

NOAH Athletic Handbook



NOAH is run entirely by volunteers! If you have a child or children participating in NOAH, we need you! From the smallest jobs to the largest, NOAH gets things done by the volunteers that offer their time and talents for the benefit of not only your children, but other children, too!

History

In March of 1998, members from 17 families met together to organize Northeast Oklahoma Association of Homeschools. Basketball and cheerleading were the flagship sports, but the desire of those founding NOAH was to be an umbrella organization for all competitive sports that had the volunteers to administer them. In 2000 Varsity golf was added (check Sports section for full list of sports currently offered), followed by elementary flag football in 2001. NOAH baseball began with an elementary team in 2003, expanding to Junior High in 2004 and Varsity baseball in 2005. NOAH girl's volleyball had one season in 2004, and we hope to see its return soon. NOAH tackle football began with a Junior High team in 2004, a Junior Varsity in 2005, and Varsity in 2006. NOAH Tennis got its start in 2005. We are excited about the inaugural year of girl's softball this fall! NOAH also has an ultimate frisbee team which competes around the Tulsa area.

So you see, NOAH has been busy the last decade, and we are excited about what the future holds for the athletic opportunities for our home educated children!

Administration

NOAH is a 501c3 Non Profit Corporation which means that donors may deduct contributions made to NOAH to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no considerations received.

NOAH Board of Directors: The NOAH Board of Directors consists of nine members who serve staggered, 3-year terms. The board is the governing authority of the organization, which is, by law, accountable for and has the responsibility over the organization's resources and activities. It is responsible for directing, influencing, and monitoring the organization's business.

Meetings are commonly held on a monthly basis.

Current NOAH Board of Directors:

President	Paul Foster	fosterfam@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer	Tim Ogden	tim.ogden@gt.com
Secretary	Melissa Boss	melissaboss@lamarsystems.com
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Director	Mike Ratzlaff	drratzlaffhealth@aol.com
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Current NOAH Athletic Directors:

NOAH Athletic Directors have the responsibility of administrating their sport, recruiting their necessary staff (including coaches), reporting to the NOAH Board of Directors, and overseeing the scheduling process among other duties necessary to the administration and development of their sport.

Current NOAH Athletic Directors:

Baseball:

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Basketball:

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Cheer:

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Flag Football:

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Softball:

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Tennis:

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Ultimate Frisbee:

Dominic Halsmer dhalsmer@oru.edu

Welcome to Northeast Oklahoma Association of Homeschools, or NOAH, as we like to call it!

This handbook was designed especially for the parents and participants of NOAH. Each section has been separated by subject so that you may easily find the information you are looking for. All information should be updated on a yearly basis.

The first thing you should know about NOAH is that the specific objective of this organization is to provide educational and athletic services to the homeschooling community. These services will be provided to promote a positive Christian atmosphere for all members and participants.

We are unapologetically a Christian organization. Our board members, athletic directors and coaches are required to sign a Statement of Faith as well as a Code of Conduct.

As we desire to minister to the homeschooling community, our athletes are not required to sign a Statement of Faith but they are required to read, sign, and adhere to a Code of Conduct put forth by NOAH.

Participants are responsible for knowing the information contained in this handbook.

Sports

For the 2007-2008 season, NOAH is offering the following competitive sports:

Baseball:

Elementary Boys, competitive and developmental
Junior High Boys, competitive and developmental
Varsity Boys, competitive only

Basketball:

Elementary Girls and Boys, competitive and developmental
Junior High Girls and Boys, competitive and developmental
Varsity Girls and Boys, competitive only

Cheer:

Elementary Girls
Junior High Girls
Varsity Girls

Flag Football:

Elementary Boys

Tackle Football (11-Man):

Junior High Boys
Varsity Boys

Soccer:

Varsity Girls, competitive only
Varsity Boys, competitive only

Softball:

Varsity Girls

Tennis:

Varsity Girls, competitive only
Varsity Boys, competitive only

Ultimate Frisbee:

One, coed team

Policies and Procedures:

1. Code of Conducts: ALL participants of NOAH- Coaches, athletes and parents are required to read, sign, and agree to abide by the NOAH Code of Conducts found at the back of this handbook and on the NOAH website.

2. Eligibility Requirements for all sports:

Age Requirements: Ages are to be determined by the age of the athlete by September 1st. For elementary, the athlete must be no older than 12 years old by September 1st of this year; junior high, the athlete must be no older than 14 on September 1st of this year; Varsity, the athlete must be no older than 18 on September 1st of this year.

Varsity Competitive Sports:

1. Athlete must meet age eligibility.
2. Athlete can only participate in 4 years of Varsity level competition (unless sport is exempted by the board for extenuating circumstances)
3. Athlete cannot have participated in any formal high school graduation ceremony.
4. Athlete can take up to 6 hours of concurrent enrollment.

Other Requirements:

1. NOAH offers athletic opportunities to students who are at least 50% home educated. For a player to be considered homeschooled, 50% of their education must arrive from at least one of the following sources:

- A) Taught at home by the player's parents, grandparents and/or legal guardian.
- B) Taught at home by an older sibling of at least 18 years of age.
- C) Taught at home, or some else's home, by another homeschool parent tutor, provided that it is done under the player's parent's supervision.
- D) Taught at a central location (i.e. a homeschool coop classes) by a homeschool parent or tutor, given that the player is still taught at least 50% by their parents, grandparents, and/or legal guardian regardless of location.

2. Academics: Each player must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA (on a 4 point scale) during the active sport season. The player's parent must sign each sport's Player/Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form to verify academic eligibility.

3. Private School participation: Students from private schools may participate with NOAH only if the school in which they attend does not offer that particular competitive sport.

Conflict Resolution:

NOAH has a very strict policy guiding the resolution of conflicts and problems that arise within teams. It is much wiser to try and handle any conflict/problem with the person with whom you have the conflict/problem. We recognize that this is not always possible, therefore once you have attempted to resolve such matters, here is the chain of command for such an event.

1. First, talk to the COACH of your team to try and resolve any conflict or problem that arises.

2. IF the conflict/problem cannot be resolved with the coach, then you may take the conflict/problem to the Athletic Director

3. IF the conflict/problem cannot be resolved by the Athletic Director, then you may contact the board through the President of NOAH. The NOAH board has the final authority to settle issues within NOAH.

Fees:

Fees are assessed by each sport with consideration of uniforms, rental facilities and equipment necessary to train and compete. Due dates for fees are set by each sport and need to be adhered to. NOAH maintains a NO PAY/NO PLAY policy towards collection of fees. Due to the fact that fees are determined by number of athletes, NOAH does NOT offer refunds after a commitment to play has been made.