Frequently Asked Questions for JV and Varsity Sports at Dobbs Ferry:

What JV and Varsity sports are offered at Dobbs Ferry?

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Who governs Public High School Interscholastic Sports?

The NY State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) governs all levels of interscholastic sports. According to the NYSPHSAA map, we are in Section One, which also has rules we must follow.

What are examples of Rules and Regulations set forth by NYSPHSAA and the Section?

How many games a team plays in a season
How many practices a student needs to be eligible to play
The first and last day of the regular season play
The dates for playoff games, sectional games, and state championships
The rules of when games can help during inclement weather and high/low temperatures

Can a 7th or 8th grader try out for a JV or Varsity Team?

Yes, incoming 7th and 8th graders interested in playing a JV or Varsity sport must take part in the Athletic Placement Process (APP). This process includes having the parent sign a permission form. More information on the APP and permission form can be found here.

What are Player Eligibility requirements?

Proper registration and doctor medical clearance are required for all athletes. Once a student is on a team, NYSPHSAA requires athletes to complete a certain number of team practices to be considered eligible for scrimmage and contest participation.

High School Sport Standards (Page 56)

How do I register my student for sports?

Registration is completed online (Arbiter Sports) and requires a current physical (a current physical is defined as not more than 1 year old). Registration begins 30 days before the start of each season and runs for two weeks. The district will send multiple emails ahead of time detailing the process and deadlines.

Will there be "cuts" at the JV and Varsity levels?

As the number of children interested in participating on a team increases, it becomes impossible to keep everyone and still ensure safety, quality instruction, and provide adequate playing time in contests. Therefore, when the numbers reach that threshold, student participation numbers are capped.

What is the typical time commitment at the JV and Varsity level?

JV and Varsity sports usually practice and have games on Monday-Saturday. In addition, these sports may hold practices on holidays. It is an expectation that your child be at all practices and games when they make the decision to join the team.

How do students get to away games?
A bus will transport students to and from all away contests. In the event you would like to take your child home from the away game, please complete the form here and hand it to the coach**.**

Do we have merged/independent teams with other schools?
We have several merged teams with other districts (see link below). Please note, that transportation is not provided to and from practices and contests with merged/independent teams.

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Who is the coach and what is their contact information?
All coach contact information can be found here. This document is updated seasonally.

Where can I find the most up-to-date information on game schedules?
The daily game schedule is posted on our Dobbs Ferry Athletics Website under Athletic Calendar.

All schedules for all teams can be found at Dobbs Ferry Digital Sports

What if my child gets injured at a game or practice?
All coaches have a current FIRST AID, CPR/AED certification and will be able to attend to your child. In addition, we have a Certified Athletic Trainer at Dobbs Ferry on most days when athletics are in session.

How do game schedules get created?
Games are scheduled with opposing schools that are of a similar size (based on school enrollment). See each school's enrollment here. In addition, school geography may be used when playing a larger or smaller school. The following link will provide each school's sports classification within the section.

SPORT CLASSIFICATIONS within Section One

Why is my child playing so many games in a short period of time?
The start date, end date, and maximum number of games played is set by NYSPHSAA. Constraints such as field availability for multiple teams, weather conditions, lack of officials, holidays, scheduling around school events, and cancellations all play a role in the scheduling of games and is usually the reason for multiple games in a week or playing back-to-back games.

Are uniforms provided by the school?
Uniforms are provided by the school. The Varsity teams will receive new uniforms every 3-4 years. The Varsity uniforms are then passed down to the JV team.

Where can I find out more information on post-season play?
The best resource for Varsity playoff dates and locations can be found by clicking on the sport and then sport booklet at the following page. These booklets are updated at the start of each season.

I am planning a vacation, when do JV and Varsity sports start in the fall?
JV and Varsity sports will always start before school starts in the fall. Please see the 7 Year Calendar to see all start dates for all seasons and please plan accordingly.

These FAQs provide a snapshot of information about JV and Varsity athletics. I encourage you to visit the athletics website as well as read through the interscholastic handbook as much more detailed information is provided. Another great resource is the Interscholastic Athletic Home Page for Section 1. This page has a wealth of information on everything associated with athletics. Please feel free to reach out with questions and concerns you may have.

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