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Date: August 18, 2023

Consent Agenda Item (Action Item): Review and Approve revisions/additions to the Floyd County Athletic Handbook for the 2023-24 School Year.

Applicable State or Regulations: Board Policy 01.11 General Powers and Duties of the Board of Education.

Budget/Financial Issues: No financial impact upon the District General Fund.

Background and Rationale: The Floyd County Athletic Handbook was originally approved by the Floyd County Board of Education on June 26, 2023. Following the original approval, Floyd County Board of Education discussed revisions being made to the Attendance and Evaluations section of the Floyd County Athletic Handbook during the July 24, 2023 and August 11, 2023 meeting. Changes to the handbook reflect the following: **Attendance (pages 5-6)-** Middle & Elementary Students must maintain 85% attendance rate each 20-day school month and be present at school the day of and day after a game/contest. High School Students must be present at school the day of and day after a game/contest. **Evaluations (page 4):** Administrators or Assistant Principals, as assigned by the school administrator, are to evaluate Athletic Directors, Head and Assistant Coaches. These changes have been made to the 2023-24 FCS Athletic Handbook – see attached.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Floyd County Board of Education approve the revisions/additions to the Floyd County Schools Athletic Handbook for the 2023-24 School Year as outlined in the July 24 and August 11, 2023 Meeting.

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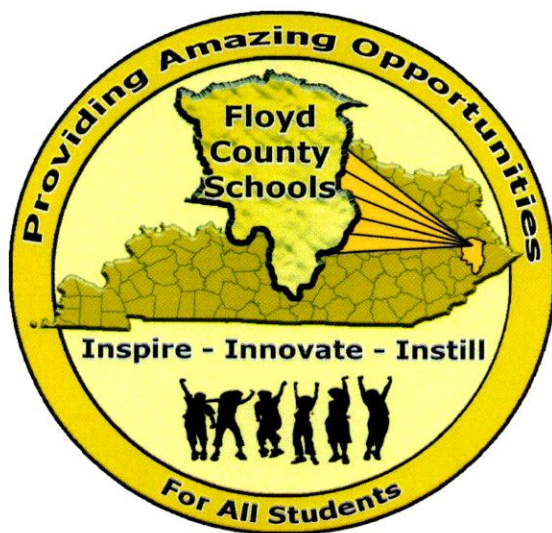
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2023-2024

**Floyd County Board of Education
Athletic Policy Handbook**



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**Revised and Approved
June 26, 2023**

**Updated
July 24, 2023**

**Updates approved
August 11, 2023**

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Betsy Layne Attendance Area Members:

Brent Hamilton, Assistant Principal, Betsy Layne Elementary
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Floyd Central Attendance Area Members:

Brook Moore, Principal, South Floyd Elementary
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Floyd County Schools Athletic Handbook Committee

Committee is selected through a nomination process, followed by administrators in each district attendance area meeting, reviewing nominations and selecting members to represent their area.

The selection process is headed in each area by the High School Principal.

The remainder of the committee is composed of the district athletic director, superintendent and superintendent appointed School Board Member.

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS

School Calendar

2023-2024



First and Last Days for Students
August 9 & May 17*

First and Last Days for Teachers
(no school for students) August 2, May 22*

No School for Students

- Labor Day.....9/4
- Fall Break.....10/5-10/9
- Election Day.....11/7
- Thanksgiving Break.....11/20-11/24
- Christmas Break.....12/18-1/2
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....1/15
- President's Day.....2/19
- Spring Break.....4/1-4/5
- Election Day.....5/21
- Memorial Day.....5/27
- Teacher Work Days...8/2, 8/3, 10/7, 11/6, 1/2, 3/8, 5/20
- Professional Development Days...8/7, 2/16, 2/19, 3/11

NOTE: We have 10 NTI days. All other days missed will be added to the end of the calendar. Days shaded in red indicate possible days to be used for make-up.

End of 9-week grading period

Early Childhood (Headstart and Preschool)
First day of school will be Wednesday, August 16.

Inclement weather will alter the school calendar. For information about weather-related delays or closings, follow the Floyd County Schools Facebook page.

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Vision Statement

The Floyd County Athletic programs will provide equitable opportunities for our students to participate in organized sports at a variety of levels. Our athletic programs will encourage and empower students to develop their leadership, sportsmanship, and interpersonal skills, and foster a positive attitude and healthy lifestyle in a setting that creates a sense of school community.

Mission Statement

The Mission of Floyd County Athletics is to advance the overall vision of Floyd County Schools by providing athletic programs for all students that support the academic, physical, social, and personal development of student-athletes.

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Administration

The Superintendent assisted by the District Director of Athletics shall administer the athletic policies and procedures as approved by the Floyd County Board of Education. The District Athletic Director shall be a member of the Title IX committee for each district high school.

Superintendent's Right to Amend: The Superintendent reserves the right to amend the athletic schedules as necessary during the school year. Notice of any such amendments will be posted on the District's Website and sent to school administration for their school publication/announcements.

Section I Philosophy & Ethics

Philosophy

Floyd County Schools believes that an exemplary athletic program is an extension of the classroom. As such, athletics offers students an opportunity to develop and grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially. The positive benefits that participation in athletics offers include, but are not limited to self-esteem, self-discipline, self-confidence, and the development of Team Spirit. Further, participants learn the values associated with competition and benefit from the experience of both winning and losing. For the participating athlete, these experiences provide an integral part of the foundation needed to be a productive citizen.

