

Friends School Athletic Checklist

In order for the year to go as smoothly and successfully as possible, I want to clarify some school policies, school philosophies, and coaches' expectations:

- The Upper School's attendance policy reads as such: "A student who is not present for all academic responsibilities will not be permitted to participate in athletics that day."
- The Physical Education Department's policy is that "students who cannot participate in PE that day because of a physical ailment will not be allowed to take part in after school athletics."
- It is our expectation that students will use school-provided transportation for all games and off-campus practices.
- In case of inclement weather please call the Friends School Sports Line at **(410) 649 – 3262** (we suggest that you call several times during the day for the most current information) or check the website, www.friendsbalt.org. Please check the Sports Line one final time before you leave on a bad weather day.
- **The most current schedules are on the website. It is especially important to check the schedule after a postponement to find the rescheduled date.**
- Practices are held every day. It is very important to the team that EACH player attends every practice. Of course academics take priority but we do ask that you work with your child in handling academic obligations so that he/she does not miss a practice simply because he/she has not planned effectively.
- Our parents and spectators represent Friends School as much as our athletes. We ask that all spectators conduct themselves in a positive manner reflecting good sportsmanship and the educational values of interscholastic athletics. Our opponents and officials are our guests; please treat them with respect.
- **Uniforms are the responsibility of the students ; we ask that uniforms are washed in cold water as to preserve the life of the uniforms**
- Due to the competitive nature of Upper School athletics, playing time is based on a variety of factors, among them attitude, ability, and the team's best interest. Playing time could vary greatly from player to player and from contest to contest. These are decisions that are made by the coaches and overseen by the Athletic Director.
- If you have a concern about your child, we strongly recommend that you contact the coach to mediate the situation before addressing the Athletics Director. Additionally these conversations should take place with closed doors to maintain confidence of the matter at hand. On-campus coaches' numbers are in the school directory; messages for off-campus coaches can be left with the Athletic/Physical Education Office at (410) 649-3232 and is posted on the Athletic website.
- Please attend as many games as you can; it means a great deal to your children. Plus, with more than 30 teams and numerous after-school activities it is difficult for many of our students to regularly support their peers at games.

If you have any questions or concerns about these policies/procedures, please contact me by phone at (410) 649-3231 or e-mail at amcginty@friendsbalt.org

Respectfully,
Anne McGinty
Athletic Director