



Jupiter Christian School Policy on Athletic Recruiting and Impermissible Benefits

Jupiter Christian School provides a number of athletic opportunities to new and existing students. We are proud members of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) and the Sunshine State Athletic Conference (SSAC). As members, we are subject to governing bylaws. We hold ourselves and our representatives to the highest level of moral integrity.

Please read the following adopted FHSAA affidavit on athletic recruiting and impermissible benefits. By signing this document, you and your parent acknowledge Jupiter Christian School has acted in accordance with FHSAA Bylaws.

For: Any student who changes attendance to a member school at any time, regardless of whether the change occurs during the school year (i.e. a transfer) or during the summer period between school years, including youth exchange, international and immigrant students, or is a “Non-Traditional” student (i.e. home education, certain charter and special/alternative school, certain private school, FLVS Full Time Public Program, etc.) participating for Jupiter Christian.

Action: JCS Policy on Athletic Recruiting and Impermissible Benefits must be read and JCS Affidavit of Compliance with the Policies on Athletic Recruiting & Non-Traditional Student Participation must be signed by the student and his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and returned to Jupiter Christian School’s Admission Office.

Required by: Jupiter Christian School in compliance with FHSAA policies.

Submission of this form DOES NOT grant institutional or FHSAA eligibility.

TO: STUDENT-ATHLETE

The school that you have chosen to attend, or participate for as a “Non-Traditional” student, is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). The FHSAA has rules that prohibit a member school from making any effort to encourage or entice a student to attend or participate there for athletic purposes. This is called athletic recruiting, and it is not permitted on the high school level. The Florida Legislature, in fact, has directed the FHSAA to “adopt bylaws that specifically prohibit the recruiting of students for athletic purposes.” Florida law also regulates the participation in interscholastic athletics by “Non-Traditional” students.

What follows is an explanation of athletic recruiting rules, as well as regulations related to participation by “Non-Traditional” students, and the penalties for violating them. You and your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must read this document and declare that you were not recruited to attend or participate for the school for athletic purposes and that you are aware of the regulations regarding participation as a “Non-Traditional” student by signing the attached “Affidavit of Compliance”. The signed affidavit must be submitted to the member school prior to acceptance.

Please read this information carefully. Sign the affidavit truthfully and honestly. Do not sign the affidavit if you have any questions about these rules or believe that a violation of these rules may have occurred. Instead, have your school’s athletic director contact the FHSAA Office by phone at 352.372.9551 ext. 340 or by e-mail at compliance@fhsaa.org. Violations of these rules and regulations can and do result in severe penalties for the school and the student-athlete. Making an inaccurate statement by signing the affidavit when you know you should not will only make these penalties worse for all involved if violations are later determined to have occurred.

What is athletic recruiting?

Athletic recruiting is any attempt by any employee or athletic department staff member of an FHSAA member school, a representative of the school’s athletic interests or a third party to pressure, urge or entice a student who does not currently attend or participate for that school to change his/her attendance or participation there for the purpose of athletic participation. This occurs when the school employee, athletic department staff member or representative of the school’s athletic interests makes improper contact with the student or a member of his/her family in an effort to pressure or urge the student to go to that school OR promises, offers or gives the student an impermissible benefit in an effort to entice the student to go to or participate for that school.



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Who is “a representative of the school’s athletic interests?”

Any person, business or organization that participates in, assists with, and/or promotes a school’s athletic program is considered to be a representative of the school’s athletic interests. This includes, but is not limited to:

- A student-athlete or other student participant in the athletic program at that school;
- The parents, guardians or other family members of a student-athlete or other student participant in the athletic program at that school;
- Immediate relatives of a coach or other members of the athletic department staff at that school;
- A volunteer with that school’s athletic program;
- A member of an athletic booster organization of that school;
- A person, business or organization that makes financial or in-kind contributions to the athletic department or that is otherwise involved in promoting the school’s interscholastic athletic program.

What is improper contact with a student who does not attend a school?

Any contact or communication of any kind with a student who does not attend or participate for a particular school, or a member of the student’s family, in attempt to pressure, urge or entice the student to change attendance to a different school for athletic reasons is improper. The improper contact can either be in person, through written or electronic means such as letters, flyers, e-mails, text messages, social media or through a third party. Did someone talk you into changing to this school to play athletics? Did someone urge you to change to this school to play athletics? If so, you may have been athletically recruited.

What is an impermissible benefit?

An impermissible benefit is any benefit that is promised, offered or given to a student or a member of his/her family but is not offered or generally made available to all students who apply to or attend or participate for the school. Did someone promise, offer or give you anything more than what any other student who attends or participate for this school is generally promised, offered or given that caused you to decide to change to this school? If so, it probably is an impermissible benefit.

What is a “third party”?

A “third party” is an independent person, business or organization who may or may not be a representative of the school’s athletic interests.