Ethics

Coaches' Code of Ethics

(Floyd County Schools/National Federation of State High School Associations)

The function of a coach is to properly educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. The interscholastic program is designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. All student/athletes should be treated as though they were the coaches' own, and their welfare shall be the uppermost at all times. In recognition of this, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association (NFICA) Board of Directors:

1. The coach must be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the education of the student athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.
2. The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with the student athlete, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
3. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse, and under no circumstances should authorize their use.
4. The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
5. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the contest rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members. The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
6. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators, working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs and administrators.

7. Contest officials shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct that will incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
8. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
9. A coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student athletes special consideration.
10. It is unethical for coaches to scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.
11. District coaches and volunteers will adhere at all times to precautions and procedures that relate to heat related illness and injury.

* District coaches are expected to adhere to this code at all times as well as Floyd County Schools District Policies.

Section II Requirements

Job Description

Athletic Director, Head Coach, Assistant Coach

Position Requirements - BOE Policy 03. 116 (Appendix A)

Athletic Director

- Full time certified employee.
- Member of the school faculty where serving.

Head Coach and Assistant Coach - High School - All Sports (Appendix B)

- Employee of the District Employment may either be full-time or part-time and either certified or classified.
- Successful completion of KHSAA coaching requirements.
- If not certified, successful completion of Floyd County Schools Volunteer Training is required. Certification is for two (2) years.
- If not a full-time employee, an annual criminal record check under KRS 160.380 and KRS 161.1851 shall be required.
- Hiring of Coaches will be as outlined in KHSAA Bylaw 25 Section 2 and all other state and local policies:
 - SEC. 2) HIRING AND EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING POSITIONS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL
 - a) Required Level 1 or 2 individuals (head and assistant) may be assigned as the head or assistant coach or assigned duties commensurate with those of someone designated as a coach in any sport or sport-activity.
 - b) KHSAA Member School Obligations in Hiring
 - (1) The Superintendent shall ensure that all assignments for coaching duties comply with all applicable state and local policies.
 - (2) The hiring process shall ensure that in considering those individuals seeking coaching duties, the most qualified individual shall be assigned.
 - (3) In considering qualifications, the qualifications desired for the position, the references, interviews, and experience of those seeking the duties, and the education background shall be considered.
 - (4) If a coaching announcement is posted by the district, the determination of qualifications shall comply with that announcement.

Head Coach / Assistant Coach - Middle and Elementary School – All Sports (Appendix C)

- Successful completion of Floyd County Schools coaching seminar.

- Current CPT/First Aid Certification.
- If not certified, successful completion of Floyd County Schools Volunteer Training is required. Certification is for two (2) years.
- If not a full-time employee, an annual criminal records check shall be required.
- Successful completion of the KHSAA Sports Safety Course.
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*Cheerleading and Dance are considered sports by Floyd County Schools and are subject to these requirements.

Non-Paid Coaches/Volunteers

A person desiring to be a Non-Paid Coach/Volunteer helping with any athletic teams in Floyd County Schools shall meet the following requirements.

1. Must be 21 years of age or older as outlined in KHSAA Bylaw 27 defined by KRS 17.165
2. Must have successful completion of annual criminal records check under KRS 160.380 at the BOE
3. Successful completion of the Floyd County Schools Volunteer Training (through Family Resource/Youth Service Centers) every school year.
4. Current CPR/First Aid Certification and Medication Training.
5. Successful completion of Floyd County Schools coaching seminar-certification is for one year.
6. Successful completion of the KHSAA safety course as required by HB 383 for high school coaches (every 2 years).
7. KHSAA Rules – online specific sports rules clinic is required annually.

Evaluations

The School Principal, or assigned Assistant Principal, shall evaluate the Athletic Directors at their respective schools as well as Head Coach of each sport at least once per season and their Assistance Coaches/Non-Paid Coaches/Volunteers. The evaluations will be maintained by the School's Administration or designee. These evaluations shall serve as a factor in future assignments to AD and Coaching Duties.

All District Athletic Directors, Coaches and Volunteers must sign receipt of:

1. Job Description (Appendix B, C, D)
2. Evaluation Forms (Appendix E, F)
3. Floyd County Schools Athletic Handbook (AD/Coach/Non-Paid Coach/Volunteer) (Appendix G)

Student Athlete Code of Ethics

Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Floyd County Schools, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations maintain standards in academics, behavior and making healthy choices.

Our Athletic Programs represent the school and school community. We emphasize dedication and commitment to the team and program, a desire for success and a "team first" attitude. Student athletes should act in a manner that is responsible and respectful toward your peers, opponents, coaches and spectators.

All Floyd County Schools student athletes shall:

1. Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. Stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
3. Work for the good of the team or program.
4. Show courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
5. Respect the integrity and judgement of sports officials.
6. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
7. Exhibit leadership, use of initiative, and good judgement at all times.
8. Recognize the purpose of athletics is to promote physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual player.
9. Recognize that an athletic contest is only a game.
10. Conduct yourself, at all times, with honor and dignity.
11. Remember that school and learning come first.
12. Commit to give your highest effort in the classroom as well as on the playing court or field.
13. Stress the importance of self-discipline in both the classroom, the community and on and off the field or court.
14. Learn that dignity, self-worth, and self-esteem are achieved through hard work.
15. Create a positive school climate by working with the whole student population as a team to represent your school.

