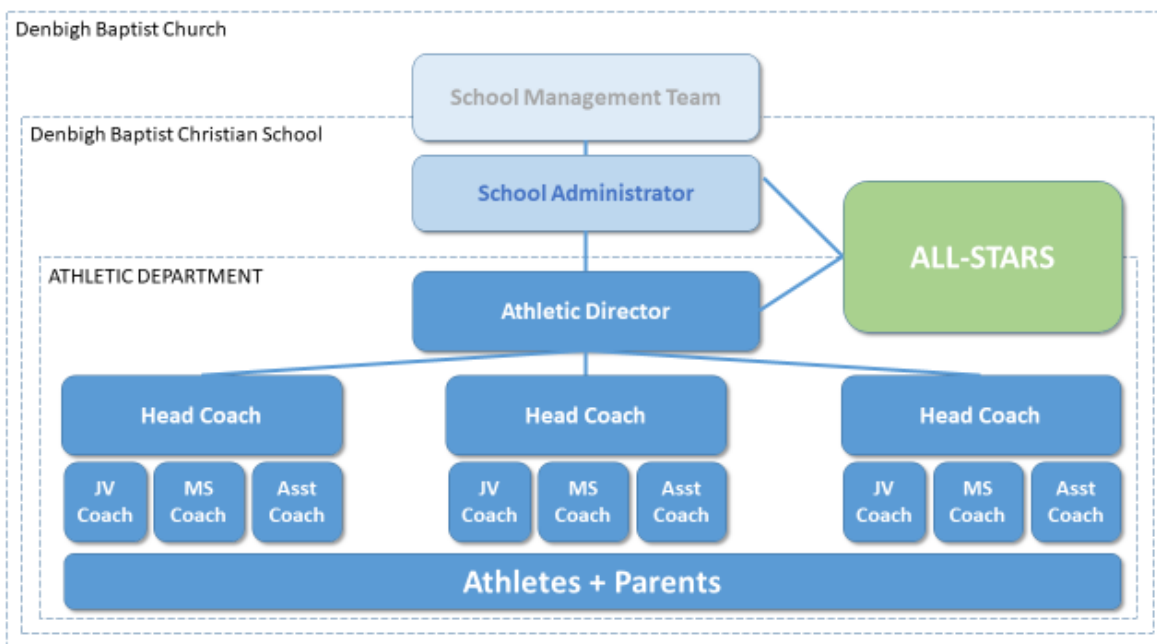
We strive to always do our best with a goal to win, but that is not the only goal. We want to help our young people have success in life long after their athletic careers are over. We want to assist parents in instilling life skills and values in our athletes, realizing that playing in a team setting is a great way to learn about life. Ultimately, we want to honor God with our play and in all that we do, and to be an example to others on and off the playing field. Our athletic teams are "Youth Groups" coached by godly men and women. Our practices and game settings are truly "leadership laboratories" today that are shaping our leaders of tomorrow. At Denbigh Baptist, we use sports as a medium to share Christ!

## 2. Purpose

This Athletics Handbook provides students, parents, Coaches, Staff, and Faculty with a concise statement of the athletics policies and procedures of Denbigh Baptist Christian School. It is written to answer the questions most frequently asked about the policies and procedures of the Athletics Department and enables it to run on a smooth and orderly basis. Where any inconsistency or ambiguity exists between this document and other policy DBCS documents, the Student Handbook and Faculty/Staff Handbook will have greater authority.

## 3. Organization & Responsibilities

The Athletics Department is made up of Athletes, Parents, Coaches, and Athletic Director (AD). Oversight is provided by the DBCS School Administrator and School Management Team (SMT).



### 3.1.Athletes

The development of Christ-like athletes is the focus of our athletics program at DBCS. We seek to glorify God through a competitive, Christ-centered environment in which athletes can develop their potential and skills under the guidance and support of our coaches and parents. Athletes are responsible for following the guidelines for eligibility outlined in this Handbook, learning from their coaches, supporting their teammates in their own growth, and setting a positive example for younger athletes.

### 3.2.Parents

Parents are the backbone of our athletics program and support our individual athletes in all aspects, whether at home or in the bleachers as our athletes' biggest fans. Parents are expected to be in steady communication with coaches throughout the season to maximize opportunity for their athlete and help ensure a smooth season. Parents are encouraged to get involved in our ALL-STARS volunteer program. Parents should always contact their team's coach first before bringing concerns to the Head Coach or Athletic Director.

