



Challengers Badminton

“Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that can be counted counts.”

We are very proud of our program here at Corpus Christi School and are also pleased that so many players want to be associated with our teams. However, to maintain the level of success we have enjoyed, squad selection becomes a necessity.

There are many factors that enter into the selection of members for our Badminton teams. This process is probably one of, if not the toughest part of coaching. As coaches we try very hard to be fair in our judgments, as we fully realize the athlete’s desire to be a member of our teams and the disappointment associated with not making the squad.

It is impossible to make a purely objective evaluation, based entirely on the mastery of badminton skills, or any other criteria. Too many other things must be considered to maintain a successful program. Consequently, subjective evaluations are basically opinions and are open to many arguments both for and against these evaluations. Please keep in mind that our coaches do the best they can when making these types of decisions to make the teams the best they can possibly be.

Coaches will make selections based on the following general guidelines and will consider:

1. STUDENT FIRST POLICY: The academic progress and success is our primary concern as educators. We are coaches second. Students' academic standing is our number 1 criteria. Once selected to the team, students must maintain Academic success to remain on the active player's roster. Any student who does not have completed or handed in assignments at any time during the season will not be selected to the team or be permitted to play.
2. SELF DISCIPLINE
 - Is he/she on time?
 - Can he/she work hard on his/her own without having someone looking over his/her shoulder to push him/her?
 - Are there concerns on the court? At games? In class? At lunch?
3. STUDENT CONDUCT
 - What behavior does he/she display towards the school, administration, teachers and other students?
 - What is his/her attendance record, past and present? late arrivals?
4. ATTITUDE
 - What will his/her attitude be if he/she is not likely to be a starter?
 - Does he/she display unfavorable actions when losing?
 - Is he/she a team player?
 - Will he/she be willing to accept any role to benefit the team?
5. TALENT/ PHYSICAL ABILITIES/ MASTERY OF FUNDAMENTALS
 - How well has he/she mastered offensive and defensive skills?
 - How strong is he/she and does he/she like to advance in skills?
 - Does he/she have the ability to think and react quickly?
 - Is this student a leader on and off the court?
6. EFFORT/ WILLINGNESS TO WORK
 - Effort and willingness to work hard is necessary, both in season and out of season, on and off the court.

This is not an all-inclusive list we use to evaluate players, but it does cover many of the things we look for in the selection of our teams. We strive to use our best possible judgment. Please remember that our coaches volunteer their time, thus their enjoyment is also taken into account.

As always, we appreciate and value each student as an individual, but will base all decisions on what is best for the TEAM.

*Once the decisions are made by the coaching team, we ask that students and families respect the decisions as they have required a great deal of collaboration and reflection.