



ATHLETICS

"Our Best for His Glory"



High School & Middle School Sports Offered:

Fall:	Volleyball	(Girls 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , Jr Varsity, Varsity)
	Soccer	(Girls Varsity, Boys Jr Varsity, Varsity)
	Tennis	(Boys JV, V)
	Cross Country	(Girls/Boys 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , JV/Varsity)
	Golf	(Girls Varsity)
	Football	(Boys 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , Varsity)
Winter:	Basketball	(Girls/Boys 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , JV, Varsity)
	Cheerleading	(Girls 7 th , 8 th , JV, Varsity)
	Bowling Club	(Girls/Boys 9 th – 12 th)
	Swimming	(Girls/Boys 9 th -12 th)
Spring:	Baseball	(Boys Varsity)
	Tennis	(Girls Jr Varsity, Varsity)
	Golf	(Boys Jr. Varsity, Varsity)
	Soccer	(Girls/Boys 6 th -8 th)
	Track and Field	(Girls/Boys 5 th – 12 th)

Member of Indiana High School Athletic Association (**IHSAA**)
Nickname: Braves Colors: Royal Blue and Gold

Approved logos



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Blackhawk Christian Athletic Philosophy

Success in sports can be defined in many different ways. In aligning with the mission of Blackhawk Christian School, it is important for our athletes and coaches to prepare their hearts and minds to serve Christ. Through giving our best effort and having a Christ-like attitude, Blackhawk Christian athletes and coaches can serve Christ through participation and competition in athletics. Success in sports at Blackhawk Christian is for everyone to give their best effort for the Lord, while seeking to glorify God with a Christ-like attitude.

EFFORT "OUR BEST"

Colossians 3:23-24

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

ATTITUDE "FOR HIS GLORY"

Philippians 2:5-7

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

"Our Best for His Glory"

This motto captures the heart and soul of our athletic program. We desire to develop a Christ-like character among our student athletes and encourage them to nurture their God-given athletic abilities to their maximum potential. The purpose of everything we do is to see that God receives the glory.

Multi-Sport Philosophy

Participation in multiple sports at BCS is welcomed and encouraged. There is tremendous value to be gained by participation in athletics and that value is only enhanced when an athlete can be introduced to a different team culture and program. Programs will support each other and look for ways to help the multi-sport athlete succeed.

Sportsmanship

As a Christian school, we value the need for good sportsmanship and remind everyone that high school athletics is an educational event. Coaches and athletes are encouraged to cheer in a positive manner for their team, show respect for their opponents, and honor the decisions made by the officials. Our expectation is for BCS coaches and athletes to keep Sportsmanship as a priority in all contests to bring honor to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Practice

Practice schedules are available on Eventlink for anyone to view. Practice schedules will be adhered to and all Wednesday practices will end by 5:30pm. Athletes must participate in 10 practices before being allowed to play in a game or 5 practices if coming from another sport. Athletes will not be allowed to join an athletic team after the first day of practice for that sport except by the approval of the Athletic Director.

Participation

Being an athlete at Blackhawk Christian is a privilege, not a right. Athletes will be expected to follow the same academic and behavior standards that are outlined in the BCS student handbook as well as specific team expectations that are outlined by their coach. Athletes may be excluded from representing BCS in athletics for violating team rules or not adhering to the code of conduct standards that are currently in place by Blackhawk Christian School and the IHSAA at the discretion of the coach and/or athletic director.

Attendance

A student athlete must attend school the entire day of an athletic contest in order to participate. A student athlete, who is absent for part of the school day, may be allowed to participate at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

Athletic Eligibility Standards

Each athlete shall have their grades evaluated at four (4) week intervals throughout the school year. To be eligible an athlete must be meeting the following criteria:

- A. Passing a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester,
- B. Earn no subject grade below 60%,
- C. Maintain an accumulative average of 73% or better,
- D. Maintain a proper Christian testimony for the Lord.