### 3.3.Coaches

Coaches are the main day-to-day coordinators of our athletic teams and responsible for their overall success. Each offered sport will have a Head Coach (typically the Varsity team coach) that may be supported by a number of JV, Middle School, and other Assistant coaches. All Coaches will:

- Be a Christian example to their athletes; Encourage both spiritual and athletic skill growth
- Create a culture of healthy competition and team cohesiveness amongst athletes
- Be the primary interface for team parents to communicate with throughout the season
- Schedule practices and game review sessions as required
- Develop substitutions and rotation plans as applicable
- Make game strategies and call plays as competitive play dictates
- Make sure the Sportsmanship Code and Conduct standards are embraced by athletes and enforced
- Have binder/folder with permission forms and emergency contact information available at all practices and all competitions (home and away)
- Support their Head Coach as directed

In addition to normal coaching duties, the Head Coach for each sport will:

- Coordinate with the Athletic Director on game and tournament schedules
- Coordinate with the Athletic Director on resource, facility, and equipment needs
- Have final say on team rosters
- Plan for sport program continuity by mentoring other Coaches:
  - Increasing confidence and abilities of assistant coaches through increasing delegated responsibility over time
  - Nominate new Assistant Coaches to the Athletic Director
  - Have contingency plan for team coach illness / vacancy

- Plan and conduct player development camps as needed to grow competitive teams
- Elevate concerns/issues that cannot be solved at the Head Coach level to the Athletic Director
- Be responsible for cancelling practices in the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen conflicts

### 3.4. Athletic Director (AD)

The Athletic Director is the head of the Athletic Department at DBCS. They are responsible for:

- Creating a culture of excellence in the coaching staff through servant leadership and Christ-like example
- Choosing quality Head Coaches for each team that will be effective spiritual and athletic team leaders
- Reviewing and approving nominated Assistant coaches as program needs require
- Managing Athletic Department resources as supplied from DBCS budget, collected athletics fees/gate fees, ALL-STARS Funds, and other donations
  - Ensuring wise stewardship of existing equipment and facilities by Athletics Department staff
  - Helping the School Administrator with future budget planning and setting athletic program priorities
  - Making sure business and accounting procedures are followed by Athletics Department staff and volunteers, as to be above reproach
- Acting as primary liaison with leagues/conferences that the school is a member of (e.g. VISAA Metro Conference), including:
  - Keeping master game / facility schedule
  - Coordinating tournaments as required
  - Assuring league standards and rulesets are understood by coaches and complied with
  - Attend required conference / association meetings as directed by School Administrator
- Assuring Athletics website is kept up to date
- Coordinating with ALL-STARS and other volunteers as needed to conduct a quality program
- Supporting their Head Coaches with regular, unbiased, private feedback on their performance
- Make sure the Sportsmanship Code and Conduct standards are embraced by all Athletics Program participants (including spectators/parents) and enforced
- Handling issues that cannot be worked out directly between parents and coaches
- Elevate concerns/issues or needs that cannot be resolved within the Athletic Department to the DBCS School Administrator
- Be responsible for cancelling games in the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen conflicts
- Approve issuance of additional varsity trophies/awards beyond those listed in this Handbook
- As the Coach is the primary day-to-day interface with athletes and parents, in general, the AD will not:
  - Overrule game-day strategies or play calls by coaches
  - Overrule coaching roster decisions
  - Debate game-day coaching decisions with parents
  - Engage in resolving parent concerns that have been not previously communicated with the coach

### 3.5.DBCS ALL-STARS

‘DBCS ALL-STARS’ is the name for the school volunteer program. ‘ALL-STARS’ is an acronym for ‘ALL-Serving The Almighty Resurrected Savior’. The mission of this group is to serve as a Christ-centered organization dedicated to the spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical growth of students. ALL-STARS is the primary booster club for the Athletic Department, and has been a significant contributor of both funding and manpower to the program. Parents, grandparents, guardians, alumni, and Minutemen fans are encouraged to volunteer their time and service in support of ALL-STARS in order to improve the quality of the Athletics program at DBCS. The ALL-STARS program is currently under oversight of the School Administrator but is generally self-directed and self-governing.

### 3.6.School Administrator

The School Administrator has oversight responsibility over the Athletic Director at DBCS. The Administrator is responsible for:

- Establishing a safe environment that encourages all programs at DBCS to continuously become more Christ-like
- Supporting the Athletic Director with regular, unbiased, private feedback on the Department’s performance
- In the case of a vacancy, appointing an interim AD and hiring a new permanent Athletic Director
- Recommending an annual Athletics Department budget line-item to the SMT, based on current program activities and priorities
- Resolving issues that cannot be handled internally by the Athletics Department
- Escalating unresolved issues to the SMT for final ruling.