What are the FHSAA penalties for violations of athletic recruiting rules by a member school?

A member school that violates FHSAA athletic recruiting rules will be assessed one or more of the following penalties:

- A public reprimand;
- A financial penalty;
- Forfeiture of all contests and awards won in which the student who was athletically recruited or received an impermissible benefit participated or contributed;
- One or more forms of probation (administrative, restrictive or suspension) for one or more years;
- Prohibition against participating or coaching in certain competitions, including state playoffs, for one or more years in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred;
- Prohibition against participating in any competitions for one or more years in the sport(s) in which the violation(s) occurred;
- Restricted membership for one or more years during which some or all of the school’s membership privileges are restricted or denied;
- Expulsion from membership in the FHSAA.



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What are the FHSAA penalties for a student who is found to have been athletically recruited or receives an impermissible benefit?

A student who is found to have accepted an impermissible benefit will be ineligible for athletic competition for one or more years at the school where the violation occurred, and may be declared ineligible for athletic competition at all FHSAA member schools for one or more years.

What are the regulations regarding the participation of “Non-Traditional” students?

A Non-Traditional student is eligible to participate provided:

- The student meets the same residency requirements as other students in the school at which he/ she participates; and
- The student meets the same standards of acceptance, behavior and performance as required of other students in extracurricular activities; and
- The student registers with the school his/her intent to participate in interscholastic athletic competition as a representative of the school, utilizing the official FHSAA process as approved by the Executive Director, **prior to participation** in the sport(s) in which he/she wishes to participate, as posted on the FHSAA website; and
- The student complies with all FHSAA regulations, including eligibility requirements regarding age and limits of eligibility, and local school regulations during the time of participation; and
- The student provides proof of basic medical insurance coverage and both independently secured catastrophic insurance coverage and liability insurance coverage which names the FHSAA as an insured party in the event the school’s insurance provider does not extend coverage to such students; and
- The student provides his/her own transportation to and from the school; and
- The student provides to school authorities all required forms (including, but not limited to, the EL2, EL3 and, where applicable, the EL7, EL7V, EL12, EL12V and EL14) and provisions.

What are the penalties for violations of regulations regarding “Non-Traditional” student by a member school?

Allowing students to participate without properly registering a non-traditional student will subject the school to a monetary penalty.



Jupiter Christian School Affidavit of Compliance with the Policies on Athletic Recruiting & Non-Traditional Student Participation

The student/parent must complete all signatures before admission is granted. Submission of this form **DOES NOT** grant school admission or institutional eligibility. The student must be **ELIGIBLE** in all other respects.

We, the undersigned certify that the following statements are true:

1. Student {full legal name} _____ (“THIS STUDENT”), who was born on {date} _____, 19/20 _____, and who is currently in the {number} _____th grade, now wishes to participate for {school now applying to attend} _____ (“THIS SCHOOL”), commencing on {date} _____, 20 _____. THIS STUDENT has previously attended/participated for {list all previous schools after 5th grade beginning with the most recent school attended/attending and working back in time} _____.

2. I have read and understand the definition of athletic recruiting, including the explanation of the terms “representatives of the school’s athletic interests”, “improper contact” and “impermissible benefit”, or I have read and understand the regulations regarding participation as a “Non-Traditional” student.

3. No employee, athletic department staff member, representative of the athletic interests of JUPITER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, any person or organization acting on their behalf or a third party has had communication, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries, or otherwise with THIS STUDENT or any member of his/her family in an attempt to pressure, urge or entice THIS STUDENT to change attendance to or participation for JUPITER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL for the purpose of participation in interscholastic athletics.

4. No employee, athletic department staff member, representative of the athletic interests of JUPITER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, any person or organization acting on their behalf or a third party is giving, has given, has offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries, or otherwise any impermissible benefit to THIS STUDENT or any member of his/her family for the purpose of participation in interscholastic athletics.

5. If THIS STUDENT is a “Non-Traditional” student, THIS STUDENT agrees to submit to JUPITER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL the EL2 and EL3 forms and, where applicable, the EL7, EL7V, EL12, EL12V and EL14 forms **prior to participation in the first sport in which the student wishes to participate.**

6. If THIS STUDENT is a youth exchange (J-1 and F-1 Visas), international or immigrant student, THIS STUDENT agrees to submit to JUPITER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL the EL2 and EL3 forms and, where applicable, the EL4 Form.

I declare that I have read the foregoing Affidavit and that the facts stated therein are true and correct and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes institutional retribution including but not limited to loss of institutional eligibility, fines, and/or expulsion. I further understand that the penalties for knowingly making a false statement may subject JUPITER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL to fines, forfeitures, probations and possible expulsion from membership in the FHSAA AND SSAC, and may subject THIS STUDENT to a loss of athletic eligibility within the FHSAA and SSAC.

FOR STUDENT/PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN(S):

Signature of Student

Date

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian