



South Baldwin

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Scholar-Athlete/ Parent Handbook

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DISCLAIMER

The intent of this handbook is to supplement the SBCA Student Handbook and pronounce the expectations of standards for every Scholar-Athlete participating in an Athletic Sport that represents SBCA, their community, family, and self. Although the information found in this handbook may appear broad on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all-encompassing. This handbook does not create a “contract” but rather a document that provides guidance for the Scholar-Athlete and their parent(s) to follow. The SBCA administration reserves the right to make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the Athletic program and to assure the well-being of all Scholar-Athletes. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this Athletic Handbook, the SBCA administration will decide based upon all applicable school policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations. Go Knights!

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Letter from the Athletic Director...

As the Athletic Director, it is my direct responsibility to oversee the entire Athletic program, personnel, and facilities. I work directly for the Principal, Head of School, and with the best coaches in Baldwin County to provide a winning program through the discipline of Christ. I have a passion for sports at all levels, from elementary to high school and above. Healthy competition creates adversity and struggles, which will result in character development and overall leadership for our children. These are traits that can be identified and refined as a parent along with the assistance of SBCA faculty. Our Scholar-Athletes will face setbacks, going through the reality of winning and losing. Now is the time to assist and guide them in this revolving process before they must do it on their own. The trials and tribulations that each Scholar-Athletes will face, will not be alone. The SBCA Athletic Department will strive to encourage our Scholar-Athletes on and off the fields or courts. We will all embrace both the loss and the win together.

My ambition for the SBCA Athletic program to become the most prominent and respected within the Panhandle Christian Conference and beyond is just the start. We can quickly establish ourselves through all-around dedication and commitment from SBCA, Scholar-Athletes, and you, the Parents. I want to foster an environment that would make any current or potential family proud to be a part of SBCA. The life lessons related to athletics will provide a solid foundation of experience and confidence for your Scholar-Athlete. I encourage all questions or concerns about a specific team to be addressed to the coach, first, through proper coordination. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any sports-related questions or concerns that you may have. It takes a village. Go Knights!

Sincerely,
Jason Norris
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2. Athletic Program Philosophy

The Athletic Department of SBCA is responsible for the total development of all Scholar-Athletes in its care through a wide range of interscholastic athletic programs. The interscholastic athletic program encompasses athletes in grades 4-12, including eligible students through accredited home-school programs. The National Association of Archery in Schools (NASP) includes athletes in grades 4-12. Basketball and volleyball include students in grades 6-12. Cheerleading contains students in grades 7-12. The coaches and faculty will provide a safe but demanding environment that will promote each athlete's mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. SBCA's commitment to Christian values must be reflected in every aspect of the Athletic program. The SBCA Athletic Department will be a constant example of outstanding sportsmanship, behavior, and demeanor on and off the field or court. There will be a high standard of excellence with reasonable expectations that can be achieved through proper supervision, mentorship, and passion, coinciding with support from the parents and surrounding communities. Most importantly, SBCA expects all Scholar-Athletes, parents, and faculty to exemplify the character of Christ at all levels of competitiveness through self and team accountability.

The three pillars of the SBCA Athletic Program are as follows:

1. Be committed to Jesus first, then the team. {Psalms 37:5}
2. Give maximum effort. {Colossians 3:23}
3. Be disciplined, self-controlled, and on time. {1 Corinthians 9:25}

All new athletic teams will initially begin as a "club" prior to being approved and submitted to the PCC for a sanctioned conference team. This allows the opportunity for the coach(es) to plan, create, and conduct business as a team within a controlled environment under the SBCA Athletic Department. This includes not forfeiting athletic funds to pay for conference dues but saving and allocating those funds towards the development of that said team's future budget. Teams will remain under a "club" status until they have a budget, appropriate equipment, and uniforms, to include coordination for travel, approved game/match/race and practice schedules. A unanimous vote from the coach(es), school administrators, and Athletic Director can approve a sanctioned sports team for SBCA.

