

Calvert School Athletic Policy

2007-08

Philosophy and Goals:

The athletic philosophy of Calvert School is consistent with the mission of the School and supports the overall program goal of helping each student to develop socially and athletically, while building strong moral character. Through team sport, Calvert seeks to inspire a life-long interest in healthy living, to develop an enthusiasm for working together to accomplish an objective, and to encourage self-discipline and responsibility.

The specific goals of the athletic program are:

- To promote lifetime fitness behaviors and healthy practices
- To develop self-esteem and encourage social skills while learning the rules of the game
- To encourage leadership by fostering commitment to self and team
- To teach good sportsmanship toward teammates, officials, and other teams
- To provide opportunities to develop integrity, character, responsibility, and school spirit

Academic and Conduct Requirements:

Academic excellence is the primary goal for all students at Calvert. Students participating in the athletic program will assume the responsibility of getting and completing all academic assignments when dismissed early for a scheduled game. Families should carefully consider this policy when choosing out-of-school activities so as to not overwhelm the students' schedules.

Once a student commits to playing on an athletic team, the student must maintain a grade average of 'C' or better to remain eligible to be a member of a team. The student-athlete must arrive on time and prepared for practices. A coach must be notified if a student is to miss a practice. If a student misses the practice immediately prior to a game due to an illness or an unexcused reason, the student may not start in that game.

The administration of the school reserves the right to remove an athlete from a team either temporarily or permanently if, in the opinion of the administration, the athlete demonstrates poor behavior or citizenship during the school day or at athletic events or if the athlete does not meet the academic and conduct requirements as stated above.

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Team Structure :

Every effort will be made to place all students who commit to a sport on a team. Ideally this will be their first choice team; however, based on the size of the rosters and availability of coaches and/or facilities, cuts may result. Student safety and maintaining a fair and competitive atmosphere with peer schools are the factors taken into consideration when determining the grade make-up of each team as well as the maximum number of players. Any student who is not placed on his or her first choice team may choose to be a part of another team, numbers permitting. Soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, basketball, squash, and field hockey all have team size limits. Track and field, football, and cross country can accommodate as many students as are interested.

Team Uniforms and Equipment:

Athletes are given a team uniform for each sport, as well as equipment if needed. It is the athlete's responsibility to bring the complete uniform on game day; an athlete may not participate in a game without the complete uniform. Athletes are not permitted to substitute or borrow uniform items. Each athlete is responsible for returning the uniform and any other Calvert equipment at the end of the season. The Athletic Department keeps a record of each uniform provided and all equipment issued. A replacement fee will be charged to the parents' account for any items that are not returned.

Games and Schedules:

A printed game schedule will be distributed to all athletes and will be available on the school website. Please check the athletic hotline on game days to ensure that the games are being played.

The number is 410-243-6054, ext. 200.

Parents can also check the website for schedule updates and directions to away games. Your child may bring home another schedule with new or rescheduled games. Always disregard previous schedules when a new one is distributed.

Pick-Up Times:

After school sports practices are held from 3:15-4:15 p.m. each afternoon. Athletes must be picked up after practice by 4:30 p.m. each day unless otherwise notified by the coach. On game days, please check the athletic hotline for expected bus return times. Traffic and delay of games may affect bus return times.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Please keep the school informed of any changes in your emergency contact number. It is of paramount importance that the coaches can reach you in case of an emergency.

Parent Communication:

During a game, coaches must devote all energies and attention to the players. It is not appropriate for parents to discuss concerns at this time. Please feel free to contact coaches to meet or talk at a mutually agreeable time.

All students and parents of students who choose to participate in a team sport are required to sign and return the Parent and Student Sport Agreement, which is mailed in August to the Athletics Director, Mary Alice Lears, prior to participation. Please fill out and sign an individual Agreement for each athlete. Additional forms may be downloaded from the website by accessing the Athletics pages.