All District Student Athletes must sign receipt of:

1. Floyd County Schools Athletic Handbook (Appendix H)

Parent – Spectators Code of Ethics

Spectators and parents alike must recognize that they represent the school and community. Therefore, they have an obligation to be a true fan who encourages through positive behaviors the practice of good sportsmanship. In addition, spectators are required to meet the following expectations.

1. Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and mistakes will be made. You would not taunt a student who makes a mistake in the classroom; why is an athlete an exception.
2. A ticket is a privilege to observe a contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
3. Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
4. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups-cheer, dance and band.
5. Respect the integrity and judgement of game officials. Do not question an official's call.
6. Recognize and show appreciation for the outstanding play by either team.
7. Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during games or after an event.
8. Refrain from cheers which downplay the opponent or use of profane or abusive language.

All District Student-Athlete Parents will be required to sign:

1. Floyd County Schools Athletic Handbook (Appendix H)
2. Parent Athletic Code of Ethics (Appendix I)

All Spectators and Parents at all District Events will be held to standards above and those outlined in:

- Community Relations – Civility: Floyd County Schools Policy 10.21 (Appendix J)
 - a. Community Relations – Incident Report Floyd County Schools Policy 10.21 AP.21 (Appendix K) is to be used when reporting inappropriate behavior toward employees by visitors.

Section III Student Eligibility

Eligibility (Players)

All Floyd County High School Athletics will be governed by the policies and procedures as adopted by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Academics

The eligibility of an athlete shall be determined by the standards set by KHSAA, the FCBE, and/or the local School Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council. Player eligibility sheets shall be completed weekly, per KHSAA Bylaw 5 Section 2.

- Any student athlete participating in Floyd County Elementary/Middle School Sports MUST maintain a 2.0 weekly Grade Point Average (GPA).
- The GPA shall be a calculation of any class which assigns letter grades.
- GPA determination shall be made weekly each FRIDAY.
- A student who does not meet the 2.0 GPA weekly standard, is ineligible for a minimum of one (1) week.
- GPA determination shall begin the first day of practice and continue through the final game of the season.
- Eligibility sheets shall be sent to the district athletic director, electronically, beginning the first Monday following the first full week of the school year. (Appendix L)

Attendance

In order to participate, a student athlete MUST be present at school, practice and games.

- All Elementary/Middle School student athletes MUST maintain 85% attendance each school attendance month and be present the day of and day after an athletic contest (game).
- To fall below 85% attendance rate – you would have 4 or more unexcused absences in a 20-day school month.
- Attendance ineligibility sheets shall be sent to the district athletic director, electronically, at the end of each 20-day school month for all students participating in athletics, in any capacity, for Floyd County Schools. (Appendix M)
- Any Elementary/Middle School student athlete who falls below 85% attendance rate in a given school month, will be ineligible for the next 20-day school attendance month.
- All High School athletes MUST be present the day of and the day after an athletic contest (game).

Insurance, Permission, and Physical Examination

- All participants in athletics shall purchase insurance coverage that is acceptable according to Floyd County Schools/KHSAA.
- Proof of Insurance must be on file at the school and with the coach at all times.
- All participants shall have a physical examination on the appropriate form (Elementary (Appendix N) Middle (Appendix O) and High School (Appendix P) which also includes the signature of consent for participation by parent and athlete.
- A signed Floyd County Drug Testing Consent form (Appendix P)
- A signed receipt indicating athlete and parental understanding of the Floyd County Handbook (Appendix G)

Participation Rosters

- All schools shall submit a participation roster for each sport prior to the first game of the season. Participation Rosters will be a completed check sheet of all required paperwork from each student-athlete on each roster:
 - Age Verification – Birth Certificate check (Age must be verified by the Age/Grade Verification Charts that correspond to KHSAA Age/Grade limits on page 19)
 - Initial GPA check
 - Athletic Physical on the correct form
 - Signed parental and player consent (form included in physical form documents)
 - Proof of Insurance
 - Signed Drug Testing consent forms
 - Signed Parental Athletic Code of Conduct
 - Signed Parent and Player receipt of handbook.

*Coaches are responsible for gathering all forms and submitting to appropriate personnel.

Ineligible Players – Parental Notification

Discipline and Suspension

- Disciplinary action of athletic participants shall be determined according to the infraction of local school rules.
- An athlete suspended shall remain suspended from the squad until he or she is reinstated.
- If a student athlete is under penalty at one Floyd County School as a result of disciplinary or academic reasons that student will remain ineligible in that sport at all schools in the Floyd County School District in the event of a transfer.
- Coaches shall follow the policy of student rights and responsibilities and of local school rules and regulations.

Ejections

- Athletes that are ejected from a district recognized athletic event must follow the KHSAA guidelines for ejections outlined in **KHSAA Bylaw 15: Practice of Sportsmanship**
- HIGH SCHOOL: All ejections must be reported to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Player/Coach may only return once suspension has been served and KHSAA has reinstated the player/coach.
- ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE: All ejections must be reported to Floyd County Schools District Athletic Director on the correct form (**Appendix R**). No ejected Player/Coach may return once suspension has been served and reinstatement has been sent to the school by the District Athletic Director in writing. (**Appendix R**).