3. Athletic Accreditation

SBCA competes in the Western Division of the Panhandle Christian Conference (<https://www.panhandlechristianconference.com>). At times, SBCA will play other sports programs from outside of the PCC. There may be occasions that SBCA will play against non-Christian programs, but this will not deter or allow for deviation from our own standards of conduct and discipline policies. SBCA strives to set the example through our actions as well-disciplined followers of Christ.

4. Sportsmanship

The Apostle Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore you eat or drink, or as you do, do all to the glory of God." SBCA athletes must maintain a Christ-like testimony

during competition. The following traits are some examples to help the SBCA family maintain a Godly walk and testimony.

- a. For the Scholar-Athlete,
 - Exemplify Godly character, behavior, and leadership always.
 - Respect the integrity, judgment, and authority of the officials.
 - Treat opponents and teammates with self-control and respect.
 - Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- b. For the Parent,
 - Encourage your child and all team players.
 - Support the authority of the coaches and officials.
 - Display respect for the opposing teams, spectators, and others.

II. ACADEMICS

The ability for a student to become a Scholar-Athlete in any club or sports is a vital part of the student's educational journey. However, when any sport interferes with their academic performance, it is in the best interest of Scholar-Athletes to set aside that activity to concentrate on their academic studies. To participate in extracurricular activities, they must meet or surpass SBCA academic standards.

1. Eligibility and Participation

- a. A student must be enrolled at SBCA or an accredited home-school program.
- b. Students are eligible to try out for sports teams in the sixth grade. Middle School will consist of students in grades 6 through 8. JV may consist of students in grades 6 through 10, who are not 16 years of age before August 1. Varsity may consist of students in grades 7 through 12.
- c. Students in grade 6 are encouraged to be Team Managers for 6th-12th grade sports teams. They will be allowed to practice, travel, and participate in all sporting functions to include actual games, when available. This experience will assist sixth grade students in gaining an understanding of the sports offered at SBCA and help them grow physically and mentally in preparation for the following season.
- d. SBCA allows homeschooled children to participate in the sports programs. The Panhandle Christian Conference (PCC) allows a certain number of home-schooled children to be on a team.
- e. Tryouts and selection process will be conducted within 1 to 4 days based on the coaches' requirements and number of players in attendance. Players will be made aware in advance of the process and evaluated from that point forward. Homeschool players will also be included and evaluated during this time to meet

the approved number of homeschool players on a specific team as per the Panhandle Christian Conference By-laws. Dual sports athletes within the same season will be subject to the same tryout standards for each sport. Athletes enrolled at SBCA or from a homeschool program who wish to join a team are eligible based upon the following criteria: discretion of the coach, approval from the school principal, a player's evaluation, and grades. Homeschooled Scholar-Athletes will adhere to all policies within the PCC, SBCA Student-Parent Handbook, and this handbook including physical examination, fees, and paperwork.

- f. Organized Sunday practices *will not* be held while school is in session. Practices will end at 5:00 pm on Wednesdays to enable players to attend church and/or youth groups. Practices held during the summer or on non-school days are scheduled at the discretion of the coaches. Practice length will be no longer than 2 hours per sport for one player/team. This includes reviewing game films or activities conducted off the court or field. Scholar-Athletes with an unexcused absence from practice or a game are subject to athletic suspension and/or removal from the team by their coach. The Athletic Department will closely monitor this procedure.
- g. Scholar-Athletes are expected to exhibit personal commitment and loyalty to their sports. Scholar-Athletes are encouraged to continue practicing their sports to develop their abilities during the off-season through recreation, travel, or club teams. Coaches will schedule open gym time and provide guidance on individual goals and skills to develop strong athletic ability. In addition, sports clinics will be offered. It is vital players attend the clinics to improve their skill levels. The skills and subject matter taught during clinics will benefit all athletes. Sports clinics are provided at an additional cost to players. Fundraising is encouraged to offset the cost.
- h. **NCAA Eligibility:** Beginning freshman year, it is imperative that Scholar-Athletes collaborate with the coach, Athletic Director, school administration, and parents to select coursework that will not only prepare the Scholar-Athlete for college or a career but also keep them on track for participation in collegiate athletics. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletics Association), established in 1906, serves as the athletics governing body for more than 1,300 colleges, universities, conferences, and organizations. Schools in the NCAA are divided into three divisions. Division I and II colleges and universities offer athletic scholarships to qualifying high school seniors. Division III colleges and universities do not offer scholarships to athletics. Many smaller colleges and universities belong to the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics). NAIA schools also offer scholarship opportunities to Scholar-Athletes.

