



UBIC Academy



560 Flomich Street
Holly Hill, Florida 32117

T 386-947-7428
E PastorJosh@ubicacademy.com

UBIC Academy Athletics & Activities Manual

I. Athletics competition provides a unique opportunity to express Christian values. Students, parents, faculty and fans are expected to participate with a level of character, intensity, enthusiasm and sportsmanship that is consistent with our Christian faith and honorable to our Heavenly Father. Sports is an excellent medium for good Christian coaches to train children in such godly values as discipline, dedication, determination, teamwork, respect, preparation, self-denial, self-sacrifice, sportsmanship, perseverance, and graciousness. Athletics, like other areas in life, requires willingness to give an **all-out** effort, showing grace under pressure and ability to embrace both victory and defeat. These are some of the character and experience benefits a player can extract from playing sports.

II. UBICA is a member of the Sunshine Christian League, enjoying competition and relationship with other members of the league.

III. Those who take part in athletics are expected to maintain high behavioral standards.

GRADE & AGE PARTICIPATION

I. Students enrolled in grades 5-12 are eligible for participation in the athletics program.

A. Students must be enrolled, full time, at UBICA to participate in any athletics or other school activities. Special exceptions may be given but must be approved through the administrator.

B. Students who have graduated are not eligible.

II. For Sunshine Christian League contests, a student must adhere to all grooming, and eligibility standards in order to participate.

III. Selection of team members may be based on a number of factors beyond ability including Christian character, effort, attitude, teamwork and attendance.

ELIGIBILITY

I. Academics

A. Students are required to make adequate progress according to the individual student's needs and must be in continuous contact with teachers and parents to ensure that they are keeping up with the preset academic progress for that student.

B. Students are required to fulfill additional UBICA requirements such as the completion of Bible memory.

C. Discipline problems or poor classroom performance, regardless of grades or grade point average, could result in ineligibility.

D. Students transferring to UBICA must be declared eligible prior to participation

E. Ineligible students may participate in practices if the coach approves, but may not participate in contests, travel with the team to away contests but may sit on the bench during home contests if the coach permits.

II. Paperwork

A. Before a student may participate in any sport, the following forms must be completed and on file with the UBICA administration:

1. Athletic Release Waiver
2. Athletics Handbook Agreement Form
3. Travel Permission Form
4. Physical Examination

B. All paperwork will be valid for one school year.

C. To resume participation following an illness or injury serious enough to require medical care, a student must present to the Athletic Director a physician's written notification clearing the student for participation.

III. Fees

A. Students participating in sports will be required to pay participation fees \$75 per sport.

B. Fees will not be refunded to students who become ineligible, who are suspended from participation or who quit.

IV. Amateur Status & College Athletics

A. Students must maintain amateur status to remain eligible for participation. An amateur athlete is one who participates not for any source of financial reward.

B. Students may not participate on any college, junior college or university athletic team while in high school.

ATTENDANCE

I. Students will not be allowed to participate in an athletic contest or practice unless they attend at least a half day on that particular school day. Students who fail to attend a full

day on Friday will not be allowed to participate in an event scheduled for Friday or Saturday. Exceptions may be granted if prior communication is given to the administrator.

II. Truancy will disqualify a student from attending any practice or contest that day, and Saturday if the truancy occurs on Friday.

III. Attendance at all practices and games is mandatory. Students are expected to arrive at all practices and games on time, dressed appropriately and ready to participate. Failure to attend practices or games will result in consequences of the coach's choosing. Repeated absences may result in suspension or dismissal from the team.

IV. If missing a practice or contest is unavoidable, the coach must be notified in advance.

CONDUCT

I. Students, parents, coaches and fans must always conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner and according to UBICA policies. The Golden Rule (Matt. 7:12 & Luke 6:31) and the Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:37-40) are the guiding Scriptures for behavior.

II. Student athletes are expected maintain high standards of behavior on and off campus. Students whose behavior violates the "Standards of Conduct" section of the UBICA Student Handbook may face athletic program discipline in addition to the consequences a non-athlete would receive.

III. Students may appeal discipline decisions to the administration office.

IV. Coaches may impose additional team rules or regulations for their particular sport, such as dress standards, curfew, practice procedures, etc. Violations of team rules may be handled by the coach or by the UBICA administration.

V. Students who are suspended from athletics may participate in practices if the coach approves, but may not participate in contests, travel with the team to away contests, but may sit on the bench at home contests if the coach permits.

EQUIPMENT

I. A uniform will be issued to each student for the season. A uniform will be given to the student before each contest and returned afterward for washing at the school. Any damage that has occurred to the uniform should be reported to the Athletic Director.

II. Students may be required to provide normal additional uniform components such as athletic shorts, socks, shoes, etc.

III. Students are required to wear clothing and uniforms designated by the coaching staff or UBICA administration to all practices and games.

IV. Students may not wear UBICA athletic uniforms at non-school events unless approved by the coaching staff or UBICA administration.

V. Loss of equipment or damage to equipment will be the student's financial obligation.

VI. If a student damages UBICA property as a result of negligence or misuse as distinguished from normal wear and tear, the student must repair or replace the damaged property.

TRAVEL

I. All students must travel to and from contests with the team and in transportation provided for this purpose.

A. A student who misses the team transportation will not be allowed to participate in that contest even if they travel with a parent or guardian.

B. Only upon pre-arranged written request by a parent or guardian will this be waived to allow a student to travel separate from the team, and then only with an adult.

II. Each team member will remain with the team and under the supervision of the coaching staff when attending games.

III. In some cases, spectator students may be allowed to ride with the team to attend away games. A permission slip is required, and the student will have no special considerations for classes missed. There must be a supervising adult other than the coaching staff willing to assume legal responsibility for the student.

MEDICATION

I. Excepting asthma medication and epi-pens, no student may self-administer, nor may any coach staff member administer any medications, prescription or over-the-counter, without written, dated and signed physician authorization.

II. If a student needs to take medication during athletics events, an "Authorization for Administration of Medication at School" form must be completed and turned-in to the school office.

A. Excepting asthma medication and epi-pens, all other medications must be checked-in to the school office in its original container with the original label and are not allowed to remain in lockers or backpacks.

B. Students who suffer from motion sickness are advised to take appropriate precautionary action to reduce the symptoms while traveling.

AWARDS

I. Scholar Athlete

- A. At the end of all sports seasons, at the Sports Awards Banquet, the school will review a progress report reflecting the student's grades in all current classes.
- B. The boy and girl student from each athletic team with the highest class GPA will receive a Scholar Athlete Award recognizing excellence in academics while participating in athletics.

II. Athletics letters

- A. Athletics letters will only be presented to a student who completes the entire varsity season for a given sport, unless the participant started but was unable to complete a season due to illness or injury.
- B. Unless an underclassmen is a starter athletics letters will be presented only to varsity-level participants who are enrolled in high school classes.
- C. Coaches will announce the requirements for lettering at the beginning of the season.
- D. Coaches have the right to recommend that any student receive or not receive an award for reasons separate from the general requirements.

III. UBICA awards Most Improved, MVP, Leadership, and Christian Character awards, at the end of all sports seasons, at the Sports Awards Banquet.

IV. Upon voluntarily dropping out of an activity or being dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons, a student automatically forfeits any awards for that activity.

CREDIT

I. UBICA offers a Team Sports credit for participation in varsity athletics.

II. Students may earn 1/2 credit (pass/fail) for lettering in each sports seasons.

III. Students are responsible for notifying the school office when they receive a letter for participation in a sport at another school.