Practice – Elementary, Middle School

- Students ruled ineligible by the KHSAA or by the Floyd County Public Schools shall not practice nor participate with their teams.
- Students who are ineligible shall not be issued school equipment.
- Students who are ineligible shall not be on the team’s sidelines/bench area until eligibility is restored.
- Students declared ineligible weekly at the school level because of academics shall not practice with their teams until they become eligible by the next weekly grade check.

Parental Notification

- School Administration are responsible for notifying parents of their student-athletes ineligibility.
- Notification shall state the reason(s) the student-athlete is ineligible.

Transfer Rule

- If a student in grades K – 8 transfers from one school to another Floyd County Conference school, an eligibility determination will be made according to KHSAA bylaw 6 – Transfer Rule by the District Athletic Director.
- A student’s home school was established with their enrollment on August 10, 2022 and began the student’s eligibility period moving forward.
- Parents/Guardian requesting a transfer with the Floyd County Conference schools shall complete the **Student Transfer Eligibility Determination Form (Appendix S)** attach three pieces of evidence if there is a change in residence (electric bill, 911 address, lease, rent receipt, land deed, or another utility bill) and submit all documentation to the District Athletic Director.
- The District Athletic Director shall make a recommendation of eligibility to the superintendent, who will make the final determination.
- The parent/guardian may appeal the determination of eligibility to the District Superintendent and shall be governed by BOE policy 09.4281

Sports Offered:

- Students that attend a Floyd County School where a sport recognized for competition at the Middle School Level and is not offered at their home school may:
 - Participate in that sport at a school in their attendance area
 - Attendance areas are defined and recognized by the Floyd County Transportation Department and set forth by the Floyd County Board of Education.
 - Attendance Areas are as follows:
 - BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA: Students attending Betsy Layne Elementary and Stumbo Elementary may participate together.
 - FLOYD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA: Students attending Duff-Allen Central Elementary, May Valley Elementary and South Floyd Elementary may participate together.
 - PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA: Student attending Adams Middle School and Allen Elementary School may participate together.

****Situations that are not covered in this Athletic Handbook will be governed by the current school year’s Bylaws and Rules of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Handbook.***

Section IV Middle & Elementary Sports

Middle School Basketball

1. Schools will be allowed two (2) scrimmage games prior to their first season game. There shall be NO scrimmages played after season start date.
2. Participation in the Floyd County Conference shall consist of:
 - a. Each member school playing all other member schools in one home and one away game.
 - b. All Floyd County Conference games shall be completed one week (the Monday) before season end date or *the teams not completing a game in the allotted time will be given 1 win and 1 loss on their conference record for seeding purposes.
 - c. *Schools can appeal this decision to the District Athletic Director.
3. The Middle School Conference Tournament will be seeded by wins/losses during the conference season. Forfeits, teams dropping out of conference play, etc. will be determined by the District Athletic Director with consensus of all Middle School Athletic Directors.
4. Member schools may play a total of twenty-seven (27) games. The Conference Tournament will not count toward total game count.
5. Students may participate as follows:
 - a. Students in Grade 6 and below may participate on the 6th Grade Team.
 - b. Students in Grade 7 and below may participate on the 7th Grade Team.
 - c. Students in Grade 8 and below may participate on the 8th Grade Team.
6. Length of games will be as follows:
 - a. 6th Grade Games: 4 Quarters: 4:00 (Four Minutes) each quarter.
 - b. 7th Grade Games: 4 Quarters: 5:00 (Five Minutes) each quarter.
 - c. 8th Grade Games: 4 Quarters: 6:00 (Six Minutes) each quarter.
7. All game officials shall be registered with KHSAA.
8. The District Athletic Director shall work with the District assigning secretary, athletic directors and coaches of each school to select officials for the county tournament.
9. National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Running Clock Rule shall be in effect:
 - a. Running clock begins at a 20 (twenty) point differential in score between teams in the second half.
10. A Floyd County Conference Tournament will be held at the 6th Grade, 7th Grade and 8th Grade levels.
11. Tournament host will provide the following at each level:
 - a. Winner's Trophy
 - b. 15 Winner Medallions
 - c. Runners Up Trophy
 - d. 15 Runners-Up Medallions

