

Allatoona High School

“Anchored in Excellence”

**3300 Dallas–Acworth Highway NW
Acworth, GA 30101**



2022-2023

Players & Parents Handbook



High School Basketball Parent's Meeting Season Overview & Information

Nov. 2nd, 2022

Dear Parents and Student-Athletes,

Welcome to the Parent Meeting to kick off the 2022-23 basketball season for Allatoona High School. We have prepared this handbook to help you in understanding the various aspects of the Allatoona Basketball Program. We have attempted to answer the most common questions, but we may have not answered all the questions so please feel free to ask.

The Boys and I are enthusiastically ready for the upcoming season. Our goal as a coaching staff will be to provide competitive teams at the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman levels. All Coaches will focus on the skill development of every student-athlete regardless of individual talent. By doing so, coaches can instill in each student-athlete fundamental values such as the ability to appreciate and foster friendship, respect, and trust during competition.

Under our guidance, Allatoona Buccaneer basketball will be built on the standards of sportsmanship and excellence. We are hopeful that all parties involved may represent themselves in a positive and supportive manner and set a good example for the young men and women representing Allatoona High School. Ultimately, our active and progressively responsible experience has prepared us well to directly impact the future success of Allatoona Buccaneer Basketball and its players. We can assure you that we will tirelessly work to bring academic and athletic prominence to Allatoona High School.

Sincerely,

Coach Phillips



VISION

Family

OUR VISION will be based on the concept of Family. Our goal is to instill in each member of the Allatoona Basketball Program, a desire for program excellence while maintaining a sense of team spirit, community pride, and camaraderie that is essential to any collective effort. Ultimately, lessons learned through our basketball program will constitute a valuable component of each student-athlete's overall basketball experience. TOGETHER, the Allatoona Buccaneers Basketball Program will strive to represent the BEST the county and state has to offer.

MISSION

BE HUMBLE and WORK HARD

Five values that we will emphasize in the Allatoona Men's Basketball Program

- Humility (Selflessness, Respectfulness, and Putting Others' Needs in Front of Yours)
- Integrity (Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds)
- Passion (Be Humble, Be Hungry and ALWAYS Be the Hardest Worker in the Room)
- Relentless Effort (Hard work Beats Talent when Talent Doesn't Work Hard)
- Family (If Everyone Is Moving Forward Together, Success Will Take Care of Itself)

RULES

Make WINNING decisions on and off the Court

- Aspire to be a 3.0 or higher student-athlete with professional classroom etiquette
- DRUG and ALCOHOL-FREE
- Be on time- DO NOT BE LATE
- Be supportive and respectful
- Be committed with NO Excuses



Allatoona Basketball Parent and Player Handbook Student/Athlete Expectations

Coaches

- Allatoona Coaching Staff: allatoonabasketballstaff@gmail.com
- Varsity and Sub Varsity (JV) - Coach Chad Phillips: chad.phillips@cobbk12.org
- Varsity and Sub Varsity (JV) - Coach Aaron Harrison Aaron.Harrison@cobbk12.org
- Varsity and Sub Varsity (JV) - Coach Brian Fisher Brian.Fisher@cobbk12.org
- Varsity and Sub Varsity (JV) - Coach Matt Perrin mperrin031@icloud.com
- Varsity and Sub Varsity (JV) - Coach Kim Moore kim@ugicompanies.com
- Freshmen Head Coach - Coach Josh Cowart joshua.cowart@cobbk12.org
- Freshmen Assistant Coach - Coach Cameron Charles ccharles0501@gmail.com

Executive Board

- President - Mary Catherine Soulsby ahsbucsbasketball@gmail.com
- Treasurer - Marty Mappes ahstreasurer.basketball@gmail.com
- Vice President - Tricia Burdick ahsvicerepresident.basketball@gmail.com
- Concessions and Dibs/Volunteer Coordinator - Geri Das das.geri@yahoo.com
- Allatoona Coaching Staff: allatoonabasketballstaff@gmail.com

Communication Feel Free to follow the following websites and/or social media for updates

- Allatoona Athletic Website: <https://allatoonabucs.com/>
- Allatoona Basketball Website: <https://www.allatoonabasketball.com/>
- Allatoona Athletic Twitter: @toona_athletics https://twitter.com/toona_athletics
- Allatoona Basketball Twitter: @AllatoonaHoops <https://twitter.com/allatoonahoops?lang=en>
- Allatoona Recruits Twitter: @Toona_Recruits https://twitter.com/toona_recruits?lang=en

STACK TEAM APP (See the Attachment) (PRIORITY)

- Allatoona Bucs Basketball now has their own smartphone app which is 100% FREE to join. It will keep you updated with all the latest news, events, schedules and much more.
- To get the full features of this app please go to the App Store or Google Play and download Stack Team App onto your mobile device, then follow these simple steps:
 - Sign-up to Stack Team App. You'll be sent an e-mail to activate your account.
 - Log-in and search for Allatoona Bucs Basketball, then request to become a member.