Scholar-Athletes must be knowledgeable of eligibility requirements, necessary core courses, ACT/SAT requirements, etc. should a scholarship offer become available their senior year. Each year, the NCAA Eligibility Center publishes a guide for the College-Bound Scholar-Athlete relating to NCAA eligibility at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Information about NAIA eligibility can be located at <https://play.mynaia.org/>. Scholar- Athletes are strongly encouraged to meet with

their coach as early as possible to ensure their coursework is on track for college eligibility.

2. Curriculum Requirements

Scholar-Athletes must participate and maintain passing grades in all assigned subjects. They must maintain a C or better in every class. The overall goal is to maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher at SBCA. GPA is a benchmark for selection for athletic scholarships at the collegiate level. The minimum GPA to remain eligible within the PCC is 2.0.

The following steps will be used to successfully monitor an athlete's academic progress:

1. The coach is responsible for identifying players with potential academic problems at the onset of the season and then collaborating with the school administrators and teachers to develop a course of action for improving the player's academic performance.
2. On the fourth week of the season, the Athletic Director will request an academic review of all Scholar-Athletes. If Scholar-Athletes are not in compliance with the C or better requirement, they will be placed on probation for the following week (week five) and will not be allowed to participate in games; however, these athletes will dress and participate in all other team activities. On week six, the process will start over, and the Scholar-Athletes will be removed from academic probation with the ability to play in all games. If the Scholar-Athlete at any time becomes non-compliant with the academic requirements, he/she will be placed on academic probation once again. The amount of official playing time affects a Scholar-Athletes overall ability to receive potential sports awards and accolades if the required playing time and academic standards are not achieved.
3. Any decision involving academic probation or suspension (i.e., removal from a sports team) will be jointly made by the Athletic Director, coach, and school administrators.
4. When necessary, the Athletic Director will coordinate with school administrators and classroom teacher(s) to ensure Scholar-Athletes are completing required course work in a timely manner and are making efforts to improve their grades. Scholar-Athletes will not receive favoritism based on their athletic ability.

3. Attendance

Scholar-Athletes must be in attendance at school the day prior and on the day of the sporting event. Exceptions will be made for doctors' appointments, pre-scheduled absences, and/or emergencies.

School administrators will approve early release times for athletes on game days requested by the Athletic Department. The Athletic Director or an assigned coach will ensure all school faculty are provided a monthly athletic schedule in advance and will

send weekly updates on Monday during each sport season to assist teachers in planning accordingly for all athletes.

III. SCHOLAR-ATHLETE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. SBCA Dress Code

The SBCA dress code included in the SBCA Student-Parent Handbook will be followed daily unless otherwise noted. The Scholar-Athletes' appearance must be suitable and appropriate for school. The dress code is intended as a guideline in assisting all students in developing a Christ-centered attitude toward their outer appearance. If Scholar-Athletes disregard the school dress code, they may be subject to removal from the current team and possibly future athletic programs.

2. Standards and Expectations

Spectator Conduct: All spectators are encouraged to support SBCA teams at games and/or matches. SBCA strives to uphold a positive, Christian image; therefore, negative comments or actions toward opposing teams, coaches, or officials are not consistent with the purpose of our school.

Officials: Officials (e.g., umpire, referee, or judge) control the actual play of a competition and administer the rules and laws of the sport to ensure the proper conduct of a sporting fixture in a safe environment. Parents, spectators, and team members are to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials.

Travel Games: All Scholar-Athletes are expected to display respect for their surroundings including the opposing team's school and personal property. All Scholar-Athletes, under the supervision of the coach, will ensure equipment, items, etc. have been properly secured before departure from a facility.

Playing Time: Playing time is determined by the coach through the evaluation of the Scholar-Athletes' performance, attitude, conduct, and skill level in practices and games. This also includes academic performance. Personal stats, explanation for playing time, and/or execution of the game strategy will not be discussed outside of a closed scheduled meeting with the coach.

