



JPII ATHLETICS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Who can play sports for JPII?**

Any 7th or 8th grader who is currently enrolled at Holy Family, Holy Spirit, St Ann, or St John the Baptist Catholic Schools. Any 9th-12th grader who is currently enrolled at JPII High School. Transfer students must meet eligibility requirements.

- **What is a transfer student?**

A transfer student is someone who attended school at a school outside of JPII or outside of one of our partner middle schools and then transferred into JPII or one of our partner middle schools. If you attend one of our partner middle schools and then come directly to JPII as a 9th grader, you are not a transfer student.

- **If my child is currently a homeschool student, can they play sports at JPII?**

No, homeschool students cannot play sports through JPII. However, they are eligible to play for the public school where you are zoned. Please check with the public school where you are zoned for updated eligibility rules.

- **If my child is a homeschool student this year but plans on coming to JPII next year, will they be fully eligible next year?**

Possibly. If you live within the Huntsville City School Zone then you will be eligible at JPII at every level once you are fully enrolled at JPII (unless you are receiving financial aid). If you are receiving financial aid, you will have to sit out at every level for the first year (you can practice with the teams at any level). If you live within another school zone such as Madison City or Madison County, you will only be eligible for the Middle School or JV level for the first year.

- **My child has been a student at one of the partner middle schools but plans on going to a public school for high school. They did not play any sports while in middle school. Will they immediately be eligible for sports at the public high school since they didn't play any sports through JPII as a middle school student?**

This is a common misconception. Whether or not your child plays a sport while at one of our partner middle schools, it does not change their status as a transfer student to the public high school. Your child will be at the same status as another partner school student that did play sports for JPII middle school and is transferring to a public high school as a 9th grader. Not playing sports at the middle school level for JPII does not mean your child will be immediately eligible for Varsity sports at the public high school upon transferring. If you transfer from a partner middle school to a public school you are zoned for and it lies within the Huntsville City School limit, you will only be eligible for Middle School or JV for the first year. If you transfer from a partner middle school to a public school you are zoned for that lies outside the Huntsville City School limit (such as Madison City or Madison County), you will be immediately eligible for every level of sports including Varsity.



- **My child is transferring into a JP2 partner middle school and will be in the 7th grade. Will they be eligible for any level of sports?**
Yes, all 7th graders are eligible at any level, including Varsity, unless you are receiving financial aid. If you are receiving financial aid you will have to sit out of every level for one year (you can practice with the team at any level).
- **We are moving from out of town and want our child to be eligible for Varsity sports immediately at JP2. What should we do to make that possible?**
The two things that need to happen is that you need to move into the Huntsville City Schools zone and your child cannot be receiving any financial aid. If you move into a school zone that is not within the Huntsville City Schools zone, your child will only be eligible for Middle School or JV level sports for the first year. If you are receiving financial aid from the school, your child will have to sit out of competition for one year but can practice with JP2 teams at any level.
- **What should we do if my child is interested in a sport?**
Check the list of tryouts posted on our website and most importantly, contact the coach. The contact list is also listed on our website. Most sports start preparing for the next school year over the summer so don't wait until the beginning of the school year to contact the coach. The JP2 Athletics website is www.jp2falconsathletics.org.
- **What documents are needed for my child to play sports?**
There are several items needed for your child to be able to even begin practicing with a team. One of the first things you need to do is get a sports physical on the most updated AHSAA physical form. We cannot accept physicals on any other form and it must be signed by an MD or DO, not a nurse or nurse practitioner. Most of the forms and information you need to begin as a new athlete, including an eligibility checklist, can be found at www.jp2falconsathletics.org/new-athlete.
- **What is Dragonfly? How do I create a new account?**
Dragonfly is the online program that the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) uses to store each athlete's eligibility information. If you already have a Dragonfly account with another school you can just transfer it over to JP2. As a parent, you will create an account and then add each child to that account. You will only create one account during your child's sports career...DO NOT create a new Dragonfly account each year. Every year, you will need to complete new documents in your account but it will maintain certain documents within your account such as your birth certificate and sportsmanship certificate. You can find more instructions on how to open your account at www.jp2falconsathletics.org/new-athlete. The school code for JP2 on Dragonfly is 72XR4G.
- **Who do I need to contact if I have questions about JP2 athletics?**
You can reach the JP2 Athletic Department by phone at 256-430-1761, ext 121. You can also email one of the members of the Athletic Department.
Matt McManus, Athletic Director (mmcmanus@jp2falcons.org)
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Jane Dodds, Assistant to the Athletic Director (jdodds@jp2falcons.org)