### 3.7.School Management Team (SMT)

The SMT is the overall management board for all DBCS school operations. It is primarily a policy body that delegates day-to-day operations to the School Administrator. In the context of the Athletics Department, it is responsible for:

- Setting the Purpose, Mission, and Vision for Denbigh Baptist Christian School (DBCS), a ministry of Denbigh Baptist Church
- Establishing School and Athletic Department policy and standards
- Setting overall annual school budget, fees schedule, and coaching stipends
- Reviewing all staff and volunteer background checks before hiring
- Serving as final appeal authority for all school issues including the Athletic Department

## 4. League Information

Denbigh Baptist Christian School (DBCS) is a member of the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) and the Metropolitan Athletic Conference (MAC). The Metro Conference has established a code of ethics and a constitution that all participating schools agree to follow. DBCS may at its own discretion establish more stringent standards for eligibility and conduct than VISAA or MAC, which are documented in this Athletics Handbook.

## 5. Athletics Programs Offered

Our Athletic Department offers a range of athletic sports for our middle and high school students. The programs we offer differ from year to year, and are subject to support from our students, coach availability, and the specific sports provided by our athletic conference. Potential programs for our student athletes are listed below.

### Middle School (grades 6 – 8)

1. Cross Country (both girls and boys) / Fall Season
2. Soccer (boys) / Fall Season
3. Volleyball (girls) / Fall Season
4. Basketball (both girls and boys) / Winter Season
5. Soccer (girls) / Spring Season
6. Track (both boys and girls) / Spring Season
7. Baseball (boys) / Spring Season

### Junior Varsity (grades 6 – 10)

1. Cross Country (both girls and boys) / Fall Season
2. Soccer (boys) / Fall Season
3. Volleyball (girls) / Fall Season
4. Basketball (both girls and boys) / Winter Season
5. Soccer (girls) / Spring Season
6. Track (both boys and girls) / Spring Season
7. Baseball (boys) / Spring Season

### Varsity (grades 8 - 12)

1. Cross Country (both girls and boys) / Fall Season
2. Soccer (boys) / Fall Season
3. Volleyball (girls) / Fall Season
4. Basketball (both girls and boys) / Winter Season
5. Soccer (girls) / Spring Season
6. Track (both boys and girls) / Spring Season
7. Baseball (boys) / Spring Season
8. Golf (Coed) / Spring Season
9. Tennis (Coed) / Spring Season

## 6. Eligibility

### 6.1. Academic Eligibility

Participation in athletics is an honor and a privilege that is accompanied with academic responsibilities. For the student athlete, academics are first and athletics second.

- A. Only full-time students shall participate on athletic teams. A full-time student is defined as a student taking a minimum of five academic courses per semester.



- B. Quarterly averages determine a student's athletic eligibility. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, the athlete must maintain an overall grade average of "C" (70% – 79%) on each quarterly report card. If they receive an "F" on a report card, they cannot participate in the applicable sport.
- C. Student athletes that receive an Incomplete ("I") must complete the work within the time allotted. Failure to do so will result in an "F" for the quarterly grade, which could affect athletic eligibility.
- D. Academic eligibility of students transferring into DBCS will be based on the same criteria as that of our current students. When determining athletic eligibility, the quarterly grades earned at the previous school will be used.
- E. Participation in the fall sports program for the new school year is determined by the student's academic performance during the previous spring quarter, unless the student attends an approved summer school or summer tutoring program in order to regain eligibility.
- F. Interim reports issued every 4 ½ weeks of the grading period will have no effect on a student's eligibility at any time.
- G. A student deemed academically ineligible cannot have his / her eligibility reinstated until the end of the next quarterly grading period.

## 6.2. Athlete Conduct

- A. Athletes will adhere to the Sportsmanship Code, Conduct, and Dress Code. When an infraction occurs, the athlete will comply with the disciplinary action directed by the head coach. Willful repeated infraction or non-compliance with the disciplinary action will result in dismissal from the team.
- B. Students receiving reprimands at school will have these extracurricular consequences:
  - Receiving two reprimands during a semester (or athletic season) will result in a suspension from participation in one game.
  - Receiving three reprimands during a semester (or athletic season) will result in dismissal from the team for the rest of the season.
- C. An athlete suspended from school will not be allowed to practice or participate in any competitive contest (game, match, or meet) during the days of the school suspension.