Game Time: Scholar-Athletes are not permitted to use electronic devices while sitting on the bench. They should be attentive not only for opportunities to play, but also for their own personal safety.

End of Game: All Scholar-Athletes should exhibit good sportsmanship after a game or match and accept a loss with grace and humility. All players will line up and congratulate the winning team. Failure to adhere to this policy and standard will result in a disciplinary action by the coach and Athletic Director.

Team Support: Middle School and JV Scholar-Athletes are encouraged to remain after their games or matches to support other SBCA teams. Supporting other teams promotes team unity and school spirit.

After-School Practices: Several sports/teams share the SBCA gym; therefore, practices for multiple teams are staggered in the gym. The SBCA school day ends at 2:45 pm. All athletes remaining at school for a scheduled practice will be provided direction by the coach to remain in the gym area, assist with after-care, or be in a dedicated locker/classroom for team study hall led their respective coach until their actual practice time occurs. Team study halls provide athletes the opportunity to complete homework, tutor, and/or go over game highlights. Athletes are not permitted to wander off campus unsupervised to surrounding businesses. This includes students with driving privileges. Coaches will develop and submit their plans of action for providing supervision for after school practices to the Athletic Director and the school Principal.

Practices may be separated into two time slots. For example, early practice is held from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, and late practice is held from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm except on Wednesdays. Wednesday practices will be from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm to enable families to attend church-related events.

Practices and games will not be held on federal holidays or on Sundays during the school calendar year unless approved by the Athletic Director.

3. Disciplinary Procedures

A three-step discipline procedure will be followed by coaches and the Athletic Director when scholar-athletes exhibit inappropriate conduct at an athletic game or match, on or off campus.

1. The first infraction will result with an on-the-spot verbal correction/counseling by the coach or Athletic Director. The coach and/or Athletic Director may follow-up with the athlete's parent(s) or guardian(s) at their own discretion based on the severity of the infraction.

Disciplinary Action: NONE

2. The second infraction will result in a written report completed by the coach or Athletic Director. The report will be written within a 48-hour period, as detailed as possible, and submitted to the school administration. The coach and/or Athletic Director will follow-up with their athlete's parent(s) or guardian(s).

Disciplinary Action: AT A MINIMUM, LOSS OF PLAYING TIME WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) GAME ENFORCED WITH THE NEXT SCHEDULED GAME.

ATHLETE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE AND TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM.

3. The third infraction will result in a written report completed by the coach or Athletic Director. The report will be written within a 48-hour period, as detailed as possible, and submitted to the school Principal. The Principal will schedule a meeting to discuss the infraction with the athlete's parent(s) or guardian(s) and the Athletic Director. The Head of School may attend the meeting if deemed necessary by the Principal.

Disciplinary Action: LOSS OF ADDITIONAL PLAYING TIME WITH NO PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES. POTENTIAL SUSPENSION FROM THE TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PLAYING SEASON. POTENTIAL LOSS OF ANY ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP.

Ejections: An ejection from a game or match by an official will result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension from SBCA athletic events. This applies to coaches, students, and parents. Parents may not approach an official to discuss any issues before, during, or after a game or match, or for any other reason. An ejection decision made by an official will be upheld without further discussion. There will be no appeal. This includes receiving 2 technical fouls resulting in the ejection of a player.

Departure from a School Team/Club: Three types of departure from a team or club are stated below. Athletic fee refunds will not be returned for a team or club departure.

1. **Leaving a Team:** An injury, poor health, family emergency, or academic performance all may lead to a permissible departure from a team only after being discussed in a meeting with parents, the head coach, and/or Athletic Director. Athletes may still be eligible for the next season's sport. Athletes are eligible to receive end-of-year accolades.
2. **Quitting a Team:** Any player who quits a sport after starting the sport may be considered ineligible for the next season based upon the explanation for quitting. Athletics who quit a team are not eligible to receive end-of-year accolades.
3. **Dismissal from a Team:** Any player who is dismissed from a team for inappropriate conduct and/or rule infractions will not earn accolades in the sport or be considered ineligible to play the following season.

