

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What league is OAKS participating in?

We are a member of the Christian Fellowship Athletic Association. Besides OAKS, there are six other schools that are playing in the league this year: Standifer Gap SDA School (Chattanooga, TN); Learning Tree Elementary (Dalton, GA); Coble Elementary School (Calhoun, GA); Berry College Middle School (Rome, GA); Covenant Christian (Georgia); Avondale SDA School (Chattanooga, TN).

## How many games will be played per sport?

Each school will play the other schools in a home-away partnership. Both games vs. Covenant Christian will be hosted at OAKS. Some schools do not have soccer or volleyball teams.

## When will games be played?

All games will be held outside of school hours. Most game nights will begin at 5:00 p.m.

## How will students be transported to away games?

Each parent will be responsible to arrange their own child's transportation to/from all games. Parents may choose to carpool with other families, if desired.

*Exception: Transportation will be provided for the away game in Rome, Georgia.*

## What does the sport activity fee cover?

The required activity fee will cover officiating costs, a stipend for our head coach, and loaned use of an OAKS Mustangs jersey and shorts.

## When can students leave school for away games?

Students are expected to attend school until 3:00 on Game Day, the regular dismissal time. Any exceptions to this guideline must be approved by the Athletic Director or OAKS Principal.



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# Program Philosophy

## OAKS Mission Statement

OAKS is a Christian organization that seeks to inspire its students to think deeply, live fully, serve unselfishly, and love God completely.

## Goal of Athletics

Our goal as a school is to provide a setting where students can learn to compete in athletics while developing a Christ-like character as they participate.

## Philosophy

We believe that participation in extracurricular activities provides opportunities for our students to be witnesses for Jesus Christ in their interaction with the surrounding community. We expect our OAKS family to lead in a positive manner as we come in contact with visiting fans as this may be their first interaction with a Christian/Adventist group.

Athletics is a real-world experience, under proper mentorship, where students are given the opportunity to develop character and physical giftedness.

## Playing Time

Although playing to win is certainly part of playing sports, OAKS places a priority on ensuring that all students who regularly attend practice get to play in games. The starting lineups are left to the discretion of the coaches and AD, but all students will play.

## How Can You Help?

We are currently looking for volunteer assistant coaches and scorekeepers. If you'd like to help during the 2023-2024 season for our OAKS Mustangs by helping in one of these areas, please contact our Athletic Director, Aaron Hall: [ahall@gccsda.com](mailto:ahall@gccsda.com).

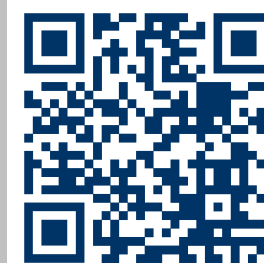
# Volunteer Requirements

**At OAKS, all coaches will be selected by Athletic Director.**

- Coach must be a Seventh-day Adventist church member in good standing.
- Model Christian ethics at all times.
- Encourage a healthy lifestyle.
- Encourage an atmosphere of camaraderie and team play.
- Model respect for all people and teams (do not run up scores, help up opponents who have fallen, etc.).
- Promote loyalty to school and team.
- Use positive coaching methods to improve the self-esteem of student-athletes.
- Place the spiritual, intellectual, and physical well-being of student-athletes above the desire to win.
- Insist that student-athletes observe the letter and spirit of the rules.
- Communicate and enforce codes of conduct.
- Be willing and able to provide spiritual growth and direction.

## Interested in Sponsoring?

We are currently looking for local businesses and/or individuals who would like to partner as sponsors with OAKS Athletics as we build our program. Sponsorship funds will be used to lower the costs of participation for our student-athletes and improve our athletic facilities and equipment to strengthen our program. For more information, contact Aaron Hall: [ahall@gccsda.com](mailto:ahall@gccsda.com).



**Sponsorship  
Opportunities**

# Mustangs Spirit Wear

# Team Sports Available



Scan the QR code to purchase OAKS Mustangs spirit wear at our MerchLink account. OAKS receives a percentage of the profit from each sale which will be reinvested into our athletic program.



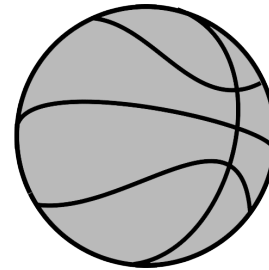
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Grades: 5th-8th

Season Dates: August-October

**Fee - \$50**

*Practice Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays (3:30-4:30)*



## BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grades: 5th-8th

Season Dates: November-January

**Fee - \$75**

**Practice Days (Boys):**

*Sundays (10:30-11:30a)*

*Mondays (6:30-7:30p)*

*Thursdays (5:30-6:30p)*

**Practice Days (Girls):**

*Sundays: (11:30a-12:30p)*

*Mondays (7:30-8:30p)*

*Thursdays (6:30-7:30p)*



## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Grades: 5th-8th

Season Dates: February-March

**Fee - \$50**

*Practice Days: Sundays (12:45-2:00); Tuesdays (5:30-6:30)*

## Required Uniform Items

## COLOR SCHEME FOR ACCESSORIES

### SOCCER

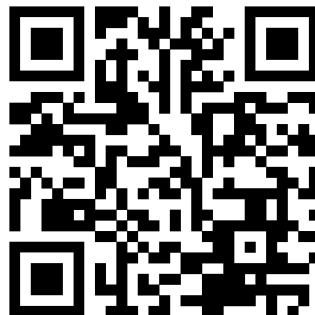
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### BASKETBALL/

### VOLLEYBALL

KNEE PADS (NAVY)



NAVY  
WHITE  
GRAY  
BLACK

# Player Expectations

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Student-athletes must be a full-time student at OAKS or approved homeschool students (if roster space is available).
- Student-athletes must be on Honor Roll or Principal's List (All A's and B's).
- Grades will be checked by the Athletic Director (AD) on Game Day to determine eligibility.
- Student-athletes must attend school on Game Day to be able to play.

## STUDENT-ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

Since interscholastic sports should foster Christian character and personal growth, student-athletes will be given the opportunity to develop these areas as they represent OAKS with honor and integrity.

- Exhibit positive sportsmanship (never refuse to shake hands or recognize opponents for outstanding performances).
- Respect God, others, and yourself (no performing undermining cheers, blaming loss of game on officials, coaches, or teammates).
- Exercise self-control in all circumstances (no taunting, name calling, or profanity).
- Live and compete honorably.
- Meet commitments to practice and games.
- Treat other players the way you want to be treated.
- Help promote a team spirit (team's goals, welfare and success before individual).
- Learn and observe the spirit and the letter of rules.
- Display humility in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Demonstrate Christian behavior in all aspects of the game.

The OAKS Handbook continues to apply to all extracurricular athletic events.

# Spectator Responsibilities

- Support all players, teams, and visitors in a positive way.
- Be respectful by abstaining from the use of profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or any other demeaning actions.
- Do not show displays of anger or frustration.
- Do not use noisemakers during a contest.
- Treat officials with respect at all times by not complaining or arguing calls or decisions made during the game.
- Cheer appropriately and in a way that is representative of our school.
- Compliment extraordinary performances.
- Represent the school with dignity in victory or defeat.
- Exhibit Christian behavior at all times.
- Do not approach the team bench or sideline for any reason unless summoned by a Coach.

## How to Sign Up?

- Students must sign the **Student Contract**
- Parents must sign the **Parent Contract**
- All fees must be paid at the beginning of the season
- Sign up documents are also available in the OAKS office



Signup Documents