

Welcome to Piedmont Classical High School Athletics

Welcome to the Athletic Program for Piedmont Classical High School. We hope your Involvement in this program will provide you with many rewarding and worthwhile experiences. We believe that student athletes will make a positive contribution that will improve and enhance the reputation of the PCHS athletic program. Our Athletic Program is an integral part of the total school program, and is designed to help our students become better school, community, state, and national citizens. The classical academic area is the primary focus of our school, and we believe that participation in an athletic program affords opportunities, training and experiences valuable to the development of our students.

PCHS Vision Statement:

Piedmont Classical High School's athletic program is an essential and Indispensable compliment to the education process that will provide meaningful experiences, activities, and growth opportunities. These growth opportunities should promote learning and development, and strive for student athletes to excel in the evolutions and maturation of life skills, a healthy lifestyle, sportsmanship, and citizenship. Participation in athletic activities should be considered a compliment to the academic mission of the school and enhance all experiences of school life. We envision a program that offers quality teams with excellent coaches who value skill development, fundamentals, and the ability to teach the sports they coach. Our Coaches and our Athletic Director are accountable for complying with the rules established for participation by our school, Board of Directors, and the Associations to which we belong to.

PCHS Beliefs and Philosophy:

Piedmont Classical High School board members, administrators, and faculty agree that extracurricular activities are an essential part of the student's comprehensive high school career. These activities offer learning experiences, character building and competitive situations in addition to those experienced in the classroom. The staff of Piedmont Classical encourages every student to participate in an activity that he/she finds challenging or enjoyable. Our athletic program will follow the mission, goals, rules, and expectations of our school. Our sports, clubs, and activities will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation or disability.

PCHS Athletic Department Objectives

The purpose of the athletic program is:

1. To provide athletic teams for our Bobcat student athletes;
2. To respect the opposing teams, the officials, the opposing coaches, the game, and the fans;
3. To participate with character, appropriate behavior; and high moral standards;

4. To strive for excellence that will produce successful experiences and successful teams;
5. To ensure the growth and development of our teams and programs that will ultimately increase the number of individual participants that will lead to increased attendance at our contest, build gate receipts and provide a foundation for an account that will provide for the upkeep and improvement of facilities;
6. To provide opportunities that will allow for learning as well as a place where students can grow through these opportunities;
7. To provide for physical, mental and emotional growth and development;
8. To provide a team setting that values commitment, loyalty, dedication, cooperation, fair play, and other desirable traits
9. To provide leadership and supervision that stresses self-discipline, self-motivation, commitment to excellence, good sportsmanship, and the ability to win and lose with class and graciously;
10. To build a program that focuses the student body, the faculty, and the school community toward being united as one Bobcat community;
11. To provide guidance and assistance to our student athletes to help prepare them for future academic and athletic pursuits beyond graduation.

Piedmont Classical High School Sports:

Fall: Boys Soccer, Volleyball, and Co-ed Cross Country

Winter: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling, Cheerleading

Spring: Girls Soccer, Baseball, Track & Field, Softball,, Golf, Co-ed Tennis (club)

PCHS Athletic Mission Statement: Piedmont Classical High School, by providing a rigorous, traditional education, will graduate productive citizens prepared to succeed in any endeavor through team participation.

PCHS Conduct Expectations: Participation in our extracurricular sports, clubs, and activities is a privilege, not a right. Piedmont Classical expects all of our students and student athletes to be positive representatives throughout their participation in these activities. Students are expected to dress, act, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively on our school. Every student is expected to be a good citizen at all times. Taunting is strictly prohibited. Taunting includes actions or comments which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others. Any student who fails to represent the school and behave appropriately may have the privilege of participation limited or revoked by the Athletic Director or the Principal.

PCHS INTRODUCTIONS:

To the Parents:

Our Athletic Department feels that a properly controlled, well organized interscholastic program meets the student's needs for self-expression,

mental alertness and physical growth. It is our hope to maintain a program that is sound and will enhance each student's educational growth and maturity. Students who elect to participate in our interscholastic program are making a voluntary, conscious choice that requires self-discipline. Habits develop through self-discipline and good training. Coaches will expect the players to follow training and conduct rules. Our students are expected to strive for excellence by following the skill development, fundamentals, and coaching they receive.

The Athletic Department should oversee and guide the spirit of competition for our school. Our department and our coaches will communicate with the parents with regard to practices, games, travel requirements, travel times and expectations for our teams.

PCHS Student Athlete's Parent Pledge:

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To the Student Participant

Being a member of a Piedmont Classical sports team or club is the attainment of a goal of many students. The attainment of this goal carries with it certain responsibilities that need to be maintained. A great competitive tradition is not built overnight. This tradition requires hard work from many people over an extended time. As a member of one of our teams, you will be faced with the task of building and then maintaining successful traditions. As you represent our school, you accept and understand the goals and traditions we have, and the responsibility that comes with them. It is our hope that the effort and contributions you make to the team and the program will become a satisfying experience for you and your family.

Student Athlete Pledge:

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION:

Physical Examination

A yearly physical examination is required. The physical must be completed by a medical doctor and submitted to the coach or athletic director prior to participation. The physical covers all sports for one calendar year, effective with the date on the completed form. The form will be kept on file in the high school athletic office.

Sport Participation Form – Medical history

Piedmont Classical Athletic Participation/Eligibility Form – Eligibility verification required by PCHS

Emergency Medical Authorization Each athlete’s parent(s)/guardian(s) must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization Form. This form gives permission for treatment by a physician, urgent care, or hospital when the parent(s)/guardian(s) are not available. The form will be kept by the athletic department.

Eligibility Regulations:

Before practicing with ANY team, the following must be completed:

1. Meet all Academic Requirements, and;
2. Have a current medical exam on file
3. Have a current student/parent concussion form

Before participating with ANY team the following must be complete:

1. Signed Parental/Athletic Participation,
2. Signed emergency form, and
3. Signed Parental Information Form

Eligibility and Academic Standards for Athletes:

Piedmont Classical students in good academic standing without any disciplinary infractions that may revoke their participation privileges are eligible to participate in our athletic program. The Athletic Director and Principal have the right to revoke participation privileges of any student athlete for academic or disciplinary reasons according to the Piedmont Classical Code of Conduct. The School must have evidence of the legal birth date of the student provided by an original copy of the student’s birth certificate. The Athletic Director will certify grades at the end of each quarter, each semester, and after interim grades are given. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 and they cannot fail or be failing any class. Eligibility for the 2017-2018 fall seasons will be determined based upon the final report card from the spring of 2017.

Academics:

High School students must successfully pass all courses and maintain a minimum GPA of at least 2.0 for the quarter, cannot be failing any class, and meet the academic standards established by Piedmont Classical High School. Athletes are “academically eligible” or “academically ineligible” at the beginning of each Semester. The Athletic Director will monitor the academic status of each student/athlete enrolled in school at the beginning and close of a semester. All athletes become eligible or ineligible on the first day of the new grading period. The Athletic Director will review eligibility requirements of each athlete any time report cards are generated. The Parents/Guardians will be notified if the student becomes ineligible to participate by the Athletic Director.

Attendance:

A player must have attended school at least 85% (no more than 10 days unexcused absences each semester) of the previous quarter. A student must, at any time of any game in which he or she participates, be a regularly enrolled member of Piedmont Classical High School. The student should be in attendance at school for a minimum of ½ day on the day of games/practices to be eligible to participate. During the season, any student charged with an unexcused absence from practice will be ineligible for the next game. All absences from practice must be communicated to the coach. Any extenuating circumstances that warrant an appeal will be submitted to the Athletic Director for review. The Athletic Director will review the appeal and submit to the Principal for a decision. After conducting a review of the circumstances warranting an appeal, the Principal will provide a decision to the parent and Athletic Director.

Preseason Parent/Guardian Meeting:

All sports are expected to have a preseason parent meeting before the first game. At this meeting, the coach will go over expectations, team rules, sportsmanship, and answer any questions. This is a required meeting for all parents or guardians of participants on the team. Athletes are invited but not required to attend. Before the athlete can participate in any game, the parents must sign indicating the understanding of the Athletic Department rules for their child.

Transportation:

Parents are responsible for transporting athletes to all practices. The coaches will assist in the coordination of transportation of athletes. All parents will be asked to sign a transportation waiver for their child or children.

Pick up from Practices/Games:

Participation is a privilege, not a right. Parents are expected to pick up their students from all practices and games on time. The coaches will coordinate carpool instructions for pick up from games. Our coaches will attempt to provide help if a parent has a conflict. Parents will be asked to provide a list of authorized drivers that their child or children can ride with to and from games and practices. In the event of an emergency, parents are required to provide written confirmation via email or text to the coach. In the event that a parent is continually late, an action plan may be implemented.