## 6.3. Attendance

### 6.3.1. School Attendance

Attendance at school is an integral part of a student's academic responsibility. Therefore, all athletes are expected to have a good school attendance record.

- A. All athletes are expected to be in class the entire day on the day of a game and the day following a game. Absences and tardies the day of a game, or the day following a game, will be strictly monitored by the administration. If any abuse is discovered, the athlete will be subject to discipline. Continued attendance problems may result in dismissal from the team.

- B. All class assignments are due as scheduled for athletes on the day of the game and the day following the game. Assignments must be submitted before leaving campus for the classes missed due to early dismissal. Tests and quizzes scheduled during early dismissal will be administered on a subsequent date as determined by the respective teacher.

### 6.3.2. Practice Attendance

Practice is very important to an athletic team. Practice develops unity, teamwork, skills, game strategies and self-discipline. It is expected that the athlete will place a high priority on practice time.

- A. Each coach will set his or her practice times a minimum of 2 weeks in advance with the oversight of the Athletic Director. Practices will begin and end promptly at the scheduled time.
- B. Whenever there is a practice/game, the athlete will be there unless they have permission from their coach to be absent. Excused absences from practice/games will be granted for personal illness, death in the family or special family or church occasions.
- C. Practices/games missed for work and outside functions will not be excused. These events, although valuable, cannot be attended at a time that conflicts with the athletic schedule.
- D. Athletes must attend the entire practice/game. Early dismissals are only permitted when there is a family emergency.
- E. Athletes will be permitted only two unexcused absences from practices or games. The third unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the team. The coach's attendance records will stand as the final authority when counting absences.
- F. Required practices will be held on school days only (fall sports begin on August 1, winter sports begin on November 1 and spring sports begin on March 1). A one hour practice, with approval of the Athletic Director, may be scheduled for Wednesday. Saturday practices are permitted when the team's athletic contests occur predominantly on Saturdays. Otherwise, practices scheduled for vacation days, Wednesdays, and Saturdays are NOT mandatory (exception – August 1 to the first day of school).
- G. Injured athletes who cannot physically participate are expected to attend all practices and games in support of their team. Practice exceptions are allowed for physical therapy or other medical appointments. During all games, injured athletes will sit on the bench with the team.
- H. Any athlete that will not be able to attend a practice or game due to an excused absence must personally notify the coach as far in advance as possible.
- I. One of the goals of Denbigh Baptist Christian School is to provide a safe and comfortable environment for students, faculty and staff. To encourage athletic participation in such an environment, no coaches who are of the opposite gender of the team members will be present with the team or its individual members unless the majority of the team is present. At a minimum, no coach will be present with a team of opposite gender with less than four members present unless a team mother/father or faculty/staff member of same gender as the team is present. It is the responsibility of coaches to keep records of the adult attendants (when required) to be submitted to the Athletic Director upon request.

## 6.4. Medical Qualification

In order to ensure our students are physically capable to participate in our athletic program, each athlete must submit an annual physical examination.

- A. Student athletes must submit a complete annual physical to include emergency contact and insurance information, prior to any involvement in any athletic program, including try-outs. Physical forms are available on the school website and or from the athletic office. These physicals are required for each school year (July 1st of current year through June 30th of the next year). Students new to DBCS will be given a 2 week grace period for the completed physical but must submit pages 1, 2, and 4 of the physical form to the athletic office prior to any involvement.
- B. All students participating in the athletic program must be covered through medical insurance provided by their parents. DBCS will not assume any financial liability for injuries received while students are participating on an athletic team. Proof of insurance must be provided before the start of practices for an athletic season.
- C. Coaches will receive a copy of “Part V – Emergency Permission Form” for their team. Coaches will have a binder / folder with their respective Emergency Permission Forms available for all practices and all competitions (home and away).

## 6.5. Other Eligibility Policies

- A. Students may participate in only one school sport during a season (fall, winter, and spring). Rare exceptions may be made with approval of the athletic director and school administrator.
- B. No athlete will be allowed to participate in any athletic program (including try-outs) until the parental permission slip is returned. Parents and students alike must read and adhere to the requirements and guidelines for athletic involvement at DBCS.
- C. Athletic fees (Middle School, JV and Varsity) are due at the beginning of each sport season. Team rosters will be provided to the school’s business office and the fees will be added to each student’s monthly bill. Fees in arrears will cause the student athlete to be ineligible to continue to participate until the fees are paid in full.
- D. These rules of eligibility apply to all team members and, with the exception of the requirement for a physical, any other position that may be considered by the athletic director and the administration an integral part of the athletic program of the school (example: team manager).