Elementary Basketball

1. Schools will be allowed two (2) scrimmage games prior to their first season game. There shall be NO scrimmages played after season start date.
2. Participation in the Floyd County Conference shall consist of:
 - a. Each member school playing all other member schools in **one home and one away game**.
 - b. All Floyd County Conference games shall be completed **one week (the Monday) before season end date** or *the teams not completing a game in the allotted time will be given 1 win and 1 loss on their conference record for seeding purposes.
 - c. *Schools can appeal this decision to the District Athletic Director.
3. The Elementary School Conference Tournament will be seeded by wins/losses during the conference season. Forfeits, teams dropping out of conference play, etc. will be determined by the District Athletic Director with consensus of all School Athletic Directors.
4. Member schools may play a total of twenty (20) games. The County Tournament games will not count toward total game count.
5. Students may participate as follows:
 - a. Students in Grade 5 and below may participate on the 5th Grade Team.
 - b. Students in Grade 4 and below may participate on the 4th Grade Team.
 - c. Students in Grade 3 and below may participate on a developmental school team.
6. Length of games will be as follows:
 - a. 5th Grade Games: 4 Quarters: 4:00 (four) minute quarters.
 - b. 4th Grade Games: 2 Halves: 12:00 (twelve) minute halves with running clock until last 2:00 of game.
 - c. 3rd Grade Games: 1 Half: 12:00 (twelve) minutes with running clock.
7. All game officials shall be registered with the KHSAA.
8. The District Athletic Director shall work with the District Assigning Secretary to assign officials for the county tournament.
9. NFHS Running Clock Rule shall be in effect:
 - a. Running clock begins at a 20 (twenty) point differential in score between teams in the second half.
10. A Floyd County Conference Tournament will be held at the 4th Grade and 5th Grade levels.
11. Tournament host will provide the following at each level:
 - a. Winner's Trophy
 - b. 15 Winner Medallions
 - c. Runners Up Trophy
 - d. 15 Runners-Up Medallions
12. The basketball size shall be the same basketball as required by the NFHS for girl's high school basketball.
13. Free Throw line may be moved in to 14 (fourteen) feet-Foot Faults will be called.
14. All 5th Grade Games: No Full Court Pressing allowed – unless your team is down 10 or more points.
15. All 4th Grade Games and below: No Full Court Pressing allowed at any time.

Elementary Volleyball

1. Schools will be allowed two (2) scrimmages prior to their first season game. There shall be NO scrimmages played after season start date.
2. Participation in the Floyd County Conference shall consist of:
 - a. Each member school playing all other member schools in one (1) home and one away contest.
 - b. All Floyd County Conference games shall be completed one week (the Monday) before season end date. Or *the teams not completing a game in the allotted time will be given 1 win and 1 loss on their conference record for seeding purposes.
 - c. *Schools can appeal this decision to the District Athletic Director.
3. The Elementary School Conference Tournament will be seeded by wins/losses during the conference season. Forfeits, teams dropping out of conference play, etc. will be determined by the District Athletic Director with consensus of all School Athletic Directors.
4. Member schools may play a total of 18 games. The Conference Tournament will not count toward total game count.
5. Students may participate as follows:
 - a. Students in Grades 5 and below may participate on the 5th Grade Team.
 - b. Students in Grades 4 and below may participate on the 4th Grade Team.
6. Both teams shall receive equal warm-up time prior to the start of a match.
7. Foot Faults will be called.
8. Each school will attempt to provide 1 Adult Line Judge for each game (18 years of age or over).
9. Games will be as follows:
 - a. 5th Grade and 4th Grade Teams shall be Best of Two (2) of Three (3) Games.
 - b. The first two (2) sets to 18 points, must win by two (2) points or first team to 25 points.
 - c. If a third set is needed. First team to 15 points, win by two (2) points or first team to 20.
10. All game officials shall be registered with KHSAA.
11. The District Athletic Director shall work with and the athletic directors and coaches of each school to select officials for the county tournament
12. A Floyd County Conference Tournament will be held at the 5th Grade and 4th grade levels
13. Tournament host will provide the following:
 - a. Winner's Trophy
 - b. 15 Winner Medallions
 - c. Runners-Up Trophy
 - d. 15 Runners-up Medallions
14. K-5 base/serving shall be 3 feet inside the current volleyball court end line
15. A youth volleyball (7.5 – 8 oz.) for students under 12 will be used.

Middle School Volleyball

1. Schools will be allowed two (2) scrimmages prior to their first season game. There shall be NO scrimmages played after season start date.
2. Participation in the Floyd County Conference shall consist of:
 - a. Each member school playing all other member schools in one (1) home and one away contest.
 - b. All Floyd County Conference games shall be completed one week (the Monday) before season end date. Or *the teams not completing a game in the allotted time will be given 1 win and 1 loss on their conference record for seeding purposes.
 - c. *Schools can appeal this decision to the District Athletic Director.
3. The Middle School Conference Tournament will be seeded by wins/losses during the conference season. Forfeits, teams dropping out of conference play, etc. will be determined by the District Athletic Director with consensus of all School Athletic Directors.
4. Member schools may play a total of 24 games. The Conference Tournament will not count toward total game count.
5. Students may participate as follows:
 - a. Students in Grade 8 and below may participate on the 8th Grade Team.
 - b. Students in Grade 7 and below may participate on the 7th Grade Team.
 - c. Student in Grade 6 and below may participate on the 6th Grade Team.
6. Both teams shall receive equal warm-up time prior to the start of a match.
7. Each school will attempt to provide 1 Adult Line Judge for each game (18 years of age or over).
8. Games will be as follows:
 - a. 8th Grade shall be Best of Two (2) of Three (3) Games. The first two (2) sets to 21 points, must win by 2 points. If a third set is needed, the first to 15 points, must win by 2 points.
 - b. 7th Grade and 6th Grade Teams shall be Best of Two (2) of Three (3) Games. The first two (2) sets to 18 points, must win by two (2) points or first team to 25 points. If a third set is needed. First team to 15 points, win by two (2) points or first team to 20.
9. Foot Faults will be called
10. All game officials shall be registered with KHSAA.
11. The District Athletic Director shall work with and the athletic directors and coaches of each school to select officials for the county tournament
12. A Floyd County Conference Tournament will be held at the 6th Grade, 7th Grade and 8th Grade levels.
13. Tournament host will provide the following:
 - a. Winner's Trophy
 - b. 15 Winner Medallions
 - c. Runners-Up Trophy
 - d. 15 Runners-up Medallions

