



I. Introduction of Staff

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II. First Friends Sports

Vision: First Friends Sports is a ministry of First Friends Church. We are committed to the church's vision to transform the heart, home and world. In order to do that, our sports programs must offer MORE THAN SPORTS. At First Friends Sports, we want to help individuals and families grow in their athletic ability, their character and their faith in Jesus Christ.

Mission: To provide Christ-centered sports programs for our community.

What we offer:

- Sports and Recreation for the whole family.
- A fun, safe and positive environment for competition.
- An opportunity to encounter Jesus.

III. Main Source of Communication = WEBSITE

Our sports ministry website is WWW.FIRSTFRIENDSSPORTS.COM. It is the main source of information regarding teams, schedules, announcements, game cancellations etc. Please consult the website **FIRST**, if you have any questions. After that, please feel free to contact the Sports Office directly via email at sports@firstfriends.org or via phone at **330.966.6868**.

IV. Games Schedule & Other Important Dates

- 2nd ASSESSMENT DAY – Tuesday, December 3 (Check www.firstfriendssports.com by 12/3 at noon for time to report)—IF NEEDED.
- FRIDAY GAMES – Games will be at either 4:00 or 5:00 PM (times subject to change depending on signups). All games played at First Friends Church.
- WEEKDAY GAMES – March 2, may or may not be the same as your practice time.
- PICTURE DAY – Jan 31st
 - o Teams will be assigned a time prior to their game for team/individual pictures to be taken.
 - o You will receive an online registration form via e-mail.
- CELEBRATION DAY – Friday, March 6th
 - o 6:00 – 7:30 PM at FFC Gym. Participants & family members are invited to attend. Dinner will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

V. Practice Schedule – Practices start on January 6th

Based on your child's team, their practices will fall on one of the following 1-hour time slots; Mondays at 4:00pm or 5:00pm. There will be an extra practice at your normal practice time on 1/10.

VI. SCARLET | GRAY – (IF NEEDED)

Players are assigned based on assessments with the goal to help improve players' skills. Teams will be announced online on Friday, December 16th. See back side for Special Requests information.

VII. DEVOTIONS_–

1. After each practice (starting 1/13), we will be having a short devotional. We consider this to be a crucial element of our program and believe it is a big part of your participation in this league. Players and coaches will receive attendance points toward the league champions (see CSP info).



VIII. Lindsay's Law – Parents Required To Complete

All parents are required to watch the video, read the handout and sign the online form in order for your child to be eligible to participate. This information helps you know how to respond to a sudden cardiac arrest.

Go to www.firstfriendssports.com and click on your child's sport to access Lindsay's Law online links.

Lindsay's Law Parent Informational Video

Parents of all participants must (1) watch the video below and (2) review the Informational Handout below before signing the Lindsay's Law Form.

[Lindsay's Law Parent Video](#)

Handouts:

[Parent Informational Handout](#)

[Lindsay's Law Signature Form \(Must be signed and turned in\)](#)

IX. Apparel/Uniform

1. Players will be issued a reversible jersey. T-shirts must be worn underneath.
2. No jewelry can be worn during practices or games.
3. Only fingertip length shorts or longer are permitted for game play. Players will sit during the game if this rule is not followed.
4. Knee pads are recommended.

X. Special Requests: Time/Carpool

As one can imagine, in a program of over 300 girls, there are a lot of requests that we receive. It is IMPOSSIBLE to fulfill every request. Requests are filled based on the following priorities:

- 1) Health Issues/Special Situations
- 2) Immediate Family
- 3) Carpool and Transportation
- 4) Preferences

Final Day to Submit Requests – TODAY

After rosters have been posted, if your request did not get met, you may contact First Friends Church Sports Office at sports@firstfriends.org. However, no request is guaranteed and we will do all that we can to keep carpools together as much as possible. Again, we do regret any inconvenience, but appreciate your understanding that we need to prioritize the balance of teams and divisions for fair competition and individual player's growth.

XI. Spectators Expectations To Model Sportsmanship

"Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

At First Friends Church, we are committed to pursuing Christ above all else, including competing and cheering in the image of Christ and worshipping Him through our play and encouragement. We strive to win and have an affinity for certain aspects of athletics, but we evaluate success from a Biblical foundation.

1. The officiating will be done by officials who are in absolute control of the game.
2. Spectators are not permitted in the team sideline areas.
3. Misconduct of players, coaches, or spectators will result in assessment of a penalty, ejection or forfeiture of the game.
4. The Program Coordinator and/or League Director has the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.
5. CSP's

XII. Cancellations- Any practice/game cancellations will be at the discretion of the League Director/FFC Staff and will be posted on First Friends Sports website www.firstfriendssports.com, Facebook, and Instagram

XIII. Closing Prayer