

# OASIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

2011-2012

## *ATHLETIC HANDBOOK*



**“ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS – TOGETHER  
STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE”**

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### *A Message to the Parents of Student Athletes*

*Your child has chosen a difficult and rewarding endeavor. It is an individual's choice to participate in athletics, but the choice affects the entire family in many ways. There will be late dinners after games, sore bones and muscles after practice and competitions. You will find that your child will learn to be a member of a team working toward a common goal, to accept victory and defeat as a learning process, to take pride in their accomplishments and to persevere when the activity becomes difficult.*

*It is our intent as a school athletic opportunity to maintain a program that is sound in purpose and will further each student's educational maturity. A student who elects to participate in athletics is voluntarily making a choice of self-discipline and self-responsibility. These are the reasons we stress good training habits and preparation for athletic events. Attaining this goal should be a cooperative effort by all involved.*

*As educators, we find that students involved in extracurricular activities have fewer discipline problems in school and put free time after school to constructive use, and as a result, have fewer problems in the community. When your child elects to participate in one of our sports programs, we feel there is a commitment to certain responsibilities and obligations. This is our opportunity to acquaint you with specific policies necessary for a well-organized program of athletics. Please read this carefully and share this handbook with your child frequently.*

*Any parent that chooses to interfere with game play in a derogatory manner through verbal or physical contact with a game official, coach, or student-athlete will be asked to leave the area of competition immediately. Any and all concerns/complaints shall be done so through written contact to the school's athletic director and/or school principal. We expect all parents to exercise the same level of sportsmanship as our student-athletes. Remember, a parent's behavior, home or away, reflects Oasis Middle School and sends a message we do not condone.*

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### PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS FOR OASIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletics at Oasis Middle School are seen as an integral part of the total educational process. Participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged and strictly voluntary. It is considered a privilege participating in athletics, and the contents of this handbook are based on this philosophy and mind set. Every member of every team will be treated with respect by every coach, and our coaches are expected to use only positive motivation.

Research suggests that the lessons learned from participation in athletics greatly contribute to the student's ability to be successful while in school and after graduation. It is the goal of the Athletic Department to assist in the building of positive characteristics which will enable our students to conquer adversity, lead by example, and see the benefits of hard work and sacrifice toward an achieved goal or dream.

## OASIS STAFF

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## MISSION

In order to fully meet the needs of our middle school boys and girls, a program of voluntary student participation in organized and supervised activities, regardless of athletic abilities or sex, is appropriate. The opportunity for student participation in healthy extramural competitive experiences is also endorsed. The successful marriage of cooperation and competition will enhance an individual's total well being by positively influencing a life long involvement in physical activities.

As an integral part of the educational experience, the Oasis Middle School Athletic Department provides an opportunity for all middle school students to participate in competitive and noncompetitive recreational, sports, and fitness activities. This program is an application and enhancement of the daily middle school physical education curriculum.

## OBJECTIVES

### *Physical*

- To provide opportunities for students to reach improved fitness levels.
- To provide opportunities for students to further enhance skill level development.

### *Social*

- To provide opportunities for positive interactions in a fun filled environment wherein leadership, sportsmanship, and fair play can be developed.
- To develop a better cooperative and harmonious relationship among students regardless of race or sex.

### *Emotional*

- To provide students a healthy emotional setting where self-image can be enhanced and stress can be released in a positive manner. Good sportsmanship will be stressed.

### *Mental*

- To increase student knowledge of rules, terminology, strategies, and basic tournament organization.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **Student Insurance and Safety**

Student's participation in all athletics **must** provide proof of insurance before participating. School insurance or Medicaid is acceptable in meeting this requirement. Students and their parents/guardian will be required to sign a waiver and physical provided by the Florida High School Athletic Association. Students will **not** be allowed to participate in athletics until they have a completed waiver or physical form.

### **Student Eligibility**

- For extramural competition, a student may be in any grade level 6 through 8.
- Students must try-out during preseason practice before participating in athletic competition.
- Students who have been externally suspended or expelled from school are prohibited from extramural participation during the period of the suspension.
- Students must have a minimum accumulated grade point average of 2.0 from the previous semester to be eligible for athletic participation.
  - Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a one-semester grace period during their fall (first) semester as a student at Oasis Middle School.
  - Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA while in-season or face academic suspension until the GPA returns to an acceptable 2.0 mark.
  - No students may be added to a roster after the first scheduled competition.
- A student may participate at middle school level until the age of 15 years 9 months.
  - A middle school student may participate only one year in each grade level. A student who repeats a grade will not be eligible during the grade being repeated.
- Transfer students may be allowed to participate in athletic competition under certain circumstances set forth by the FHSAA. Notification needs to be made to the athletic director and principal before arrangements are made.

It is the responsibility of the athletic director to certify that all participants have met the 2.0 grade point average requirement. This check will occur one week prior to the first game or event and will continue to be checked on a weekly basis to ensure academic eligibility.

- The grade check will cover the previous semester's work in all subject areas.

### **Student Uniform and Attire**

All participants will wear appropriate clothing for their sport. The individual uniform will be specified in the description of each sport. Appropriate footwear must be worn in every sport dependent upon playing surface.

## Attendance at Practice and Competition

Attendance at all scheduled practice sessions and competitions are mandatory unless excused by the coach. A student must be in school a minimum of 2 blocks/periods or half day in order to participate in an athletic event or practice scheduled for that day. An athlete must have an acceptable reason and/or pre-arranged absence such as illness, deficiencies in schoolwork, or other obligations not reasonably anticipated by the athlete. Unexcused absences from practice or competition **may** lead to a disciplinary measure or could lead to **suspension/removal** from the team.

## Behavior

The conduct of any Oasis Middle School athlete shall be such as to bring no discredit to the athlete, parents, or school. This includes behavior and actions both on and off the playing field. Athletes who do not display appropriate behavior may be subject to disciplinary measures or removal from a team.

- A student's behavior will be dealt with on a per incident basis and any punishment will be given at that time dependent upon the infraction.
- It is the responsibility of the coach to monitor student-athletes behavior throughout the season by checking their Iguana Cards on a regular basis.

## Equipment

Athletes and their parents are responsible for equipment that is not turned back into the coach at the end of the season. **Coaches will take inventory at the beginning and end of the season.** Athletes will turn in all equipment and uniforms or pay for items that are missing.

## Quitting a Sport

If an athlete decides to quit a sport after the first scheduled contest, he/she must meet with and give a written explanation to the coach *and* athletic director.

- Should a student decide to quit a sport while in season, he/she would be ineligible for any other sport already in progress until the following sports season ( ie. Fall/Winter/Spring).
  - *Exception:* A student would be eligible for another sports team as long as he/she participates in preseason workouts and declares themselves a dual participant and have been announced by the coach as an official member of the final roster.

## Playing Time

During regular season competition all athletes will not receive the same amount of playing time, but all athletes will play in every game.

TICKET AND ADIMISSION INFORMATION

Gate Tickets - Middle School Events: All students wearing Oasis attire: FREE

Adults: \$2.00

Students: \$1.00

- No charge for children 6 and under but they **must** sit with a parent!
- No charge for senior citizens.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS OFFERED AT OASIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

BOYS

Cross Country  
Golf (Co-Ed)  
Basketball  
Soccer  
Tennis  
Track

GIRLS

Cross Country  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Soccer  
Tennis  
Track

2011 – 2012 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference

Evangelical Christian School

Southwest Florida Christian Academy

Community Christian School

Seacrest Country Day School

First Baptist Academy

Marco Island Charter School

Community School of Naples