Substance Abuse: The school vigorously opposes student use, possession, or distribution of tobacco or alcohol in any form on campus or off campus. The policy and guidelines addressing substance abuse are outlined in the SBCA Student-Parent Handbook. An athlete in possession of a substance will not earn accolades in the sport and will not be eligible to play the following season.

Students are not permitted to use, possess, purchase, or distribute illegal drugs, including athletic performance enhancement drugs. Violation subjects the person(s) involved to disciplinary action and may lead to the involvement of local law enforcement. THIS INCLUDES VAPING on campus grounds, in vehicles, or during off-campus events.

Hazing: Hazing is defined as subjecting someone to indignity, fright, abuse, or threat and is not tolerated. Violation subjects the person(s) to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the coaching staff and school administration.

IV. PARENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. Parent/Guardian Standards of Conduct

The Athletic Department relies on the support of the Scholar-Athlete's parents and/or guardians to reinforce appropriate conduct, good sportsmanship, and academic achievement.

Parents are strongly encouraged to cheer for and support the SBCA teams. Parents and/or guardians must exhibit positive behavior at all sporting events. If a parent or fan displays inappropriate behaviors, the Athletic Director or school administrator will ask him/her to settle down or leave. Coaching from the stands or sidelines during play, halftime, or breaks is prohibited.

V. COMMUNICATION

Establishing strong lines of communication between the coaches, Scholar-Athletes, and parents alleviates the potential for misunderstandings. The Athletic Department is committed to building positive relationships with all SBCA families.

1. Coach to Parent Expectations

- a. Coach explains expectations for the team including all rules and policies.
- b. Coach provides times, dates, and locations of games and practices.
- c. Coach provides reasonable return times for all away games.
- d. Coach explains team requirements (i.e., fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning).
- e. Coach explains the injury procedures.
- f. Coach explains discipline issues that would affect playing time.
- g. Coach explains actions that can result in removal from the team.

2. Parent to Coach Expectations

- a. Parents are expected to support their students' athletic events through providing meals for away games, attending games, participating in athletic fundraisers, working at the concession booth for home games, etc.
- b. Parents provide advance notice of schedule conflicts.
- c. Parents promptly drop off and pick up athletes from sporting events.

3. 24-Hour Rule: Parent must wait 24-hours to express concerns after a practice or game.

4. Athletic Schedules: All athletic schedules are available on the SBCA website, SBCA Athletics Facebook page, and the Information Board in gym foyer. Parents will be notified through text/email of updates and schedule changes.

SBCA Website: <https://www.southbaldwinca.org/athletics/>

SBCA Athletics Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551820487870>

VI. GENERAL POLICIES

1. Transportation

Scholar-Athletes are to travel on school-provided transportation to and from away Games and matches unless otherwise directed by the Athletic Director. The coach is responsible for the Scholar-Athletes and ensuring they conduct themselves accordingly. Scholar-Athletes may leave an away game with a parent/guardian, if the parent/guardian has notified the coach in advance.

It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure Scholar-Athletes keep the school vehicles clean. Food and drink in school vehicles are permissible, but this privilege can be removed if the responsibility of keeping vehicles clean is not met.

SBCA approved adult drivers in safe vehicles with proper restraint provisions will transport all students. Coaches are legally responsible for making sure every child has a buckled seatbelt. In the event a parent is needed to transport SBCA students in their personal vehicles, the following must be provided: (This applies only to transporting students other than their own child.)

- A copy of their valid driver's license. (Driver must be over the age of 25.)
- A copy of their current proof of insurance.
- A background check must be completed.

For games when school transportation is not available, the coach will secure parent drivers who have completed the required steps listed above for transporting student athletes.

Female and male students will ride in separate vans. Students will not be permitted to drive themselves or other students to away games or off-campus events.

2. Dues and Fees

A Sports Fee is required for each sport played at SBCA. The 2024-25 Athlete Fee will be \$300.00 per athlete, per sport. That fee includes, but is not limited to, practice and game apparel. Fundraising events will be scheduled to cover additional costs for enhancements such as travel apparel, backpacks, additional equipment, and skills camps.