Physicals

- A current Physical must be upload into Parent View and cleared by our Athletic Department for your son to be able to participate in any basketball activities.
- It will be your responsibility to provide a physical for your son.

Practice Responsibility

- This is a very competitive sport and your participation in every practice is expected and required. We practice every day; therefore, not attending is not acceptable. Please make every effort for your child to attend.
- When your son might miss a practice, I ask that you notify their coach as soon as possible. If they continually miss practice, we cannot play them in the game, as they will not be prepared to play the Allatoona Basketball way.
- Also, when Freshmen players have a later start time for practices, they will be required to sit in the gym during Varsity practices and study, unless they have a ride home and will return on time. They can NOT wander around campus.
- It is imperative that your player inform their coaches if they are going to miss a practice prior to the start of practice. Planning practices are done days in advanced and it is vital that we know in time to adjust our plans.

Playing Time, Game Strategy and Decision Making:

- Please remember parents the influence you have on your child is infinite. One conversation or negative comment can ruin the substance of your child's team. A team sport needs each player to support the team effort, vision and goals. Please be careful to not tear down your players teammates and coaches. It is in the best interest of our young men to allow the coaches to handle coaching. Agree or disagree, please be the beacon of light that brightens our young men's lives. We believe these young men have the capability to soar and we will continue to hold them to a high standard.
- Decision-making is a fundamental element of any sport, especially in a fast, dynamic team sports such as basketball. These strategies and Decisions are at the discretion of the coaching staff and are based on the knowledge of their team from hours of practice and game experience. Agree or disagree, we respectfully ask that you remain supportive and encouraging of your child, his teammates and his coaches. We ask that you refrain from shouting instructions from the stands, as it may contradict what your players coaches are looking for.
- A player's work ethic, knowledge of our offensive and defensive concepts, obedience of established rules of conduct, and overall skill level are all determining factors in playing time. There is no guarantee of specific playing time for any player. It is hoped that the overall quality of the team experience will carry its own rewards.
- We reserve the right to remove an athlete from the team because of not conforming to the Allatoona Basketball rules and expectations.

Sportsmanship

- All Students-Athletes and Parents are always expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner remembering that they represent Allatoona High School.
- Unsportsmanlike-like Conduct will not be tolerated and may be grounds for suspension from the team, removal from the team and possible banishment from any Basketball activity.
- Parents should be the biggest fan of their son and his teammates.
- Parents, please be respectful to your coaches and refrain from trying to coach from the sidelines.
- Good sportsmanship toward the referees is expected. Referees will not change a call based on the screams, complaints, or disparaging comments by the fans. We teach our players to expect calls will not go our way, so they must play through them.
- After games, be encouraging and supportive. Based on conversations with our players, they need time to decompress after a game and negative feedback only makes them feel worse than they may already feel.

Eligibility for Season

- The Buccaneer Basketball Family likes to promote excellence in the classroom. We expect that our student athletes maintain a (3.0) or higher GPA.
- If a player grade report indicates a decrease in their ability and lower grades, it is at the coach's discretion to apply game and practices consequences.
- Probationary Status -During the 1st Semester, A member of the Allatoona Basketball team may not participate in any games if they have 3 or more failing grades. If they show improvement and raise their grades above a failing grade, they will be allowed to participate, prior to the 1st Semester ending.
- At the completion of our 1st semester, a student will become academically ineligible if they have at least 2 failing grades or a GPA below 2.0. Therefore, they would not be able to participate in ANY basketball activity for the 2nd semester and must be removed from entirely of the Allatoona Basketball Program.

