

International Community School

~Singapore~

2011-2012 Athletic Handbook

*Everything Possible In Christ
Philippians 4:13*



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Dear ICS Parents and Student Athletes,

We at ICS would like to thank you for being a part of our athletic sports program. We are devoted to you learning more than just sports, but life concepts on how you can glorify God. Athletics are trivial unless they are used as 'instruments' to teach lasting eternal values. The pressure, frustration, disappointment, excitement, and achievement experienced in athletics are experiences that can help prepare students to handle life beyond athletics.

Once again I believe this will be an awesome year if instead of striving to "be the best" we instead commit to doing our best.

Let's pursue excellence for His glory in all that we do!

Serving Him,

Alicia Bandy

Athletic Director

SPORTS OFFERED AT ICS

SEASON ONE: August – Nov 5th

Varsity Boys Basketball	Varsity Girls Basketball	Open Boys Soccer
Girls Open Volleyball	U-14 Cross Country	High School Cross Country
Elementary Running Club	U-11 Girls Basketball	U-11 Boys Basketball

Season Two: Mid November – February

Varsity Boys Basketball	Varsity Girls Basketball	JV Boys Basketball
U-14 Girls Basketball	U-14 Boys Basketball	JV Girls Basketball
U14 Boys Soccer		

Season Three: Mid-February – April

High School Track & Field	U-14 Track & Field	U12 Soccer
U-14 Girls Basketball	U-14 Boys Basketball	

To compete in high school competitions this school year you may not turn 19 before June 1st, 2011

To compete in U-14 competitions this school year you may not turn 14 before June 1st, 2011

To compete in U-12 competitions this school year you may not turn 12 before June 1st, 2011

To compete in U-11 competitions this school year you may not turn 11 before June 1st, 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

The ICS athletic program is designed with the intention of promoting character development, team unity, and parental and community involvement with the hope of producing young men and women who love and respect God, culture and all mankind.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GOALS

Promote the development of favorable habits and positive attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life.

Promote academic excellence in the classroom.

Promote physical fitness.

Recognize and promote the lessons learned regarding good sportsmanship, ethics, teamwork and the value of competing, win or lose.

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for practice and competitions.

Recognize and promote the accomplishments of athletic teams and individuals.

Encourage coaches to be leaders, role models and persons of character.

Promote cooperation throughout the athletic department, while supporting all athletic and extracurricular programs.

Promote a sense of pride both in the athletic department and the school as a whole

Parent's Role

The standards athletes are held to also extend to parents. Parents, as well as coaches and athletes, represent the school to the community. The parent is expected to display Christian sportsmanship that reflects positively on the ICS school community. It is important that respect for opponents and officials be shown at all times. The parent is expected to encourage loyalty and dedication to the team and to the coach as well. Attitudes of parents have great impact on the attitudes of athletes. Coaching and parenting can be difficult, but in spite of the challenges we all want the athletic experience to be positive and educational for each student to the greatest extent possible. It is our desire to make this a team effort that benefits the student, family, and community. We encourage all parents to volunteer in some way and actively pray for athletes, coaches, and the team.

Parents and Athletes should expect communication on the following from their coach:

1. Expectations including rules and policies.
2. Schedule of team events.
3. Philosophy of the coach.

Coaches should expect communication on the following from parents and athletes:

1. Concerns that are brought directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific issues regarding the philosophy and expectations of the coach.

If concerns arise during the season, please follow these Matthew 18 guidelines:

1. The athlete should first talk to the coach.
2. If not resolved, the parent should contact the coach to discuss the situation. The coach may have additional information from practice and from other contact with the student and the parent may have information about their child unknown by the coach. This discussion should be beneficial to both parents and the coach, keeping the welfare of both the student and team in mind. Please refrain from approaching a coach directly before or after a game. Call the next day and set up a time to talk or meet personally.
3. If the conflict is not resolved, you may call the Athletic Director to discuss your concerns.
4. If the conflict is not resolved, you may then call either the middle school or high school principal.

Items not to discuss with the coach:

1. Playing time.
2. Strategy or play calling.
3. Other student-athletes.

Items appropriate to discuss with the coach:

1. The treatment of your child.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child.

We request that parents refrain from coming onto the court or the field during a game. We ask that you refrain from talking directly to the referees, and at no time during the game should negative comments be yelled at our officials. Any questions a parent has for a coach should not be asked directly before the game, during the game, or directly after the game. Please wait until the next day to ask your question.

Behavior that does not bring honor to God may result in the spectator being asked to leave the game.

Coaches and parents all want the athletic experience to be positive and educational for each student to the greatest extent possible. Prayers for athletes, coaches, and teams are important and appreciated.

Attendance

The athlete is expected to attend every practice and contest, and to give their full effort both in practice and competition. The athlete, the athlete's family, and the coach must resolve any exceptions to attendance at practices and contests prior to the absence.

ICS Eligibility Policies

Because participation in extra-curricular activities is viewed as a privilege, participants are required to meet the standard for eligibility in academic and behavioral areas (see below). All students may participate during pre-season tryouts. Academically ineligible students are not permitted to participate in practices, or competition, until their eligibility is restored.

Academic Eligibility

Any student who receives an "F" on a quarterly Report Card will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics during the next quarter. Athletic eligibility will be verified on the quarterly Report Card. The administration may restrict students on Academic Intervention from participating in extracurricular activities (ECAs), including sports events. Students must also be current regarding their school fees to participate in athletics.

Weekly grade-check sheets will be handed out to the students, and they will turn them back into their coach every Friday. Any student who is failing a class will not be allowed to practice or play in games until their grade has been raised. Any student who is making a D in class may also be asked not to practice until his/her grade has been raised.

Transportation

--There will be transportation to all away games, but there will not be a bus provided after the game. Each student will be responsible to find their own way home. Each student athlete will receive a direction map book that will detail how to get to the venue locations from ICS. Coaches will be around after the games to help any student who needs help deciding the best route home.

Uniform Policies

- Machine wash cold with mild detergent (no bleach)
- Hang dry or tumble dry low
- Do not dry clean

-Dates of Use for Team Uniform

- Athletes will be issued a uniform by their particular coach before the first contest of their season
- The complete uniform must be turned in within one week after the final contest of the season or as directed by the head coach. If not turned in a late fee will be assessed.
- The uniform will be turned in to the athletes particular coach
- Any missing or damaged uniform pieces will be directly billed to the athlete for replacement

-Places of Use for Team Uniform

- The only acceptable place for a uniform to be worn is for school athletic contests, unless directed by coach
- Athletes will not wear the team uniform for physical education classes.

Now that the 2011-2012 Athletic Handbook has been read, the attached form needs to be signed and returned to the student athletes coach. This form is an agreement and understanding of the terms of the Athletic Handbook, and an acknowledgement of the procedures and eligibility provisions put in place by International Community School. This must be completed by **ALL** athletes. A parent and athlete must have read through the handbook and sign the sheet and return it to their coach or to the Athletic Director.

