



Jump Start Sports Camp Parent Information 2025

We are **thrilled** to have your child join us for an exciting summer filled with **fun, learning, and new friendships!** To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience, please read the information below to help you prepare for the week ahead.

Contact Information: *If you need to reach a member of the Jump Start Sports team, please text Tom Stackhouse at 267-589- 9817 or email us at Tstackhouse@jumpstartsports.com . Your Summer Camp Director will be Joe Lucas and can be reached at 267-726-9852.*

Mission Statement: Our goal is to provide each camper with an exciting and meaningful holiday experience. We strive to create a highly active, encouraging, and safe environment in which children have the opportunity to create new friendships, learn the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, and develop self-esteem by improving their abilities in both physical skills and social communication. Jump Start Sports is committed to helping children of all skill levels benefit physically, emotionally, psychologically, and socially through their participation in sports.

What to Wear and Bring:

- **Sports Equipment:** All equipment for the sports and games we play will be provided. Each camper will receive a Jump Start Sports cinch bag for their belongings. If campers bring any individual sports equipment, please write their name on it!
- **Lunch:** Please pack your child's lunch daily. The lunches will be stored inside, but will not be refrigerated. If your child has any food allergies, please notify the Director.
- **Water Bottle:** Have your child bring a filled water bottle every day. It is strongly suggested that you have a non-disposable water bottle for your child with their name on it. There will be NO SHARING of water bottles or water at any time. If you purchase water, our staff will have permanent markers to write your child's name on it. We will have ice water available for refills.
- **Clothing:** Children should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes to camp daily. They will be very physically active every day. Please do not have campers wear anything that you are not okay with possibly ending up dirty or damaged!
- **Valuables and Money:** Campers SHOULD NOT bring valuables or money to camp. Computer/video games and cell phones will not be permitted at camp under any circumstances. If a camper does bring valuables, such as a watch or jewelry, we are not responsible for the loss or theft of the item.

Drop Off and Pick Up

- **Drop Off:** Drop off will start at 8:45 each day at Goodnoe Elementary School.
- **Pick Up:** Parents should arrive for pick up no later than 12:15 (Half Day) 3:15 PM (Full Day). Please be sure to check the camper out by signing the camp roster and showing ID to the staff. Campers remaining after this time will be considered After Care and will need to pay the After Care Fee.

Health Policies

As always, we will institute the following policies to ensure the health of all campers and staff:

- **No attendance at camp when sick:** Campers or staff who have a fever or are experiencing symptoms of illness of any kind are not to come to camp at all.
- **No sharing of food:** Campers will not be allowed to share or “trade” food at lunch or at any other time. **If your child has any food allergies, please remind the Director even if that is indicated on the registration.**
- **No sharing of water:** As indicated earlier, it is strongly suggested that parents supply their child with a permanent water bottle with the child’s name written on it clearly. If a water bottle is purchased, the child’s name should be written on the cap or top of the bottle. Our staff will have permanent markers available for families who do not have a name on their child’s water bottle..
- **Frequent hand washing and sanitizing:** Campers will be required to wash their hands before and after eating lunch. Sanitizer will be provided and will be available at all times to campers. Frequent hand washing throughout the day will be encouraged.
- **First Aid and Administration of EpiPen:** all Jump Start Sports Camp Directors and full time staff are First Aid and CPR certified and trained in administering an EpiPen injection.
- **Concussion awareness:** All Jump Start Sports staff members are required to successfully complete concussion awareness training.
- **Reporting of Injury:** JSS staff are instructed to notify the adult at pick up of any physical injury, even if the situation does not require medical attention or an HCER Injury Report.

Social Media

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/jumpstartsportsphilly/>

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as we will share/post the Summer Camp JOY along the way so you can see how much fun your child is having at Jump Start Sports! Be sure to TAG US in your photos, as well, so we can post your pics to our social media!

Discipline Policies

Camp Philosophy & Discipline Approach

At the start of each camp day, our **Camp Directors** will introduce and reinforce our **4 Pillars**:

- **Play Hard** – Give your best effort.
- **Play Smart** – Make good choices.
- **Play Together** – Support and respect your teammates.
- **Play True** – Be honest and show good sportsmanship.

The goal of our **Discipline Policy** is to ensure that campers demonstrate **respect** while maintaining a **physically and emotionally safe environment** for everyone. Our Directors are encouraged to be **fair and understanding** when applying discipline but will **strictly enforce** the following structured plan.

Step 1: Verbal Warning: Children will be asked to refrain from a specified behavior. A maximum of 2 verbal warnings will be given before a Time Out is issued.

Step 2: Time Out: The staff member will take the child to the side and explain why their behavior was inappropriate. Children will not be able to participate in activities until the age appropriate Time Out is over. A record of the behavior will be recorded in the Daily Log with a notation of the verbal warnings and Time Out.

Step 3: Disciplinary Reports: If a problem persists, a disciplinary report will be given to the parent/guardian upon pick-up. Disciplinary reports will be kept in the child's file and in the Daily Log. JSS Management will be notified of any Disciplinary Reports.

Step 4: Parent Phone Call: If the action is affecting the well-being of the rest of the camp, the parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick the child up immediately. Prior to the removal from camp, JSS Management will be notified and further disciplinary action will be discussed.

Step 5: Removal from Camp: Removal from camp is the last possible option and will only be administered if the JSS Management Team, Camp Directors, and key camp personnel agree that the action is necessary. The safety and well being of other campers will be the primary concern, but the emotional well being of the child being disciplined will also be considered. Other factors such as the day of the week of the infraction and the long term behavior of the child being disciplined will be considered. One of three actions may be taken:

- One day suspension
- Suspension for the remainder of the current week of camp
- Removal from the camp entirely

Please note that permanent expulsion for the season will only be administered if the behavior is such that there is concern for the safety of other campers. If the behavior is severe enough, however, JSS reserves the right to circumvent these primary disciplinary measures and proceed directly to Step 5 listed above. When checking your child in for their first day of camp, you will need to acknowledge that you have read and understand this discipline plan and policy. If a child is removed from camp for any or all portions of the camp for disciplinary reasons, no refunds or credits will be provided.