

2018 – 2019  
Athletics Handbook



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## **Mission Statement**

It is the role of the Colleton Prep Academy Athletic Department to provide student-athletes with the opportunity to develop their athletic abilities to full potential while safeguarding their physical welfare in an environment that promotes both high academic standards and the development of leadership capabilities. This is best achieved through a broad-based program, which provides equal opportunity for all its students-athletes which is administered in accordance with the highest principles of interscholastic athletic competition. These objectives aim to grow the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all of our student-athletes.

## **Objectives of the Athletic Department**

- To conduct a program that achieves a high level of interest and support of student, faculty, alumni, local community and other segments of the community.
- To employ an athletic staff of integrity, knowledge, skills and leadership qualities that enable programs of mental, moral, and physical benefit to student-athletes.
- To administer and compete in conferences with high ideals of integrity and sportsmanship.
- To provide student-athletes with adequate practice and competition facilities and proper medical supervision.
- To provide student-athletes with support systems to promote academic success and on-time graduation.
- To provide successful competitive athletic opportunities.
- To provide information for all sports to the media, on an equitable basis.

## **Goals for the Athletic Department**

- To run a program that is in complete compliance with SCISA and NFHS rules and regulations.
- To communicate effectively with student-athletes, parents, faculty, and the community.
- To support the education of student-athletes.
- To continue strengthening the relationship between the School and the local community.
- To encourage alumni interest and support.
- To enhance community within the Colleton Prep student body.
- To have competitive teams at the state level.

# 2018-2019 Athletic Calendar

**January 3, 2018:** First day of 2018 varsity football off-season program

**March 1, 2018:** Begin tentative 2018-2019 sports sign-ups for all seasons

**May 31, 2018:** Preferred fall sports sign up deadline

**June 2, 2018:** First day off-season programs for all sports

**July 25, 2018:** Mandatory fall team meetings; deadline for fall sports add/drop & athletic fees

**July 26, 2018:** First official practice date all fall sports

**August 13, 2018:** First official play date all fall sports

**October 24, 2018:** Mandatory winter team meetings; deadline for winter sports add/drop & athletic fees

**October 29, 2018:** First official practice date all winter sports

**November 12, 2019:** First official play date all winter sports

**December 12, 2018:** Fall sports award banquet – 6:00 pm

**January 2, 2019:** First day of 2019 varsity football off-season program

**January 20, 2019:** Mandatory spring team meetings; deadline for spring sports drop & spring athletic fees

**January 21, 2019:** First official practice date all spring sports

**February 25, 2019:** First official play date all spring sports

**March 1, 2019:** Begin tentative 2018-2019 sports sign-ups for all seasons

**May 22, 2019:** Winter/spring sports award banquet – 6:00 pm

**May 31, 2019:** Final deadline for fall 2019 sports sign-ups\*

**June 3 2019:** First day off-season programs for all sports

\*Students should sign up for sports they believe they are interested in participating in by the May 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 deadline for the following school year. There is no penalty for dropping a sport after signing up until the drop deadline for that season, so students are encouraged to sign up for as many sports as they think they might like to play. A student-athlete who quits a sport after that season's deadline is ineligible to participate in the season after. Ex. If a student-athlete quits basketball after the basketball meeting and drop deadline, he/she is ineligible to participate for CPA during the upcoming spring season.\*

## Opportunities

Colleton Prep student-athletes compete in the South Carolina Independent School Association. The School offers a competitive interscholastic athletic program. The following sports will be offered during the 2018-2019 school year. In parentheses are the minimum participants required to field a team and maximum number of players that will be kept. **If the maximum is exceeded, cuts will be made.**

<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>
Women's Tennis (6;12)	Elementary Basketball (15;40)	MS Softball (10;16)
Wee Hawks (None)	Women's MS Basketball (6;14)	JV Softball (10;14)
Elementary Cheerleading (None)	Women's JV Basketball (6;14)	Varsity Softball (10;14)
Middle School Cheerleading (6;16)	Women's Varsity Basketball (6;14)	MS Baseball (10;16)
Varsity Cheerleading (6;16)	Men's MS Basketball (6;14)	JV Baseball (10;14)
Middle School Volleyball (7;14)	Men's JV Basketball (6;14)	Varsity Baseball (10;12)
JV Volleyball (7;14)	Men's Varsity Basketball (6;14)	Golf (6;10)
Varsity Volleyball (7;14)	Wrestling (5;20)	Women's JV Soccer (11;20)
Middle School Football (16;40)		Womens V Soccer (11;18)
Varsity Football (16;40)		Men's Soccer (TBD)

