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## **Athletic Policy**

Spring Valley Academy believes that part of a well-rounded Christian education includes a strong program of physical exercise and interaction with other students. It also believes that many of the lessons of life are learned through a carefully organized, conducted, competitive sports program.

Our school offers three inter-league sports activities: Soccer, volleyball, and basketball with two divisions of play; middle school (Grades 6-8) and high school (Grades 9-12). Students must be enrolled at SVA and meet the academic eligibility requirements in order to tryout and participate in the SVA athletic program.

Since Spring Valley Academy has a limited number of students there will be instances when students may be recruited from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades to fill the player roster. When this is done, parents from all involved grades must be notified that tryouts will be conducted by all involved coaches for a position on the team and placement will be by voted approval of the respective team coaches. Since safety of our children is of prime importance, open positions will be filled with 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only.

Seventh-day Adventist home school students, who are not enrolled full time at Spring Valley Academy, may gain eligibility to play in our sports program if they enroll in at least one class taught during the normal school day (8:00 am to 3:00 pm) and meet academic eligibility. No other special arrangements will be made to accommodate enrollment or eligibility. These enrolled home school students must present a letter/transcript from their school district and/or State of Ohio stating their current home school status to establish academic eligibility to join SVA's athletic program. Any exceptions from the guidelines stated above must be approved by school administration.