

Concord Christian Academy

CONTRACT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

1) PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

Athletics at Concord Christian Academy is an **integral part** of the school's educational program. We believe that providing excellence in Christ-centered education ~~in partnership~~ with the home, requires a **“balanced commitment to developing the total child”** in mind, soul, and body. We believe that athletics is ~~one of the most significant tools in the educational process~~ of character development, and helps to encourage students to lead by example. Athletics provides an opportunity to honor God through excellence, maximum effort, self-discipline, sacrificial teamwork, and outstanding sportsmanship.

2) CHARACTER TRAINING

CCA values the character training that students receive through sports participation. As coaches lead our students in the various athletic options, students are taught the following key character qualities:

- a) Accountability
- b) Discipline
- c) Excellence
- d) Fairness
- e) Good Sportsmanship
- f) High Expectation
- g) Mutual Respect
- h) Professionalism
- i) Passion

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23

3) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) To be Christ-like in all that we do through athletics and to always demonstrate our Christian testimony.
- b) To improve the individual: spiritually, socially and athletically.
- c) To teach that team unity is more important than individual achievement.
- d) To develop respect for others: coaches, officials, opponents, teammates and spectators.
- e) To be good stewards of what the Lord has provided for us by caring for equipment, facilities, belongings, etc.
- f) To provide opportunities for fellowship with teammates and other schools, both Christian and public.
- g) To teach and instruct students in the rules, fundamentals, and skills of various individual and team sports; to provide physical training and physical outlet for adolescent energy.
- h) To provide healthy competition and cooperation within and between schools, thus inculcating in each student the best principles of good sportsmanship.

4) SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES

All coaches and athletes, faculty, staff and families representing CCA at any sporting event, practice or while traveling must reflect the highest in sportsmanship and standards to all who might observe. At CCA, we strive to meet Biblical standards of respect, humility, truthfulness and concern for others, recognizing that this higher standard is attainable only with God's grace

Proper Conduct and Good Sportsmanship:

- a) Treat other people as you know they should be treated, and as you wish them to fairly treat you.
- b) Regard the rules of your game as agreements, the spirit or letter of which you should not evade or break.
- c) Treat officials and opponents with respect.
- d) Accept absolutely and without quarrel the final decision of any official.
- e) Honor visiting teams and spectators as your own guests and treat them as such. Likewise, behave as an honored guest when you visit another school.
- f) Be gracious in victory and defeat; learn especially to take defeat well.
- g) Remember that your actions on and off the field reflect on you and your school.

5) TEAM LEVELS

Due to the fact that there are players of different skill levels on our athletic teams, it is important to emphasize different goals at each team level. Therefore, our goals are the following:

- a) Elementary School Team
 - i) To learn basic fundamentals of the sport(s) and the individual skills of the game.
 - ii) To learn team concepts.
 - iii) To emphasize individual fundamental skills and apply them for the success of the team.
- b) Middle School Team
 - i) To build on individual skills.
 - ii) To further develop team concepts, strategy and tactics.
 - iii) To achieve a balance of individual participation/playing time and team success
- c) High School Team
 - i) To refine individual skills and team play. Team achievement and success is more important than individual achievement.
 - ii) To apply the learned team concepts, strategy and tactics.
 - iii) To strive for team success.

6) GUIDELINES

- a) It is a privilege for a student to participate in interscholastic athletics. The school may revoke this privilege when the athlete does not conduct himself in an acceptable manner.
- b) The participants must maintain acceptable levels in academics, Christian character, citizenship and sportsmanship.
- c) Student athletes that wish to compete must realize that participating in sports is a privilege, not a right.
- d) Homeschooling students may apply to participate in a sport offered by CCA. Selection of a home schooling candidate will be based on athletic performance, attitude, conduct, cooperation and the desire to represent both Christ and the student body in a manner which complements the school.
- e) To be eligible to play on the CCA High School teams, homeschoolers must either live in Concord or be enrolled as a part time student at CCA: take at least 1 full program class, and pay part-time student enrollment fees.

- f) Students wishing to join a team after the initial practice period before games begin must participate in at least 6 practices prior to being eligible. Attending a game and sitting with the team counts as a practice. Student must also write a letter explaining why he/she should be included after the sign-ups and initial practice period has begun.
- g) Practices and Games
 - i) All athletes must be prompt and are expected to attend all practice sessions, games, and tournament. Note: The tournament is usually a Friday evening/all day Saturday event. Students are required to participate in the tournament, and parents should expect that the Saturday tournament may be a full day affair if the students continue to win games throughout the Friday evening and Saturday games.
 - ii) Excused absences from school are also excused absences from practices and games.
 - iii) Notification of absences.
 - (1) Elementary School – It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the athletic coordinator regarding a missed practice or game. Please send in a note to the school office or e-mail the athletic coordinator directly.
 - (2) Middle School/High School – It is the responsibility of the student to notify the coach and athletic coordinator in writing regarding a missed practice or missed game. This note must also be signed by a parent; otherwise, the practice or game that is missed is considered unexcused.
 - (3) If an athlete misses practice or a game that is unexcused, a student will lose playing time in the next game. If an athlete repeatedly acquires unexcused absences from practices and games, he/she will not be permitted to suit up for the next game.
- h) In order to participate in an athletic practice or game on a given day, the athlete must attend school on that same day and must be at school by 10:30am.
- i) **Team Commitment** - In order for the team to be successful, athletes and their parents must remain committed for the duration of the season. For this reason, once initial practices are complete, and the team has been established, team members are not permitted to quit. If an athlete is having academic or disciplinary problems, a meeting will be scheduled with the student, parent, faculty, athletic coordinator, and administration to discuss pro-active strategies for improvement. If the problems persist, a student may be removed from the team through the agreement between parents, faculty, administration, and athletic coordinator.