## Expectations of Levels of Play

Middle School: The goal at the middle school level is to encourage participation in athletics for years to come, and develop skill sets that will enable our student-athletes to be successful at higher levels of competition in the future. The ultimate goal is to win, but improvement and growth are our main objectives. **Middle school coaches will be required to give each participant fair, not necessarily equal playing time over the course of a season based on practice habits, attitude, ability, and safety considerations.**

Junior Varsity: The focus of junior varsity teams is to continue developing the skill sets needed and requested by our programs' head coaches to allow us to be able to compete for championships at the varsity level. **At the junior varsity level playing time is in no way guaranteed. Coaches will make every effort to all student-athletes playing time, but are not required to do so.**

Varsity: The goal at the varsity level is to win compete for state championships. **Playing time is not guaranteed.**

## Eligibility

**Paperwork and Fees:** A student and his or her parent/legal guardian must complete the following required paperwork required by SCISA and Colleton Prep before participating in any organized team activity after the beginning of off-season programs for 2018-2019 sports - January 3, 2019 for varsity football, June, 2 2018 for all other sports:

- War Hawk Athlete Participation and Training Rules and Handbook Agreement
- Specific Season Team Rules Form
- Agreement for Participation 2018-2019 Form
- Pre-Participation History and Health Assessment Form
- Physical Examination Form (good for one calendar year)
- Travel Consent and Medical Release Form for Away Events Form
- Warning of Inherent Risk and Minor Waiver/Release Form
- Student/Parent Concussion Awareness Form
- Football Warning: Helmet, Equipment, and Technique Form (football only)

**•A one-time athletic fee of \$135 is due by the sports meeting prior to player's first sport.**

### Academy Eligibility

#### Colleton Prep Academic Eligibility

- A. A student-athlete who has a failing average for the year (59 or below) beginning the first Monday after the first interim in one or more classes will be ineligible for athletic competitions for that week.
- Failing student reports will be run every Monday the remainder of the school year.
  - Averages are fluid. Therefore an ineligible student may become eligible that week if the average improves. For example, a student has a 59 average in Physics, and receives a 100 on a test that would raise that average above 60, that student would be eligible for competition the remainder of the week if and only if the student takes the initiative to present it and it is approved by the athletic director.
- B. A student-athlete must be eligible according to the Academic Eligibility Requirements in the SCISA Blue Book found below.

#### SCISA Academic Eligibility Requirements

- A. In order to participate in athletic activities of the South Carolina Independent School Association, a student must be enrolled in and attending the member school in order to participate in that school's athletic program. The student must also meet all other necessary requirements for participation.
- B. A student in grades 9-12 must take and pass at least four (4), one unit CORE Courses or any five (5) one unit courses, each grading period (6/9/12 week) or semester to be eligible.
- Students below the 9th grade must pass four (4) subjects each grading period/semester.
  - A senior who has met or is meeting all requirements for graduation must pass four (4), one-credit courses each marking period/semester.
  - A student who is repeating a course for which he/she has previously received credit cannot count this course as one required for eligibility.
- C. A Maximum of two credits earned/recovered during summer sessions may be accepted from an accredited school with an established summer school program.
- D. First Semester Academic Eligibility: A student must have earned a minimum of 4 core units or any 5 units of credit from the previous school year to be declared eligible for the First Semester (Fall) of a school year.

- Any student who did not receive credit for at least one-half of all courses taken the previous school year cannot be declared eligible until after the successful completion of the 1st Semester. Approved summer schools courses/recovery can be applied to this standard.

- Block Schedule: At least two units must have been passed during the second semester or summer school. (Example: a student who earned 4 units for the first semester but withdrew/dropped-out the 2nd semester shall be declared ineligible for the First Semester).