Parents will pay fines accrued by athletes due to inappropriate conduct during a sporting event. Examples of such behaviors are Red Cards, technical fouls, ejections, or other forms of severe penalties.

SBCA Athletics will consistently make all attempts to limit and minimize financial strain for the families and school. However, there will always be a need for equipment, uniform replacements and repairs, travel, opportunities for on and off-training, conditioning, and skills advancement for the players. Fundraising and sponsorships assist in meeting these needs and help improve the overall growth of the athletics program.

3. Equipment and Uniforms

All uniforms and equipment are purchased by SBCA and provided to the Scholar-Athletes. Athletes are personally responsible for the accountability, care, and overall condition of the provided uniforms and equipment throughout the sport season. At the end of the season, uniforms and equipment returned to SBCA through the coach must be cleaned and in good condition. If the uniform or equipment is not given to the coach, the parents of the athlete will provide financial reimbursement to the school.

4. Injuries

A Scholar-Athlete who is injured or shows signs of any injury during practice or a game will be immediately removed and not permitted to re-enter or play for any amount of the remaining game or match. An injured Scholar-Athlete will be initially evaluated by supporting medical staff, if available. If medical attention is required, the Scholar-Athlete may be transported to receive needed care by medical staff or a parent/guardian, if they are present. If the parent/guardian is not present, a member of SBCA will notify the parent/guardian listed within the Emergency Contact information.

Any athlete who becomes unconscious (blacks out) for any length of time during a game or practice is ineligible to continue practice or re-enter the game for the remainder of that practice or event. Students may return to practice and competition with a doctor's note.

5. Social Media Guidance

SBCA encourages the use of social media to highlight the outstanding achievements of the school, especially the athletic programs throughout the year. Athletes, parents, and coaches are to ensure their personal social media accounts are aligned with the values of SBCA and the Athletic Department. Coaches, players, and other faculty are permitted to use social media if it does not misrepresent the school in a negative manner. Misuse of social media may lead to the potential removal of the Scholar-Athlete from the team or sport. Scholar-Athletes and parents are encouraged to "TAG" and include SBCA when capturing and posting on their personal sites in addition to "Sharing" from the SBCA social media Facebook and supporting pages.

6. Electronic Communication

The use of email messages, text messages, blogs, websites, tweets, social replies or sharing of messages, or other electronic communications to make inflammatory or derogatory comments and/or inappropriate descriptions or pictures regarding team members, students, coaches, or faculty is strictly prohibited. Inappropriate comments may include but are not limited to pictures or descriptions regarding another person's race, ethnicity, culture, religion, gender, or ability/disability. Any violation of the social media procedure can result in denial of participation and/or dismissal from the team. Coaches may send text messages to their players, but parents will be included in each text, mass text, or group thread.

Athletes will not be allowed to use their cell phones during practice or athletic events. If parents need to contact their children due to an emergency situation, they may call the school or the coach.

7. Support Personnel for Athletic Teams

Students who want to assist an athletic team during the season may be selected by the coach and travel with the team. These students can serve in the capacity of roles such as Mascot, Team Manager, Scorekeeper, or SBCA Sports Network Team (i.e., announcers, broadcasters, videographers, etc.). These students will adhere to the same policies within the PCC, SBCA Student-Parent Handbook, and this handbook.

Individuals who are not selected as a team player can potentially serve in another capacity, such as Team Manager. These individuals may still practice with the team to improve their overall skillset and build camaraderie with their peers. They are a part of the team and will be treated in the same manner as the players.

8. Awards Program and Banquets

For Scholar-Athletes to receive recognition at sports awards programs and banquets, a player must complete the season with no disciplinary or academic issues.