If an athlete does not meet the above listed criteria, then written notification will be made to the athlete by the Friday following each four (4) week review. The first offense will result in a two (2) week "warning period," allowing the athlete to continue participating in both practices and games. If after the two (2) week "warning period" the athlete does not meet the above listed criteria, then the second offense will result in a two (2) week "probationary period," allowing the athlete to participate in practices but not in games. If after the two (2) week "probationary period" the athlete does not meet the above listed criteria, then the third offense will result in a "suspension period" not allowing the athlete to participate in either practices or games. The "suspension period" will continue until which time the athlete meets the above listed criteria.

When an athlete meets the above criteria they shall be declared eligible until the next four (4) week review.

If at any time during this process the athletic director, teacher, coach and parent all agree that progress is being made by an athlete towards eligibility, then an athlete can be declared eligible immediately as long as IHSA standards are being met.

Required Physical Exam and paperwork

All High School student athletes are required by Blackhawk Christian School and the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) to have a physical exam completed and on file with the athletic office before practicing in any sport. Other required physical forms can be obtained directly from the athletic department.

Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Athletic Policy

When school administration determines a violation involving drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substance has occurred, the following action will take place:

A student-athlete who uses or has possession of a drug, alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substance, shall be suspended from participation on a team for a minimum period of 30% of the total competitions for that season. Should the occurrence happen with less than 30% of the total competitions remaining in a session, the portion left shall carry into the next sport season in which the student participates. During the time of suspension, the student-athlete shall participate in all required practices and shall attend but not participate in games. Any additional violation involving drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substance during the athlete's career will result in a loss of any future athletic participation at Blackhawk Christian School.

Handling Problems/Solving Disputes

Any problem or dispute should be handled in a Biblical manner by applying the "Matthew 18 Principle". This principle encourages the offended party to go directly to the one with whom he/she has a problem. If the situation is not resolved, the offended is encouraged to seek a solution by speaking to the next person in authority. In simple terms, an athlete or parent should approach the coach first, the athletic director second, the administrator third and as a last resort the BCS School Board. It is absolutely necessary to follow this chain-of-command.

Social Media Policy

Blackhawk Christian recognizes that social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are a popular way for students to communicate and network with others. Information, pictures, and other content contained on a student athlete's profile page, however may have implications for his/her personal safety and image, the image of his/her teammates and coaches, the image of Blackhawk Christian School, school policies regarding conduct, as well as future career and professional opportunities.

Students are reminded that pictures and information posted on the internet via the social media of their choice are public information. Pictures or information from these sources that describe or document behavior that are brought to the attention of the school and which reasonably suggest that behavior violating school policy has taken place is subject to further investigation and verification by the school. Any school policy violations that are documented as a result of such an investigation will result in appropriate disciplinary action by the school.

Transportation

For most athletic events, athletes will be provided transportation to and from away events on one of our 15 passenger Activity Buses. The following guidelines will be followed by the coaches and players:

- *No secular music either radio or cd's will be played.*
- *Driver should have a cell phone for emergency purposes.*
- *Driver is responsible for obeying all speed and safety laws.*
- *Upon completion of the trip all trash should be thrown away and all windows closed and locked.*

Pictures

A professional photographer will take team and individual pictures early in each season. These pictures are available for the athlete to purchase through the pre-paid envelope distributed by the coaches at least 2 days prior to the scheduled picture day.

Awards and Banquets

At the conclusion of each sport, coaches will determine the date and location of their season ending awards banquet. Each coach by his/her own discretion will be provided a maximum of three awards for distribution to the members of his/her team. Any athlete who participates will receive a certificate of participation. Any athlete who participates in 25% or more of varsity competitions will receive the following:

- 3" numbers for year of graduation
- 6" chenille letter "BC"
- Chenille patch indicating sport

Once an athlete obtains these awards, then a sport pin will be provided for each additional year of varsity participation.