

## **Homeschool Students**

Judah Christian School welcomes homeschool students to participate in our athletic programs. However, due to state-association affiliations that certain sports at Judah are aligned with, participation may be limited or not allowed. Judah Christian School's policies also differ based on the grade level, age, and sport which the homeschool student desires to participate in. Specific homeschool policies are outlined below:

**High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Judah Christian School welcomes Homeschool students of Christian faith to participate in all high school athletics programs. Interested families will need to complete an application, agree to the JCS Statement of Faith, and pay the applicable fees. There will be a fee of \$500 for the first sport, and \$375 for each additional sport. All fees and athletic paperwork will be due before the student may begin practicing with the team. If tryouts are necessary to meet the optimum number of participants, a homeschool student cannot be placed ahead of a full-time Judah student. Parents must also report on 12.5 PIP hours (\*Note: PIP hours are outlined in the Judah Christian School's Secondary Handbook).

**Application:** If space is available, the student must complete Judah's Homeschool Student Application for Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities, submit the application fee, complete a family interview with an administrator, and then be charged the applicable homeschool sport fee. If a student desires to play in subsequent years, there will be a yearly review process to ensure JCS standards are being upheld. Applications are due on May 31 of the preceding year. All applicants after this date will be placed on a waitlist.

**Eligibility:** All homeschool athletes must be enrolled in and pass twenty-five credit hours of high school work per week. Starting with ninth grade, no athlete will be eligible for more than 8 semesters and more than four school years of competition in any sport. Athletes are eligible through age 19. Grades will be checked weekly throughout the semester, and all homeschool athletes will be held to the eligibility guidelines outlined in the JCS Athletics Handbook.

**Extracurricular Involvement:** Homeschool athletes will be eligible to participate in JCS discipleship activities such as chapel and retreats. They will also be able to attend JCS dances. Some of these activities may come with an additional fee.