



**Athletic Director: Jimmy Barbarise**

**Head of School: Dr. Tina Errthum**

Welcome from the Classical Preparatory Athletic Department! We are excited to offer a program that will exemplify a great mission of excellence. This excellence will demonstrate way beyond winning and losing. Athletic success is the direct result of implementing effort, teamwork, commitment, and sportsmanship. These traits we have implemented will be the foundation of Classical Preparatory brand of athletic success. We welcome you to join our director, coaches, athletes, and parents in building this tradition of excellence.

The rules outlined in our handbook were designed and intended as a guide to successfully participate. You will be expected to understand and abide by these rules and your team's rules. It is your responsibility to follow them to their fullest.

### **Message to the Athlete**

Classical Preparatory strives to build a tradition of athletic excellence. We take great pride in this tradition, it will take dedication, commitment, and hard work by all our athletes in delivering this excellence. As a Classical Preparatory athlete, you must continue to strive to uphold this high standard of excellence.

Once you have become a member of a Classical Preparatory team, you have made a decision to hold a high standard of athletics in this community:

**1. Exhibit appropriate behavior at all times.**

Your participation in athletics is a privilege and should be treated as such. Any time you wear the navy and gold, you are representing yourself, your family, your school and the entire Classical Preparatory community. Your behavior should always be above and beyond regardless of any and all circumstances.

**2. The use of profane language**

The use of profanity, obscene gestures, or abusive language is a serious breach of the Student Code of Conduct. If a student demonstrates this disrespect toward school officials, contestants, spectators, game officials, teammates or their coaches, the student will be suspended for a minimum of two games.

**3. Self-Respect and Responsibility:**

Take great pride in whatever you do. Your responsibility of creating great character, positive values and excellent behavior is paramount in demonstrating student-athlete excellence. Your academic studies, extracurricular activities, and school sports will help to prepare you for your life as an adult. Your commitments that you have practiced with great pride and playing the game to the best of your ability, will give a great sense of accomplishment and your family can be justly proud of you.

**4. Responsibility to your school:**

Being a student-athlete for Classical Preparatory, you become more than a team member of our school. Our athletes take on leadership roles when they are on an athletic team. The student body and families of the community know you. The student body, the community and opponents, judge our school by your conduct and attitudes, both on and off the field. This leadership role is dynamic in our community and you can make a positive contribute to school spirit and community pride. In addition, you are a role model for younger student athletes.

**5. Academics:**

While Classical Prep's primary focus will always be academics, the school embraces extracurricular activities as a secondary way to advance its vision. Rhetoric student athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA average or higher (FHSAA Regulation). Rhetoric freshman start with a clean slate until 1<sup>st</sup> report card. Logic sports teams are part of an independent chapter. All athletes can only have 1 "D" grade, no "F" grades on their report card. Any student in violation of their grades will not be able to play.

## **Message to the Parents**

Participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities for our children. Athletic experiences will assist students in personal and academic growth. As a parent/guardian of a student-athlete, your committing yourselves to particular responsibilities and obligations, which are implemented in our Athletic Code. Your signature on the Athletic Code, along with the signature of your student-athlete, indicates that you understand and accept those responsibilities and obligations, and agree to cooperate with school personnel in enforcing the Athletic Code. Athletic Code compliance is essential to the success of the athletic program. Failure to comply with the Athletic Code may lead to discipline and possible expulsion from the team. In addition, student-athletes are also subject to discipline under the FHSAA (Florida High School Athletic Association) Code of Conduct.

Good sportsmanship is always expected from our fans and spectators during athletic events. Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship will result in removal from the event and/or future events. We also encourage you to join the Athletic Boosters and help promote the mission of excellence portrayed with Classical Preparatory Athletics. We believe athletics is an integral part of school experience, both as a competitor and spectator.

## **Mission Statement**

Classical Preparatory School's Middle and High School Athletic Program facilitates programs of excellence as defined by the Florida High School Athletic Association. Through participation in the FHSAA, the school will promote interscholastic athletics that will provide lifelong learning experiences to student-athletes while enhancing their achievement of educational goals. Our goals are to provide the value of teamwork, respect, pride, commitment, hard work ethic, good sportsmanship and the development of a winning culture with competing at a very high level. Through our athletic program we strive to have our mission carry over into all aspects of their lives.

Classical Preparatory School director, athletes, coaches and parents believe:

1. That student-athletes will develop leadership characteristics through athletic competition that carry into the classroom and in life.
2. Our student-athletes are expected to act in a manner of being a role model within the school community.
3. Self-discipline along with good sportsmanship are paramount to our athletic foundation.
4. Personal and team pride builds respect and character which creates strong friendships through athletic competition.
5. Being a Classical Preparatory Athlete is not a right but a privilege; with that privilege, comes responsibility.
6. We will compete at a very high respective level while providing a fun experience.

## **Transportation**

Athletic team buses will be available for most rhetoric games. Transportation is for coaches, director and athletes only. Spectators are responsible for their own transportation. Bus waivers must be turned in one week prior to opening day. Failure to comply will result in no school transportation provided for the athlete. No transportation is provided for logic sports.

## **Athletic Fees**

All athletic fees are to be paid in full one week prior to opening day. Failure to comply may result in being removed from the team. Athletic fees may be paid online on our school website.

## **Athletic Uniforms and Equipment**

Students are responsible for the proper care of all equipment issued to them. The onus is on them to properly care for this equipment and returned in proper condition when our season concludes. Equipment not returned must be paid for at the current replacement price. Please make sure uniforms are dried on low heat and washed without bleach.

## **Insurance and Injuries:**

Parents insurance policy is primary, and all injuries must be reported to the coach before leaving practices or games. If you have an HMO/PPO policy, please follow the proper procedures spelled out by your carrier. Classical Preparatory School will provide excess student athlete coverage and you must speak with the Athletic Director for necessary school insurance forms.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

Classical Preparatory School student- athletes are held to a high standard of excellence. Each student-athlete is also held to the FHSAA code of conduct as well. School specific guidelines, requirements and consequences are implemented to participate in sports. All rhetoric student-athletes must follow FHSAA guidelines and Classical Preparatory School code of conduct to participate in our sports program.

1. Rhetoric student athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA average or higher (FHSAA Regulation). Any student in default of the minimum 2.0 GPA on a report card is immediately ineligible for participation. If a student is actively on a roster at the time of the ineligibility, he/she may not continue with the team until the next report comes out (progress report of report card) showing the grades required.
2. Student athletes may not receive more than 1 detention during a grading period or will be ineligible for the sports program until the next grading period begins.

3. Any suspension from school warrants the student-athlete to be ineligible for sports. When a new grading period begins, the student athlete will be permitted to participate again. However, after 2 suspensions in one school year the student loses all sports team privileges for the remainder of the school year.
4. All athletes must be in attendance for every class during game day. Excused exceptions may be revisited by the athletic director.
5. Athletes must attend all fully scheduled practices to play on game day. Excused exceptions may be revisited by the athletic director.
6. An athlete desiring to drop from a team after making the final roster will result in a consequence from the athletic director in participating with future school sports. The exceptions will be grades, home issues or transportation challenges.

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Student- Athlete Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature