



Varsity and JV Baseball

Player Handbook



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There is a wrong way to do things.
There is a right way to do things.
There is a **FAYETTE COUNTY** way to do things

ELIGIBILITY AND SPORTSMANSHIP**Eligibility**

Fayette County High School adheres to the policies and procedures set forth by the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) in determining student eligibility. Questions regarding eligibility can be directed to the Athletic Director's office or to the Georgia High School Association's Constitution and By-laws found at www.ghsa.net

"The coaching staff of the Fayette County High School Baseball team reserves the right to review each situation on an individual basis to determine if consequences should be more less severe depending on the situation and the frequency of these guidelines being broken."

GHSA Sportsmanship Statement

"The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

Sportsmanship Guide

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. As a representative of Fayette County High School, student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that meets the highest standards at all times. Engaging in planned instruction and competition teaches good sportsmanship and proper behavior. It is the responsibility of the administration, staff, coaches, parents and the community at large to create a climate that fosters the development of these behaviors. This is accomplished by encouraging and modeling positive and appropriate behavior within the sporting environment while, at the same time, striving for excellence. Expectations for the behavior of athletes, coaches, and spectators at athletic contests, practices and events are outlined below:

ATHLETE AND PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Athletes

Athletes are required to meet the following expectations:

1. Be courteous to visiting teams and officials.
2. Play hard and to the limit of your ability, regardless of discouragement.
3. Retain composure at all times and never leave the bench or enter the playing field/court to engage in a fight.
4. Maintain a high degree of physical fitness by conscientiously observing team and training rules.
5. Demonstrate loyalty to the school by maintaining a high scholastic standing and by participating in or supporting other school activities.
6. Understand and observe the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
7. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without question.
8. Respect the facilities of the host school and demonstrate the behavior expected of guests.

Parent Pledge of Proper Conduct

Parents/Spectators are required to meet the following expectations:

1. Realize that you represent the school and community and, therefore, have an obligation to be a true sportsman, encouraging through positive behavior the practice of good sportsmanship by others.
2. Recognize that good sportsmanship is more important than victory by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill, and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
3. Recognize that since the primary purpose of interscholastic athletes is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well being of the players, through the medium of contests, victory or defeat is in reality of secondary importance.
4. Treat visiting teams and officials as guests, extending to them every courtesy.
5. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
6. Respect the judgment and integrity of officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observe them.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, VARSITY LETTER, EQUIPMENT

School Attendance and Athletic Participation

A student-athlete must be counted present at school to practice or participate in athletics on any school day.

If a student-athlete misses more than a half-day of school he cannot participate in athletics that day.

It is a Fayette County School system guideline that no one can participate in athletic tryouts, practices, or competitions if they are serving an in-school suspension that continues on the next school day. The student-athlete may participate on the day his in-school suspension ends.

Requirements to Earn a Varsity Letter

A player will earn a Varsity Letter in Baseball if they have played in 90% of the games (or at least 16 region games) during the season. The Varsity Letter will be given out at the Banquet at the end of the season.

Equipment Responsibility and Storage

Players are responsible for providing their own equipment. Practice uniform should be an Fayette County t-shirt and baseball pants or shorts.

The players lockers will be neat and clean throughout the season. Uniforms should be clean before every game.

Equipment can be locked up and stored at the clubhouse throughout the entire season, though if the equipment is of high value, it is recommended that the players take that equipment home with them.

FEES

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payable To:</u>
<u>Booster Club Fee</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>FCHS Baseball Booster Club</u>
<u>Uniforms</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	

PRACTICES

Practice Requirements

- Players should be at **every practice** during the season.
- Practices will end between 6:00 - 6:15 pm during the season.
- There will be occasional practices on Saturdays starting around 10:00 am.
- There will be **NO PRACTICES on Sundays during the season** (GHSA Policy)
Extra help can be given at an alternate facility or field (Home Plate, Foundations, etc)

Sometimes practices/games will be canceled for weather/other circumstances.

Two things will happen:

1. An announcement will be made over the intercom at the end of the day alerting the students of cancelled practice.
2. A reminder will also be sent out alerting the parents and players to the cancelled practice and the arrangements that have been made.
 - a. Please sign up for Remind alerts. Enter the number 81010. Text this message:
@fchsbbaseba. Complete registration.

If you have to miss practice for any reason, please contact a coach verbally or by text alerting us of your absence.

GAME EXPECTATIONS

Pre-Game

1. Players will be released early from school at a designated leave time when the team has an away game. This will be communicated to the players the day before.
2. Players will not be released early from school for a home game.

3. **Players who skip out of 7th period earlier than the designated leave time will not play in the game that day.**
4. The team will have a pregame meal before every contest home and away, exception of Saturdays, no meal will be provided
5. Home Game Prep:
 - a. Players will dress in uniform and assist in preparing the field for the game.
 - b. Field duties will include:
 - i. Spraying and putting out bases
 - ii. Un-tarpping the Field
 - iii. Dragging and raking the infield
 - c. After preparing the field for play, players will then begin warm-ups.

Post - Game

1. Line up with team and shake hands with opposing team, keep uniform completely on (jersey tucked in)
2. Meet in outfield to debrief
3. Complete field duties if at home
 - a. Removing bases
 - b. Tarping the field if necessary
 - c. Dragging and raking the field
 - d. Cleaning out the dugouts, throwing away trash

GAME EXPECTATIONS

Away Games

1. All players must ride the bus to and from the games.
 - a. We arrive together, we play together, we leave together
2. We will ride in full uniform to every away game.

3. Coaches should not hear your music at any time. Bring your headphones.
4. We will be quiet and respectful to the bus driver as they take us to the game.
5. Players will make sure bus is clean before exiting.

Away Postgame

1. Meeting in the outfield
2. Clean up the dugout
 - a. Throwing away food, water, trash into the trash can
 - b. Make sure all equipment is accounted for before leaving dugout.
3. Players who ride the bus back home will call their parents when leaving school in order to be picked up on time when we arrive back at Fayette County HS. Coaches should not have to wait for a student to be picked up after an away game.

LOCKER ROOM AND DUGOUT EXPECTATIONS

Locker Room Expectations

- Take pride in your facilities
- The locker room must remain clean at all times.
- Keep your locker neat and organized
- Eat your meals in the designated areas
- Place all trash in the trash-cans. Once full, bag it up and place it in the dumpster.
- Locker room will be checked by coaching staff weekly for cleanliness.

Dugout Expectations

- Cell phones will not be allowed in the dugout! No exceptions!
- Only people allowed in the dugout will be authorized by the coaching staff.

Baseball Game Attendance Requirements

Players should attend every contest home and away during the season. If you have to miss a game, please alert a coach as soon as possible before the contest letting them know you will not attend. This helps the coaches in creating lineups if we know which players will be present for the game.

Junior Varsity players are welcome to attend all Varsity games during the season.

- It is not a requirement that JV players attend all Varsity games.

If the varsity/jv team is not playing at home and not traveling to a game, the team will stay for indoor facility practice for a certain amount of time with their coach's present.

OTHER NOTES

Only authorized personnel is allowed in the dugout and field house.

Parents or anyone outside of our program are not allowed inside the gates of the playing field at any time. This includes before, during, and after all games and practices. This excludes media.

Parents and Coaches Interaction

Parents are an integral part in making our season a success. Please encourage your players at home, car ride, etc. to work their hardest everyday to improve. The team has high aspirations for success this season and your involvement is critical in making this season a success. To help with this, please be mindful of the coaching staff before, during and after a game. We are busy preparing for the game and discussions about your player would be best at another time.

Our protocol for communication with the coaching staff is as follows:

1. If there is a concern about playing time, etc, the player involved should meet with the coaching staff first to discuss the situation and how to remedy the situation.
2. If a meeting with the parents is needed, the coaches, player, and parents will meet together.

At the conclusion of the season, the coaching staff will be available to discuss improvements and to help players with offseason work.

Fayette County High School Baseball is not a recreational baseball league. This is competitive high school baseball. Playing time is not guaranteed to any player. The coaching staff will play the players that they feel give FCHS the best chance to win the game. Playing time is earned in practice.

The coaching staff reserves the right to remove any player from the program throughout the entire season for any reason.

Parent/Player Consent Form for Baseball

Player Name: _____

Date: January 17, 2019

Parent/Guardian

- I (parent/guardian name) _____ have read and fully understand the Baseball program parent/guardian/player expectations, guidelines and consequences as outlined in the player handbook.

- I accept the conditions of the Baseball program.
- I understand that participation in Baseball is a privilege and that failure to follow the conditions set forth can result in my student-athlete's loss of this privilege.

Signed (parent/guardian): _____

Player

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