Middle School Football

1. Practice shall follow KHSAA Drill Level progression and must be recorded and documented (Appendix T-KHSAA Form FB122)
2. Heat Index must be recorded and documented daily (Appendix U-KHSAA FB135)
3. Schools will have Ten (10) regular season games with a maximum of two (2) pre-season scrimmages. There shall be NO scrimmages played after season start date.
 - a. *Seasons for teams competing in a recognized conference shall be extended until the play-off for that conference is completed for that participating team.
4. Participation in the Floyd County Conference shall consist of each member school playing all other member schools in one (1) contest.
5. The Middle School Conference Tournament shall be seeded by wins/losses during the conference season. Forfeits, teams dropping out of conference play, etc. will be determined by the District Athletic Director with consensus of all School Athletic Directors.
 - a. Students may participate as outlined in the Age/Grade chart for restriction for student participation in football.
 - b. Players will be allowed to play up 1 (one) level higher in competition. Such action shall require the approval of the coach, the school principal as well as written permission from the parent/guardian of the player (Appendix S must be completed and signed).
 - c. No player shall be allowed to move down a level of competition.
6. Length of games will be as follows:
 - a. A Team Games: 4 quarters: 8:00 (eight minutes) each quarter
 - b. B Team Games: 4 Quarters: 6:00 (six minutes) each quarter
 - c. All Games are to have a 10:00 minute half-time period
 - d. The clock shall be started and stopped according to National Federation of State High School Rules.
7. C Team Rules will be as follows:
 - a. All Conference Games shall be played on Saturdays.
 - b. The games will be rotated among the district schools that participate in football.
 - c. C - Team games may be played during the week against out-of-district teams.
 - d. C Team Length of games shall be:
 - i. 4 Quarters: 6:00 (six minutes) each quarter.
 - ii. All games are to have a 10:00 minute half-time period.
 - e. No lining up over top of the center.
 - f. No blitzing allowed.
8. All game officials shall be registered with KHSAA.
9. The District Athletic Director shall work with and the athletic directors and coaches of each school to select officials for the county tournament
10. A Floyd County Conference Tournament will be held at the A Team, B Team, and C Team levels
11. Tournament host will provide the following for each level:
 - a. Winner's Trophy
 - b. 25 Winner Medallions
 - c. Runners-Up Trophy
 - d. 25 Runners-up Medallions
12. Helmets will be KHSAA compliant.

Middle School Baseball / Softball

1. Schools will be allowed two (2) scrimmages prior to their first season game. There shall be NO scrimmages played after season start date.
2. Participation in the Floyd County Conference shall consist of:
 - a. Each member school playing all other member schools in one (1) home and one (1) away game.
 - b. All Floyd County Conference games shall be completed one week (the Monday) before season end date. Or *the teams not completing a game in the allotted time will be given 1 win and 1 loss on their conference record for seeding purposes.
 - c. *Schools can appeal this decision to the District Athletic Director.
3. The Middle School Conference Tournament will be seeded by wins/losses during the conference season. Forfeits, teams dropping out of conference play, etc. will be determined by the District Athletic Director with consensus of all School Athletic Directors.
4. Member schools may play a total of 27 (twenty-seven) games. The Conference Tournament will not count toward total game count.
5. Games will be as follows:
 - a. Baseball games will be 6 innings.
 - b. Softball games will be 6 innings.
 - c. Teams may play 5 inning Doubleheaders if necessary.
 - d. Mercy Rule is 15 or more run lead after 3 innings or a minimum of 10 run lead after 4 innings.
 - e. The length of B Team games in both Softball and Baseball will be determined by participating schools, but shall be no more than 5 innings.
6. The NFHS Rules shall govern the game play, players, and equipment used-helmets must be KHSAA compliant.
7. All game officials shall be registered with KHSAA-Games may utilize one (1) official but both participating teams must agree.
8. The District Athletic Director shall work with and the athletic directors and coaches of each school to select officials for the county tournament
9. A Floyd County Conference Tournament will be held at the A Team level for both baseball and softball.
10. Tournament host will provide the following for each level:
 - a. Winner's Trophy
 - b. 20 Winner Medallions
 - c. Runners-Up Trophy
 - d. 20 Runners-up Medallions
11. KHSAA recommended Middle School Pitch Count shall govern baseball. Teams will provide pitch count sheets electronically to the District Athletic Director. All pitch count forms to date, need to be uploaded prior to the start of the Floyd County Conference Tournament. (Appendix V-KHSAA Form BA101)

