

Overall Philosophy and Goals for athletics

Mission of Newman International Academy Athletics

Newman International Academy Athletics is committed to excellence in academics and athletics. We are dedicated to pursuing Victory with Honor, adhering to the rules of competition and ethical behavior, producing champions in athletics and in life, and displaying the following traits of character: trustworthiness, respect, personal responsibility, fairness toward all, and being good members of the community both on and off the field. We will contribute our absolute best as we come alongside our NIA colleagues in building the whole person for the whole world by raising Warriors of Wisdom, Stature and Favor.

The Athletics programs of Newman International Academy (NIA) are based on the premise that Student-Athletes are first and foremost Students, and that athletic participation is *a privilege rather than a right*. NIA Student-Athletes train not only to excel in their sport, but also to handle success well and overcome adversity. The Athletics Programs at NIA are structured with specific goals in mind for Student-Athletes at each level.

All Student-Athletes are required to properly represent NIA on and off the field in accordance with our Student Handbook and Code of Conduct, or they will not be afforded the privilege of representing NIA at competitions.

At the **MIDDLE SCHOOL** level our primary goal is to make the Athletics experience for the students enjoyable. Middle School is a time to focus on participation and camaraderie among team members as students learn about the preparation required to excel as well as the rules that govern sports. This allows the students to have fun while learning the fundamentals of sport and the rigors of athletic conditioning.

Every Student-Athlete who tries out for and is selected to be on a Middle School team, and who is academically and medically eligible to participate, has kept all team requirements, has no unexcused absences from practices, and will commit to participate in every game will participate in every game. While winning is important, it is a secondary consideration for our programs at the Middle School level. We believe that if a Middle School student has a valuable experience in working with other students and learns the fundamentals of sports, we will have accomplished significant foundational goals in building a complete NIA Athletics Program.

As the students move up through our programs into the **HIGH SCHOOL** Level, we help them focus toward the day when they will be able to compete at the Varsity level. Similar to the Middle School level, Student-Athletes at the High School level understand that those who are selected for our Freshman and Junior Varsity teams are centered on Student-Athlete development and the foundations of the core team dynamic—that the team is equal to more than just the sum of its parts. While playing time percentages vary with situations, team dynamics and Coaches' discretion, we make every attempt to ensure that each team member has an opportunity to participate in all games so long as the Student-Athlete is academically and medically eligible to participate, has kept all team requirements, has no unexcused absences from practices, and will commit to participate in every game.

At the **VARSITY LEVEL, WE PLAY TO WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS WHILE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP THE CHAMPION WITHIN.** Playing time is determined by the Varsity Head Coach's discretion with the intention of having a winning outcome and a productive team environment. Varsity Student-Athletes are mature both athletically and mentally, and their dedication and commitment to their teams supersedes their individual desires. We firmly believe Varsity Student-Athletes can, and should compete at the highest level while giving their maximum effort in a way that honors NIA, their teammates, their families and themselves.

Sports Offered

Fall Season

Cross Country	Co-ed
Cheer	Co-ed
Football	Boys
Soccer	Co-ed
Volleyball	Girls

Winter Season

Basketball	Boys
Basketball	Girls
Cheer	Co-ed
Wrestling	Boys
Wrestling	Girls

Spring Season

Baseball	Boys
Cheer	Co-ed
Golf	Co-ed
Softball	Girls
Track	Co-ed

Leagues

Our High School teams participate in the Texas Christian Athletic Fellowship (TCAF) league.

<http://www.tcafellowship.com/>

Our Middle School Teams participate in the Christian Schools Athletic Fellowship (CSAF) league

<http://www.tcafellowship.com/>

Red Letter Dates

July 30, 2018 6:00pm
Fall Sport Parent Meeting
Event Center

August 1, 2018
First day of Practice

August 15, 2018
First Day of School

Booster Club Information

They have that information posted on the current website. Please use for the new one.