SBCA will conduct a sports banquet at the conclusion of each sport season to acknowledge the accomplishments of each team or individual player. Each coach will present the following awards to their respective team/squad:

- The Knight Award
- Most Valuable Player Award
- Scholar-Athlete Award
- Spirit Award

Other awards presented at the ceremony are as follows:

- All Conference/All-Star Selectees (Recognition & Plaque)
- Athlete of the Week/Year Selectee (Recognition & Plaque)
- South Baldwin Firsts (Recognition of 1st year players in each sport)

9. Senior Knight

Senior Night celebrations will take place before the last home game/match of the season. Recognition of seniors for their last game will occur at the beginning of the match or game in the gym. Recognition tables may be established for each athlete by the parents/guardians. All athletes will present a rose to their mothers. Parents/guardians and family members are encouraged to stand with their athlete during the ceremony. Seniors will receive their game uniforms at the sports banquet. The game jerseys will be draped over their designated chair at the banquet for additional recognition.

10. Pep Rallies/Special Ceremonies

Every grade is encouraged to celebrate and motivate SBCA Scholar-Athletes during their respective seasons through scheduled rallies or any other special activities approved by the SBCA administration.

11. Uniforms and Equipment

Practice Apparel: SBCA athletes must wear SBCA issued practice uniforms to all team practices and other events (i.e., pep rallies) as instructed by the head coach or Athletic Director.

Shoes: Appropriate footwear is required. Students may not practice barefoot, in socks or dress shoes, slides, crocs, or any other footwear while on the court or field.

Game Apparel Dispersal: Coaches may not distribute game uniforms until all fees and forms have been collected and approval has been given from the Athletic Director. Uniforms will be dispersed to the athletes at school before their first game. The uniform represents unity and pride. With that in mind, athletes are expected to dress in a manner to promote unity over individuality.

Return: Uniforms will normally be returned by the student on the first Monday after the last season game. Students may not participate in the next season or receive their **END OF SCHOOL YEAR REPORT GRADE/TRANSCRIPTS** if their uniforms have not been turned in, are severely damaged, or not paid for in full.

Care: When washing uniforms at home, please adhere to the instructions printed on the uniform. Any player whose assigned uniform is lost or unnecessarily damaged will be charged the replacement cost of the uniform. Uniforms should be washed in COLD water and hung to dry to avoid shrinking and to preserve the logo, letters, and numbers.

Jewelry: Jewelry is not permitted in any form in practices or games. Female athletes need to refrain from ear piercings during a sports season. Earrings cannot be worn during games.

Game Day Apparel: All students must be in travel apparel or designated athletic uniform on game days. The Head of School will approve any exceptions.

Uniforms should be worn in the most modest fashion possible. A “rolled up” waistband to make shorts “shorter” is not permitted. Spandex must be visible if issued as part of the uniform. Undershorts and leggings must be the same color as the jersey. Undershorts and leggings must match the color of the uniform.

Athletes who choose to wear headbands, wristbands, shooting sleeves, etc. must wear them at a practice prior to the actual game. This is to negate the potential for distracting the player and other team members while in a live game situation.



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Scholar-Athlete/Parent Handbook Agreement Form

By signing this document, you are agreeing to respect and uphold all guidelines listed within the SBCA Scholar-Athlete/Parent Handbook.

Student (Print first and last name): _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I, as a parent/guardian, accept the challenge to “train up a child in the way he should go” (Proverbs 22:6), and I do state that this training will be continued in the home. I place my trust in SBCA to extend that training more completely and effectively.

Parent/Guardian (Print first and last name): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Coach (Print first and last name): _____ **Date:** _____

Coach Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return the completed agreement form to the coach.



SCHOLAR-ATHELTE'S
PRAYER

GOD, LET ME PLAY WELL BUT FAIRLY.
HELP ME TO LEARN SOMETHING THAT
MATTERS ONCE THE GAME IS OVER.
LET COMPETITION LEAVE ME STRONG
BUT NEVER HOSTILE.

ALWAYS LET ME RESPECT MY OPPONENT.
NEVER CATCH ME REJOICING IN THE ADVERSITY
OF OTHERS.

IF I KNOW VICTORY, ALLOW ME TO BE
HAPPY; IF I'M DENIED, KEEP ME FROM ENVY.

REMINDE ME THAT SPORTS ARE
JUST GAMES.

IF THROUGH ATHLETICS I SET THE EXAMPLE,
LET IT BE A GOOD ONE.

"PLAY WITH HONOR. PLAY LIKE A KNIGHT"