Academic Lounge

- Students already failing courses, or they are in danger of failing courses. The rules for participation are below. Please make sure you are aware of what is going on and do your best to support these policies.
 - A student may come to the academic lounge at any point and time during their lunch if they need a quiet place to study or do work. It is open for them to take advantage of on their own.
 - A student who is failing **one course**, or in danger of failing a course, should come to the academic lounge during lunch at your prompting. Please encourage them to take advantage.
 - A student who is failing **two courses** **MUST** come to the academic lounge during lunch in order to remain in good standing and continue to get to play or participate.
 - A student who is failing **three courses** **MUST** come to the academic lounge during lunch, **AND** after a discussion is had with the academic coordinator and the academic support specialist, **MAY** be required to sit until the grades are pulled up to passing.
 - A student who is failing all **four courses** **MUST** come to the academic lounge during lunch, **AND** they will sit until they are in good academic standing.

School day Attendance

- Student-Athletes who are not present for at least ½ a day cannot practice or participate in games without a doctor or administrative excuse. Students who accumulate 10 or more tardies will have ISS and are unable to practice or participate on days they are in ISS. These rules will be upheld this year, so please remind your players that there are no exceptions to the ISS rule.
- **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)** Students who are assigned ISS are ineligible for extra-curricular activities, athletic practices, and games through the last full day of the ISS assignment.
- **OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS)** Severe behavior infractions may result in a student being suspended out of school. A suspended student will **NOT** participate in ANY school functions or be on school grounds during the suspension. Suspension ends when the student is readmitted to the classroom.

Classroom Etiquette

- I will be checking in on your player's teachers to see if their classroom etiquette exhibits that of a Allatoona Student athlete. If your student falls into any of the 'NOT Tolerated' categories, consequence will follow by the discretion of the Coaching Staff. No exceptions.
 - Expectations (Grades are a priority)
 - Attentive and Respectful
 - Work and Task Completion is high
 - Class leader
 - Not tolerated (ISS or OSS)
 - NO TARDIES
 - Sleeping in Class
 - Lack of participation and/or excessive talking
 - Disruptive insubordinate and/or disrespectful to teachers/admin or peers.

Team Shoes

- The players will NOT be required to wear team shoes. The only REQUIREMENT is that they must represent Allatoona Colors in some capacity (Red, white or Black). No multi-color shoes. The Brand does NOT matter. I want to make sure they are comfortable with the footwear they will be wearing.

Practice Gear (Fall and Season)

- Reversible practice (tops). It is mandatory that each player be fitted with matching practice gear to ensure structure and fluidity during practices and games. You may purchase a new set if needed.

Game day attire:

- Players will be expected to dress accordingly on games. Coaches and/or Captains will decide what attire will be worn on Game days during school and to/from the games

Cell Phones:

- Cell phones are to be turned off upon entering the gym for practice or any other team function. Please no interruptions.

Lettering

- To letter in Varsity, JV or Freshmen Basketball, everyone must play in at least 3 games and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

Transportation

- Buses- We will be using Buses as our transportation. However, there will be a few times where the Buses will do drop off only.
- Parent Transportation – There will be a few games where Parents must transport their own child.
- When returning home after a game in which the players took a bus, they may go home with their parents. However, they must inform a coach that they will be doing so.

WINTER and SPRING SPORTS OVERLAP

- We highly encourage our basketball players to play multiple sports in High School. However, I do have to inform all our Spring Sport athletes, that their basketball season will overlap with their respective Spring Sport. Please refer to the GHS website for playdates so you can be aware of the amount of time your player might miss. It is the expectation of Allatoona High School and our Allatoona Basketball program that your player will fulfill their basketball obligation.

LOCKERS

- It is highly recommended that your athlete get a locker to help store their items. Please see Ms. Cockrell in Admin 4 at any time.

Summer Basketball

- Unofficially starts in Late May and will continue through June
- It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that you participate in the summer basketball program.
- If you are playing another sport, we hope you plan accordingly to attend daily and participate to the fullest.
- If you play on an AAU team, please understand that Allatoona basketball is priority #1. Please avoid scheduling conflicts.
- During the summertime, all teams will be participating in a variety of different Basketball tournaments and leagues. These important games during the summer are by INVITE ONLY, by the coaching staff.