Middle School Golf

1. A Golf Team will consist of a minimum 4 members per team competing regularly.
2. Participation in the Floyd County Conference shall consist of:
 - a. Each member school playing all other member schools in one (1) home and one (1) away game.
3. All Floyd County Conference games shall be completed one week (the Monday) before season end date. Or *the teams not completing a game in the allotted time will be given 1 win and 1 loss on their conference record for seeding purposes.
4. *Schools can appeal this decision to the District Athletic Director.
5. The Middle School Conference Tournament will be seeded by wins/losses during the conference season. Forfeits, teams dropping out of conference play, etc. will be determined by the District Athletic Director with consensus of all School Athletic Directors.
6. There should be no more than two (2) practice matches before season start date.
7. A season may consist of a maximum of 15 matches. The Floyd County Conference Tournament does not count toward total number of matches played.
8. A match will consist of a minimum of 5 holes completed and a maximum of 9 holes.
9. Stroke allotment per hole will be double par.
10. A Floyd County Conference Tournament will be held for Golf.
11. Tournament host will have an adult stationed at each hole to ensure scoring is recorded correctly.
12. Tournament host will provide the following for each level:
 - b. Winner's Trophy
 - c. Team number of Winner Medallions
 - d. Runners-Up Trophy
 - e. Team number of Runners-up Medallions
 - f. Top Male Golfer
 - g. Top Female Golfer

Middle School / Elementary Archery

1. Practice will begin on September 1
2. There will be no limits on competitions.
3. Coaches will be required to adhere to Floyd County Schools coaching requirements needed to coach.
4. Archery coaches will be required to have Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) training through the Region Coordinator for Archery in the Schools Program.
5. Students must have all required documentation to participate.
6. There will be no limits of team members.
7. Floyd County District Tournament will be held.
8. Season will end with the completion of State Archery or after District completion if no team or team member advances to State.

Middle School Soccer

1. Practice may begin on February 15. The first season game may be played on March 18.
2. Schools may play 18 games during the season. This includes regular season games and tournaments with the exception of post-season play.
3. Two scrimmage games may be played prior to the beginning of the season (March 18).
4. Season will end on the Saturday before the last day of school.
5. Games will be 2 – 30 minutes halves with a 10-minute half time.
6. Students must have all required documentation to participate.
7. The National Federation of High School Association rules book will govern games, players, and equipment.

Middle School – High School Cheerleading / Dance Team

1. Students trying out must be given all rules /regulations before tryouts begin.
2. If tryouts are conducted, it shall be the responsibility of the team coach to organize and conduct the tryouts. The sponsor/cheer coach shall be responsible for the method or procedure of how team members are selected-it is recommended that KAPOS judges be used for tryouts.
3. Tryouts shall be held after school hours.
4. Tryouts shall be announced and publicized at least two weeks in advance to all students, including feeder schools, and must be open to both boys and girls.
5. Prior to tryouts, the sponsor shall ensure that all students meet FCS and KHSAA eligibility requirements as approved by the district in this document.
6. The Cheerleading and Dance Season ends with the last postseason basketball game unless a squad is participating in a KHSAA competition.

Guidelines for the Use of a Consultant (All Schools)

1. A consultant is a private individual, not employed directly by the Floyd County Board of Education, who works for an identified length of time with a cheer or dance team.
2. A consultant working with students in any Floyd County School facility shall successfully complete the volunteer training program and crime check.
3. The Cheer/Dance Coach shall be in attendance whenever the consultant is working with their team.
4. Individual team members may attend a studio or gym but those arrangements are strictly between the member's parent/guardians and the business owner.
5. No team member shall be penalized in any way for not attending a studio/gym.

Section V General

Practice Sessions/Games

1. No regular season practice sessions or games are permitted in any Floyd County public school on legal holidays. (i.e., Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, or Martin Luther King Jr. Day) without prior approval from the Principal. No elementary or middle school team shall practice on Sunday without prior approval of the principal and/or superintendent.
2. If an emergency arises and a tournament must be concluded on a Sunday or a holiday, permission may be granted by the Superintendent.
3. Regional, state tournaments or competitions that must take place on Sunday due to travel may be permitted: permission shall be requested from the Superintendent.
4. No player shall be penalized for missing practice during family vacation and IF the absence is in advance with the coach/principal for the sport involved.

Out-of-Season Conditioning Program

1. Students involved in a conditioning program shall have a Physical form, proof of insurance, a signed drug testing consent form and parent consent form signed (included on the physical form)
2. A conditioning program shall be allowable if no equipment that would aid skill building is present or used. This conditioning program shall be open to all students, male and female. A coach shall be present at all times during a conditioning program.
3. Weight training is not considered organized practice.
4. Out-of-season conditioning programs shall not interfere with an athlete's participation in a regular in-season sport without a release from the coach of the in-season sport. Athletes of an in-season sport shall have an equal opportunity to try out for the next season's sport (e.g., fall sports to winter sports, winter sports to spring sports).

Pep Rallies

Pep rallies be at the discretion of the school principal and shall be in compliance with Title IX.

Signs and Noisemakers at Athletic Events

1. The following signs are permitted at Floyd County Schools Athletic Events:
 - a) Signs that display the school's name.
 - b) Signs that display the school's colors.
 - c) Signs that display the school's nickname or mascot
2. All artificial noisemakers such as bells and whistles (need to match KHSAA regulations) are banned from athletic events.

Scheduling of Athletic Events

1. No member of the Floyd County Elementary/Middle School Athletic Conference shall participate in more than three (3) contests per week. *This shall not include rescheduled events or tournaments. The athletic week shall begin on Sunday and end on the following Saturday.
2. All schedules for athletic events shall have approval of the school principal.
3. Practice or Games on days school is not in session due to inclement weather shall occur at the discretion of the principal of each school after consultation with the Transportation Director and the Superintendent.