## 7. Conduct and Dress

Athletes should represent DBCS to the best of their abilities, foster pride in the school, promote and uphold school spirit, and model good sportsmanship. Athletes should always show Christ in their lives, not just when in uniform.

### 7.1. Conduct

Our athletes and coaching staff are in position to influence the reputation of our school. That responsibility must not be taken lightly. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times, whether in the classroom, on the bus to a game, or on the field or court. The athlete is expected to be a testimony of Jesus Christ by their actions and words.

- A. If an athlete willfully damages the property of DBCS or that of an opposing school, the athlete and their parents are liable for the damage. The student athlete will be subject to the appropriate school disciplinary action.
- B. The athlete will show proper respect for their teammates, coaches, officials, and fans at all times.
- C. No taunting or disrespect toward the opposing players, coaches, fans, or referees will be tolerated at any time.

### 7.2. Dress

Because the athlete represents Jesus Christ and DBCS, the athlete should take pride in their personal appearance.

- A. As a minimum, the athlete will adhere to the DBCS dress code at all home and away games as defined in the Student Handbook. Student athletes arriving from other athletic events (games or practice) are permitted to remain without having to change clothes.
- B. Individual coaches may set special dress standards for special situations (such as tournaments) with the approval of the athletic director.

## 8. Sportsmanship Code

We expect that our athletes, coaches, and fans will conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner. Our faculty and administration are committed to promoting a high level of sportsmanship that avoids belittling others. A focus to win is best tempered by an attitude of mutual respect. The following guidelines will be adhered to during all athletic competitions:

- A. Show uncompromising respect for referees and officials.
- B. Stand with reverence during prayer and the national anthem.
- C. Cheer for our team and not against anyone. Do not “boo” or make degrading remarks to anyone (i.e. opposing players, opposing fans, referees). Be positive!
- D. We should avoid anything that tends toward destructiveness or misuse of property, such as beating on the sides of the gym or banging on the bleachers.
- E. During basketball free throws for either team, do not make any disruptive noise.
- F. Remain off the playing floor or field, including before the contest begins, during halftimes or other breaks in the action, and after the contest is over.
- G. Pick up and properly dispose of your own trash.

- H. Musical devices and noise makers are not to be used in the gym except as approved by the athletic director.

It is understood that watching any DBCS athletic contest is a privilege and not a right. Abuse of any of guidelines by a spectator may result in removal from the premises. Abuse by coaches or athletes will be subject to disciplinary action.

## 9. Disciplinary Actions

Participation in athletics is an honor and a privilege as our athletes are a public example to other students. Violation of the guidelines in this manual will result in disciplinary action (i.e. game suspension or team dismissal). The head coach, athletic director, and school administration have the authority to remove an athlete from any team when deemed necessary.

- A. Technical Fouls / Cautions / Ejections – If an athlete receives a conduct technical foul, an unsportsmanlike caution (yellow card), or a verbal caution, it will result in a discussion with the head coach as deemed appropriate. If an athlete receives a caution or technical in two consecutive games, they will be immediately removed from that game or match for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the head coach. Any additional conduct fouls or cautions will result in a meeting with the coach, the athlete, the parents, and the athletic director.
- B. Detentions / Suspensions / Probations - Any athlete receiving an after school detention will adhere to the school's policy regarding serving the detention. Any student receiving a school suspension for any reason will not be allowed to participate in any practices or competitions during the suspension period.

## 10. Uniforms, Equipment, and Fees

Good stewardship is a command from God. We must take care of what the Lord has provided us. Therefore, all equipment must be treated with respect.

- A. Uniforms will be used for games only. Uniforms are the property of DBCS and will be returned clean at the completion of every athletic season. In the event a uniform is not returned, a fine will be billed and the next term's report card will be held by the school office until the fine is paid in full.
- B. Equipment will be issued and used only in the way intended for that particular sport. (Example: Basketballs are not to be kicked like soccer balls.)
- C. An athletic participation fee will be charged for each sport during the year. This fee (as determined annually by the SMT) will be billed once the roster is established. An extra fee may be charged for any sports that must practice or play away from the DBCS campus.

## 11. Playing Time Policy

It is assumed that parents will instruct and prepare their children for a competitive interscholastic program at DBCS. The students need to be prepared for the fact that they may not make the team. Being a member of the team does not guarantee playing time. Valuable lessons are learned by simply "being a part of the team". Success is not synonymous with playing time, but rather is contributing to the benefit of the team with the abilities God has given each individual.