Students and their parents must carefully pray and consider the many ways that their involvement will affect them (time, academics, transportation, etc.) before they commit to join the team.

7) SPORTS FEES/MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Parents are responsible to see that their children are picked up **promptly** after practices and games.
- b) Students are **not** to bring electronic equipment such as radios, headphones, etc. with them to the games, or on the buses.
- c) Athletes are expected to adhere to the school dress code for all athletic events. When there are alterations to this policy, the coach and/or athletic coordinator will give directions concerning what may be worn to these events.
- d) Any player dismissed from a team for disciplinary reasons may not compete in that particular sport until further notice from the coaching staff involved, the athletic coordinator, and school administration.

8) COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Support and encouragement given to coaches and athletes is highly valued. Parents, as well as coaches and athletes, represent the school to the community. The parent is expected to display Christian sportsmanship that reflects positively on the CCA community. It is important that respect for opponents and officials be shown at all times.

9) The parent is expected to encourage **loyalty** and **dedication** to the team and to the coach. Attitudes of parents have great impact on the attitudes of athletes. If concerns or conflicts arise during the season, please follow these “Matthew 18” guidelines:

- a) The athlete should first talk to the coach.
- b) If not resolved, the parent should contact the coach to discuss the situation. The coach may have additional information from practice and from other contact with the student. This discussion should be beneficial to both parents and the coach, keeping the welfare of both the student and team in mind.
- c) Please refrain from approaching a coach following a game. Call the next day and set up a time to talk or meet personally.
- d) If the conflict is not resolved, you may call the athletic coordinator to discuss your concerns.

Coaches and parents all want the athletic experience to be positive and educational for each student to the greatest extent possible. Prayers for athletes, coaches, and teams are important and appreciated.

10) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- a) Behavioral Eligibility: Proper behavior must be demonstrated whether in school or during competition. The consequences of improper behavior may be temporary or permanent suspension from a team as determined by administration. As the Middle School/High School Discipline Policy clearly states, students acquiring 4 discipline slips in 1 marking period will be placed on athletic probation for 2 weeks. Students acquiring 5 discipline slips will be dismissed from the team and will be ineligible to play another sport until the marking period is completed.
- b) Academic Eligibility: To determine student academic eligibility, a review of grades will be made weekly. Students who earn below a 75% weekly average per class are required to attend after school help class for whatever class(es) the student does not meet academic requirements. Academic and disciplinary consequences take precedence over sport practices and games. To maintain eligibility, students must have a passing grade in all subjects at the end of each marking period.
- c) Eligibility for the Classified Student: Reasonable accommodation is to be made for students classified by the special education teacher and administration as learning disabled.

11) AWARDS

- a) All students who participate for an entire season with an athletic team will receive a certificate of participation.
- b) The following trophies may also be awarded for each sport:
 - i) Most Improved
 - ii) Determination
 - iii) Coaches Award
 - iv) Mighty in Spirit
- c) A sports award ceremony will be held to celebrate the successes of all elementary, middle school, and high school sports teams.

12) ATHLETIC CONTRACT, PHYSICAL EXAMS AND PERMISSION SLIPS

- a) Prior to participating in any athletic event (practice or game), both the student and his/her parent(s) must sign the Athletic Contract, indicating their understanding of and promise to abide by the policies of Concord Christian Academy and its Athletic Department.
- b) Middle school and high school athletes are requested but not required to have a physical exam every year to cover that coming school year. This physical will cover every sport played for that coming school year. This physical exam must be given by a licensed physician and reported in writing **before** the student may start practice.
- c) If a student has been injured during a sport's season or has had an illness that prevents the athlete from playing that sport for an extended period of time, (a week or more) the athlete must have a licensed physician and a parent sign a "Return to Athletics" form **before** being permitted to return and participate in that sport.
- d) Injuries: Precautions are taken to prevent injuries, but they do occur. All injuries must be reported to the coach so that proper aid may be given. The school nurse will give all coaches medical emergency information regarding each student. Home schoolers that participate in sports at CCA must fill out a medical emergency form before beginning practices with the team.

13) UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- a) The team's coach will issue the team uniform. Each athlete who is issued a uniform is responsible for its proper care. It must be returned to the coach in good condition at the end of the season. If it is damaged, worn beyond normal wear, lost or not returned, the athlete will pay for the uniform at its replacement price. Usually one replacement uniform costs far more than when it was originally ordered.
- b) The uniform may not be worn anytime or place other than what is authorized in connection with official games.
- c) All uniforms must be returned cleaned with every piece included that was originally issued.
- d) All uniforms must be returned within one (1) week after the last game of that sport's season.
- e) The equipment a team uses is the responsibility of the team. Team members are required to help with the clean-up and care of all equipment. Abusing equipment or supplies may result in the dismissal from the team and/or replacement of the damaged equipment by the one or ones who damaged it.

14) TRANSPORTATION

- a) The school will provide transportation for the teams to go to the athletic event. After the athletic event, it is the parent's responsibility to pick-up his/her own son or daughter at the appointed time and place. This is a must.
- b) Leaving the Premises of a Game or Practice: When a student comes to a practice or game, that student is expected to stay on those premises at all times; unless he/she has been granted permission to leave the site by a school authority. In all cases, the student and/or parent must notify the school authority before leaving the premises.

15) SPORTS FEES

Middle School - \$50; High School - \$100

Concord Christian Academy

ATHLETIC CONTRACT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

I have read the CCA ATHLETIC CONTRACT and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the contract. I understand that I am making a firm commitment to the team for practices, games, and the end of the season tournament.

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Please return this form along with payment to the Athletic Director.

Sports Fees: Middle School: \$50/season/sport; High School: \$100/season/sport