Inclement Weather Policy/Alerts:

If rain, snow, ice or other inclement weather impacts the practice or game schedule, coaches will notify families as soon as the school has all necessary information to make an informed decision. A notice will also be placed on the Piedmont Classical Calendar.

Tryouts:

The general philosophy for Piedmont Classical athletics is to encourage all interested students to participate, regardless of ability. We encourage fair team selection. There will be notifications given to each athlete regarding their status on the team. Obviously, time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference, and other factors will place limitations on the most effective squad size for any particular sport. However, when developing policies in this regard, our coaching staff strives to maximize the opportunities for students without diluting the quality of

the programs.

Team Selection Responsibilities:

Choosing the members of the athletic squads is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those teams. Prior to tryouts, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

Extent of tryout period
Number to be selected
Practice commitment if they make the team
Game commitments
Academic Requirements
Coach will check physical status

Selection Procedure

When a selection procedure becomes a necessity, the coach will notify each team member whether or not they make the final roster. To keep our student athletes involved, coaches will discuss alternate possibilities for participation in the sport or other areas in the sport. (Manager/statistician etc...) At the parents or students request, coaches will meet and discuss the reasons for the decision.

Varsity Letter

In order for a student athlete to earn a Varsity Letter they must finish the regular season and have participated in at least fifty percent (50%) of the season. Post season games and tournaments do not count towards participation. Participation includes dressing for an athletic event.

Related Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities Guidelines:

1. Any student who is charged with a felony or a Class I misdemeanor, or who is petitioned for any infraction or offense that would be a felony or a Class I misdemeanor if committed by an adult, may be subject to discipline by the Piedmont Classical High School Administration.
2. Any student athlete who is convicted of a felony or is adjudicated delinquent for any infraction or offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult may be barred from participation in athletics for the remainder of his/her high school career.

Removal from Participation

A student athlete may be permanently or temporarily suspended from his or her team for the following reasons:

- Violations of Piedmont Classical Student Code of Conduct which leads to a ten (10) day suspension from school.
- Violations of school, athletic, or team policies
- Personal misconduct that involves police or court action during the sport season either before, during, or after hours
- Verbal or physical attack upon any individual
- Acts of poor sportsmanship
- Continuous weekly academic ineligibility as determined by the Athletic Eligibility Form
- Refusing to participate in athletic practices or contests

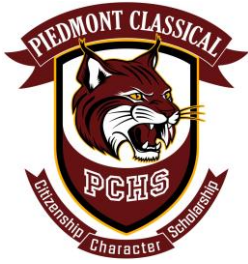
Athletics will follow the same grievance process that is in the PCHS Student Handbook.

Steps for Review

- The student athlete shall meet with the coach involved to try to solve the problem.
- The student athlete may request a review by the athletic director who will arrange a meeting with the coach, the student athlete, and the parents. This meeting shall take place within five school days of the request for the review.
- If the decision resulting from the meeting with the coach, parents, and athletic director is unsatisfactory to the parents, they may appeal to the Principal.

Coaches Responsibilities:

1. To be on time for practices and games;
2. To be a positive role model for student athletes;
3. To be fair, understanding, tolerant, sympathetic, patient, and consistent in dealings with student athletes,
4. To model integrity with coaching staff and fellow coaches;
5. To be a model of self-control and poise;
6. To distribute and collect all equipment and uniforms at the beginning of the season and at the end of the season;
7. To provide adequate supervision at all times during practices and games;
8. To remain with the team until each student is picked up, unless another school representative relieves the coach of that responsibility;
9. To monitor the academic progress of their players;
10. To be appropriately dressed at practices and games, as well as team and school functions;
11. To be in attendance at parent nights, senior nights, and team functions;
12. To demonstrate enthusiasm and an interest in coaching;
13. To maintain and encourage open communication with student athletes;
14. To be an effective communicator to athletes and parents;
15. To provide a weekly/monthly practice schedule and game schedule for parents;
16. To communicate via email weekly with parents relating to practices, games, transportation, dismissal times and estimated pickup times.



PCHS Student Athlete's Parent Pledge

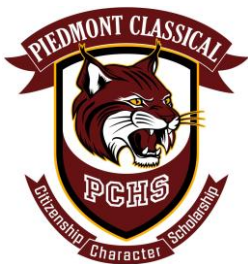
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