4. The Floyd County Tournament shall be hosted by the elementary/middle schools on a rotating basis. (See chart on page 20).
5. The superintendent shall approve any athletic contest scheduled on Sunday.
6. Elementary/Middle School may play a single game or match during state assessments, provided the game starts no later than 6:00pm.
7. No athletic contest shall take place during the instructional day.
8. Decisions regarding the cancellation of games shall be made by the principals of participating schools after consultation with the Transportation Director and the Superintendent.

Ticket Prices for Regular Season Home Games

Admission prices to athletic events sponsored by any Floyd County School.

Tickets to athletic contests for which admission is charged shall be sold until the end of half-time of the varsity contest.

All Floyd County employees and retired employees are admitted free with badges.

High School

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|-------------------------|--------|---|-----------|
| • Adult | \$5.00 | Seniors (minimum age 55 years) | \$3.00 |
| • Student | \$5.00 | Children (under age 6 accompanied by adult) | No Charge |
| • Floyd County Students | \$1.00 | | |

Middle/Elementary

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|-----------|--------|---|-----------|
| • Adult | \$5.00 | Seniors (minimum age 55 years) | \$3.00 |
| • Student | \$1.00 | Children (under age 6 accompanied by adult) | No Charge |

- All tickets will be sold at gate unless otherwise posted at the school.
- Season passes may be sold at 80% cost of full ticket prices. (For example, a team has 10 home games. The fan will pay the cost of 8 games.)

Invitational Tournaments/Post Season Tournaments

The following ticket prices are subject to change at the discretion of the school principal:

- a) Invitational Tournaments
- b) Bowl Games
- c) Floyd County Schools Conference Tournaments
- d) KHSAA Post Season Tournaments

Corresponding Grade/Age Chart for Middle/Elementary School Football

The age correlates with KHSAA Bylaw 3 - Age.

A - Team Football	8 th Grade	15 years old after August 1st
	7 th Grade	14 years old after August 1st
B - Team Football	6 th Grade	13 years old after August 1st
	5 th Grade	12 years old after August 1st
C - Team Football	4 th Grade	11 years old after August 1st
	3 rd Grade	10 years old after August 1st

- Students may play up 1 (one) level with waiver documentation (Appendix R)
- Age is current with school year enrolled

Grade and age chart for Non-football athletic activities. The age correlates with KHSAA Bylaw 3 - Age.

8 th Grade	15 years old after August 1st
7 th Grade	14 years old after August 1st
6 th Grade	13 years old after August 1st
5 th Grade	12 years old after August 1st
4 th Grade	11 years old after August 1st
3 rd Grade	10 years old after August 1st
2 nd Grade	9 years old after August 1st
1 st Grade	8 years old after August 1st
Kindergarten	7 years old after August 1st

- Age is current with school year enrolled

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS 2023-2024

Athletic Conference Timeline

SPORT	Season Starting Date (Practice)	Season Starting Date (Play)	Season End Date	County Tournament	# of Games
Girls Basketball (MS)	July 10	August 15	October 13	Week of October 16	27
Football	July 10	August 10	October 6	Week of October 9	10
Boys Basketball (MS)	October 2	October 23	January 19	Week of January 22	27
Volleyball (MS)	January 3	January 17	March 18	Week of March 20	27
K-5 Volleyball	January 3	January 17	March 8	Week of March 11	18
Baseball Softball	February 19	March 18	May 10	Week of May 13	27
K-5 Basketball-Girls	July 10	August 15	October 6	Week of October 10	20
K-5 Basketball-Boys	September 18	October 11	December 8	Week of December 11	20
Soccer (MS)	February 15	March 18	May 10	None	18
Golf	July 10	Week of July 24	September 8	Week of September 11	15
Archery	September 18	N/A	N/A	District – Week of March 25	N/A

Elementary and Middle School Tournament Host

School Year	Middle School	K-5
2023-24	South Floyd Elementary	May Valley
2024-25	Stumbo Elementary	Prestonsburg Elementary
2025-26	May Valley Elementary	South Floyd Elementary
2026-27	Adams Middle School	Stumbo Elementary
2027-28	Allen Elementary	Allen Elementary
2028-29	DACE	BLES

Elementary School
Official Fee Rates
Effective 2023-24 Season

SPORT	A Team	B Team	C Team
Football	N/A	N/A	\$25.00
Basketball	\$20.00	\$20.00	Developmental- One 12:00 Minute Half - \$10.00
Volleyball	\$20.00	\$20.00	N/A

*If one (1) official is utilized in any game – both teams must agree and the official will receive a rate of one (1) + point five (.5) for each game officiated.

Middle School
Official Fee Rates
Effective 2023-24 Season

SPORT	A Team	B Team	C Team
Football	\$55.00	\$40.00	N/Z
Basketball	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
Volleyball	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
Baseball	Varsity \$60.00 (6 innings)	JV \$40.00 (3 innings)	N/A
Softball	Varsity \$60.00 (6 innings)	JV \$40.00 (3 innings)	N/A
Soccer	Varsity \$40.00	JV \$30.00	

*If one (1) official is utilized in any game – both teams must agree and the official will receive a rate of one (1) + point five (.5) for each game officiated.

Assigning Secretary Fee Rates

- \$100.00 per sport – per season