- A. **At the Middle School level, coaches will try to give some playing time to all players during regular season games.** No minimum amount of playing time is guaranteed for individual athletes.

- B. At the Junior Varsity and Varsity level, coaches will choose a starting lineup and develop their substitutions and rotation plans accordingly. Generally, the players that best unite as a team will receive the majority of the playing time. Substitutes may be played at the coach's discretion. Psalm 20:5 tells us, "We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God."
- C. Quitting – After being selected for a team, no athlete will be allowed to quit without a parental conference with the head coach. Lack of playing time is not a good reason to quit a team.

## 12.Scheduling Information

Scheduling of conference games is handled by the Metropolitan Athletic Conference (MAC) with additional games scheduled by the athletic director as the calendar permits. Normally, no more than two games a week will be scheduled. (This does not apply to tournaments games)

## 13.Athletic Insurance Policy

A student's risk of injury increases with their participation in interscholastic athletics. Therefore, all students participating in the athletic program must be covered through medical insurance provided by their parents. DBCS will not assume any financial liability for injuries received while students are participating on an athletic team. Proof of insurance must be provided before the start of practices for an athletic season. DBCS does carry student accident insurance that serves as a secondary coverage in the event of an injury.

## 14.Inclement Weather Policy

Games may be cancelled due to inclement weather or due to poor field conditions as a result of inclement weather.

- A. Authority to cancel games - The Athletic Director makes the final decision regarding the cancellation of games.
- B. Authority to cancel practices - The team head coach makes the final decision regarding canceling practices.
- C. Cancellation announcement - During school hours, information about cancellations will be given to students in their classrooms. Parents may be informed via either a Gradelink e-mail or a Remind App text.

## 15.Transportation Guidelines

- A. School transportation will be provided for all athletes to practices and games as required.
- B. All athletes must ride school provided transportation to away games. Athletes may return home by a different means if they have parental permission and if they have made arrangements with the coach.
- C. All athletes must ride the bus to and from practices that are not held at the school unless they have parental permission and have made arrangements with the coach.
- D. **THE SCHOOL INSURANCE POLICY DOES NOT COVER TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE VEHICLE.**

## 16.Awards and Recognition

Awards are important in a person's life and we recognize our student athletes for their God-given ability and for their achievement. God has promised awards for Christians who excel in areas of Christian life.

### A. Awards

1. Letters and pins are earned according to the following guidelines-
  - a) Varsity letters are earned by reaching goals set by the coach.
  - b) When lettering for the first time, the athlete receives a letter and a pin. When lettering goals are reached thereafter, the athlete receives the appropriate pin.
2. A certificate of recognition is given to all athletes who complete a season.
3. One athlete from each DBCS team (MS, JV and V) will receive the **Christian Character Award**. Varsity coaches will award additional trophies at their discretion with the approval of the athletic director.

B. Athletic Awards Ceremony - Each sport will conduct an end of the season awards ceremony to recognize the team for their collective and individual achievements.

C. Pep Rally - Pep rallies will be scheduled throughout the year so our student athletes can be recognized among their peers for their achievements. This is also an opportunity to remind our athletes that they should be positive role models for our younger students.

## 17.Athletics Website

The athletic department maintains an athletic section with team pages on the DBCS website. The website can be found at <http://www.dbcs4christ.com>. Athletes and parents should check the team page regularly for updates from the coach or athletic director.

## 18.Implementation

Day-to-day implementation of this handbook is to be carried out by the Athletic Director and subordinate coaching staff. The final authority of this handbook rests in the School Management Team.

## 19.Revisions to this Handbook

Changes to the policies in this handbook must be approved by the SMT. Proposed changes may be presented by the Athletic Director to the SMT. Comments and improvements are always encouraged in order to make the Athletic Program stronger; Parents and coaches should forward any proposed changes to the Athletic Director for consideration.

Appendix 1: Athlete & Parental Consent Form

Denbigh Baptist Christian School  
Student Athletic Agreement

I have read the entire ATHLETIC HANDBOOK and agree to abide by its standards and policies.  
I agree to support DBCS athletic policies in both spirit and practice.

Student Athlete’s Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Signature* *Date*

Parental Agreement

I have read the entire ATHLETIC HANDBOOK and fully support the enforcement of its rules and guidelines. I agree to support the coaching staff and their decisions as they are the delegated authority in my child’s athletic participation at Denbigh Baptist Christian School.

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