Holidays and Basketball

- High School basketball does infringe on all of our Holidays during the winter. I wanted to let you know in advanced of our Holiday Schedule. **(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**
- Thanksgiving Break
 - Varsity
 - DAYS OFF (NO practice/Games 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th)
 - Games at North Forsyth Nov 19th, 21st and 22nd
 - Practice Nov 26th
 - Sub Varsity (JV)
 - DAYS OFF (No Practice/Games Nov 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th)
 - Practice Nov 26th
 - Freshmen
 - Non-Mandatory practices may be held depending on your coach's availability
 - DAYS OFF (No Practice/Games Nov 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 27th)
- Christmas Break (Dec 19th - Jan 4th)
 - Varsity
 - Game Days @ Carrollton HS (Dec 21st and 22nd)
 - Game Days @ Campbell HS (Dec 28th, 29th and 30th)
 - Practice Days (Dec 17th, 19th, 27th, Jan 3rd and Jan 4th)
 - Days Off (No Practice/Games Dec 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, Dec 31st, Jan 1st and Jan 2nd)
 - Sub Varsity (JV)
 - Practice Days (Dec 17th, 19th, 27th, Jan 3rd and Jan 4th)
 - Days Off(No Practice/Games Dec 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, Dec 31st, Jan 1st and Jan 2nd)
 - Freshmen
 - Non-Mandatory practices will be held depending on your coach's availability
 - Days Off (No Practice/Games Dec 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, Dec 31st, Jan 1st and Jan 2nd)
- MLK Day (Jan 16th) -ALL LEVELS Practices TBA
- Winter Break (Feb 20th-24th)
 - Varsity Practice/Games -Region Tournament
 - Sub Varsity (JV) and Freshmen Season Completed prior to this date

Community Services

- Being an Allatoona Basketball player requires a commitment more than just playing. We expect our athletes to serve others and help grow their influence. They will be asked to accumulate at least 10 hours of community service throughout the 2022 school year.
- Shop with a Buc - Allatoona students will once again serve as Santa's helpers as they escort students in need on a shopping trip through Target.
- Give Back -Get Back - Allatoona Students give back to our amazing community by providing help in any capacity.
- Opening Car Doors - Students earn 2 community service hours for each Friday they participate. The athletic department gets great feedback from the elementary schools when our students show up on Fridays. It makes a such a positive impact! Your player must use the Signup Genius link to participate. The link can be found on our Stack Team App. One important detail to note: all students opening car doors are required to wear a jersey or a full uniform, so they are easily identified as Allatoona students.

NCAA Eligibility Center

- If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Plan to register before starting your freshman year of high school (or year nine of secondary school). The information below will help guide you through the registration process. <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- High School Timeline
 - 12th Grade
 - Take the ACT or SAT again; if necessary, and make sure we get your scores using cod 9999.
 - Request your final amateurism certification after April 1
 - After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation.
 - 11th Grade
 - Check with your counselor to make sure you on track to graduate on time.
 - Take the ACT or SAT, and make sure we get your scores by using code 9999
 - At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official transcript.
 - 10th Grade
 - Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org
 - If you fall behind on courses, don't take shortcuts to catch up. Ask your counselor with help finding approved courses or programs you can take
 - 9th Grade
 - Starting Planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can
 - Ask your counselors for a list of your high school's NCAA core courses to make sure you take the right classes. Or, find your high school's list of NCAA core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist



2022-23 Game Schedule

Date	Day	H/A	Opponent	Varsity Boys	JV Boys	9th Boys	Event
10-Nov	Thursday	Home	Cartersville (Scrimmage)	6:30pm (M)	JV vs. 9th Scrimmage 4:30pm (A)		
15-Nov	Tuesday	Away	South Cobb	x	x	x	
18-Nov	Friday	Away	Paulding County	x	6:00pm (M)	4:30pm (M)	
19-Nov	Saturday	Away	North Forsyth Tournament	8:30pm (M)	x	x	
21-Nov	Monday	Away	North Forsyth Tournament	8:30pm (M)	x	x	
22-Nov	Tuesday	Away	North Forsyth Tournament	TBD	x	x	
29-Nov	Tuesday	Away	North Cobb	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	6:00pm (A)	
2-Dec	Friday	Home	Kennesaw Mt.	7:30pm (M)	6:00pm (M)	4:30pm (M)	Jr. Buc Appreciation Night
		Away	Osborne	x	x	x	
3-Dec	Saturday	Away	Etowah	x	12:45pm (M)	2:00pm (M)	
6-Dec	Tuesday	Home	*Creekview	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	5:45pm (A)	
9-Dec	Friday	Away	*Rome	7:30pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	
13-Dec	Tuesday	Home	*River Ridge	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	5:45pm (A)	
16-Dec	Friday	Home	Lassiter	7:30pm (M)	x	4:30pm vs Cartersville (M)	
17-Dec	Saturday	Away	*River Ridge	x	11:30am (M)	10:00am (M)	
19-Dec	Monday	Away	Luella @ Carrollton HS	5:30pm (A)	x	x	
20-Dec	Tuesday	Away	McIntosh @ Carrollton HS	1:00pm (A)	x	x	
28-Dec	Wednesday	Away	Campbell Tournament	TBD	x	x	
29-Dec	Thursday	Away	Campbell Tournament	TBD	x	x	
30-Dec	Friday	Away	Campbell Tournament	TBD	x	x	
4-Jan	Wednesday	Away	*Sequoyah	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	6:00pm (A)	
6-Jan	Friday	Away	*Woodstock	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	5:45pm (A)	
13-Jan	Friday	Home	*Etowah	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	5:45pm (A)	AYBL Appreciation Night
17-Jan	Tuesday	Away	*Creekview	7:30pm (M)	x	x	
18-Jan	Wednesday	Away	*Creekview	x	7:30pm (M)	6:00pm (M)	
20-Jan	Friday	Home	*Rome	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	5:45pm (A)	Teacher Appreciation Night
24-Jan	Tuesday	Away	*River Ridge	7:30pm (M)	x	x	
27-Jan	Friday	Home	*Sequoyah	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	5:45pm (A)	
31-Jan	Tuesday	Home	*Woodstock	7:30pm (M)	4:30pm (A)	5:45pm (A)	Senior Night
7-Feb	Tuesday	Away	*Etowah	7:30pm (M)	x	x	
2/9-2/17		Away	Region Tournament @ Rome				