E. Home School Courses. If a school allows a student to take courses at “home”, those course are not eligible for athletic eligibility.

F. Schools providing non-traditional academic programs such as “virtual school”, distance learning or other non traditional courses shall seek prior approval by SCISA before these courses may be used for athletic eligibility

G. Core Courses: Those courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science (1), Fine Arts(1) and Foreign Language that are recommended by the Commission on Higher Education and are common to SCISA schools.

H. A One Credit Course is a course taken for 36 weeks, one period each day for a minimum of 45 minutes. A course taken each day as above for 18 weeks would be a half credit which when combined with another half credit course would be the equivalent of a one credit course. A course taken for 36 weeks but only three, 45 minute periods each week would not be a one credit course. Note: A One Credit Course taken for 18 weeks, shall meet for one period each day for a minimum of 90 minutes. - Dual Credit Courses are treated as one half of a carnige unit.

I. Eligibility is to be declared on the fourth (4th) school day after the end of the marking period. A student shall become eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the fourth school day after the end of the marking period.

Example 1: The marking period ends on Friday. The student becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on Thursday.

Example 2: The marking period ends on a Monday and Tuesday is a holiday for students. The student becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the following Monday.

### **Age Requirements**

A. A student is INELIGIBLE to participate in athletics if his/her 19th birthday is before July 1, 2018.

B. Junior Varsity: In order to participate in junior varsity athletics, a student must not have reached his/her sixteenth (16th) birthday before July 1, 2018.

C. B-Team/Middle School: In order to participate in B-Team athletics, a student must not have reached his/her fifteenth (15th) birthday before July 1, 2018. Exception: B-Team Football. A student must not have reached his/ her fourteenth (14th) birthday before July 1, 2018.

### **Other Eligibility**

All other eligibility requirements regarding transfers, grade level, etc. can be found in the SCISA Blue Book found at <http://www.scisa.org/athletics>. Any specific questions should be referred to the Athletic Director.

## **Student-Athlete Behavior**

Student-athletes are expected to be responsible for their behavior both on and off campus and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the high expectations for all Colleton Prep Academy Students. Student athletes must follow all rules outlined in the Colleton Prep Academy Handbook, Athletic Handbook, Participation and Training Rules Agreement, and the SCISA Pre-Participation Agreement. Student-athletes should demonstrate honesty, self-discipline, and integrity and serve as role models for other students, particularly for younger members of our community. Student-athletes must be respectful of the judgment and decisions of teachers, coaches, and officials. They must also respect teammates and opponents. The Head of School, Athletic Director, and/or head coach will handle any disagreements between coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, and/or fans. Profanity will not be tolerated at any time on the sideline from coaches or on the field from players during competition.

### **Disqualifications**

SCISA requires:

- An official warning and one game suspension for a first offense. \$100 fine.
- A suspension until appearance before SCISA Athletic Committee for a second offense.

\$200 fine.

- Termination of eligibility for a third offense. \$500 fine.

Colleton Prep considers conduct that leads to an ejection/disqualification will be considered as serious unsportsmanlike conduct. In addition to SCISA regulations, depending on the severity of the incident, a player or coach will serve a minimum of a three game suspension including practices during that time. Athletes who are suspended will be dealt with on a case by case basis after the original offense.

### **Team Policies**

All coaches will have a set list of requirements and expectations delegated by the Athletic Director. In addition to these requirements, each coach will have a detailed contract including team rules and expectations as well as consequences for violation of team rules and expectations on file with the athletic department. Student-athletes and their parent/legal guardian will be required to sign and return that contract in order to participate in team activities beginning on the first official practice date of the season.

### **Communication Policies**

Issues involving playing time must follow the protocol below:

1. Student-athlete speaks with head coach
2. Student-athlete and parent speak with head coach
3. Student-athlete, parent, and head coach speak with Athletic Director

All other issues involving student-athlete well-being, safety, discipline, etc. may be brought immediately to the athletic director. Please direct all questions and concerns involving athletics to the Athletic Director and not the front office, staff, or Head of School.