* Denotes Region Game
M= Main Gym
A=Aux Gym

AD--Amie Howard
Head Men's Varsity - Chad Phillips
Head Men's JV - Kim Moore
Head Men's 9th - Josh Cowart

Principal - Candace Wilkes
Assistant - Aaron Harrison
Assistant - Brian Fisher
Assistant - Cameron Charles
Assistant - Matt Perrin
Scorekeeper- Mark Bagwell
Player Manager - Messiah Good



stack team app



Allatoona Bucs Basketball

Join our app to stay up to date with our latest information - it's free!

Follow these steps to join our app:

1. Scan the QR code below & download Stack Team App or visit www.teamapp.com.
2. Sign up to Stack Team App and log in to your account.
3. Search for 'Allatoona Bucs Basketball' and request to join.



SCAN ME



Contact:

Coach Phillips

chad.phillips@cobbk12.org

Allatoona Basketball Individual Expectations

- I agree to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my ability. I will be on time to all practices, games, meetings, tutoring, and other basketball-related activities.
- I absolutely will not use any illegal drugs or partake in consumption of alcoholic beverages. This is a violation of the Cobb County School District policy, which carries mandatory penalties.
- I will attend to all duties assigned to me by the coaching staff. Those duties may consist of, but are not limited to, gym set-up, sweeping the floor, stat keeping, and equipment responsibilities for games.
- I will be self-motivated in the classroom, on the basketball court, in the community and with building positive relationships.
- I will show appreciation towards my parents, teachers, coaches, administration, and peers.
- I will be respectful to my coaches, teammates, referees, peers, teachers, parents, and community.
- I will be active in the community to demonstrate my commitment and compassion for the well-being of others.
- I will maintain academic honesty and integrity. Each of the following acts constitutes academic dishonesty: cheating; intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in an academic exercise.
- I will be a leader on campus, follow all classroom and school rules, while being a beacon of light throughout the school and community.
- I will refrain from the use of social media to denigrate, complain, or discuss team issues.
- I will watch film, participate in team discussions, and monitor Hudl and electronic communication, as directed by the coaching staff.
- I will strive to be a 3.0 or higher student-athlete.
- I will arrange time and be responsible for homework that is compatible with family and/or after-school activities while maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or greater each semester overall.

Consequences & Dismissal

- If a student/athlete fails to meet one or more of the responsibilities outlined in this contract, or is subject to any school disciplinary action, depending on the severity of the infraction, the student will be subjected to the following:
 - Step 1: Intervention Conference: Student must meet with the Coaching Staff to discuss the failure to uphold our expectations and receive intervention training for how to avoid future issues.
 - Step 2: Parent Meeting: A meeting involving the parent will be necessary to address needed steps to uphold our Program expectations.
 - Step 3: Suspension from Game Play: At the discretions of the coaching staff, a player can lose the privilege to compete in a game.
 - Step 4: Dismissal: If student has one more failure to uphold standards of our Allatoona Basketball Program, they will be dismissed from the program.

School Consequences

- IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS) Students who are assigned ISS are ineligible for extra-curricular activities, athletic practices, and games through the last full day of the ISS assignment.
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Players Name: _____ Players Signature: _____