

Athletic Handbook

2021-2022



Philosophy Statement

The athletic program is an integral part of the education at Columbus Christian School. The purpose of the athletic program is to build character and to develop qualities necessary for Christian leadership in young men and women. This is accomplished through hard work, discipline in facing challenges, and being forced to the limit of one's physical ability. The athletic program affords students the opportunity to see themselves, as they are, each with their own unique abilities and limitations.

This approach to athletics flows from our mission. The purpose and intent of the athletic program at CCS is to bring glory to God through participation and involvement in individual and team sports and to develop the character of Jesus Christ within those who participate. We desire our athletes to grow spiritually by teaching them to think and act like Christ in the competitive arena as well as to model Godly character through their words, attitudes, and actions.

Developing each student athlete spiritually, so that the Holy Spirit controls and directs his or her mind and body in every athletic endeavor is the key objective of the CCS athletic program (1Thessalonians 5:23). Within that philosophical framework, our coaches desire to train, disciple, and encourage student athletes to perform to the best of their physical potential in order to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Athletic competition can serve as a microcosm of life providing perfect learning situations for teaching God's principles. Using the many problems and situations that can occur in athletic competition, coaches attempt to build within each student athlete eternal biblical principles and values, so that he or she might conform to Christ's image and demonstrate His character.

Consequently, the primary goal of the athletic program at CCS is to use athletic competition in the lives of student athletes to bring glory to God through participation and to develop within those who participate the character traits of Christ.

Columbus Christian Athletic Program Purpose

This athletic handbook outlines for the faculty and staff, students, coaches, and parents important information concerning the athletic program at Columbus Christian School. It is comprehensive, yet not exhaustive. Any comments or additions should be directed to the Athletic Director and/or Administrator.

The athletic program is an important part of the overall educational experience at CCS and must necessarily conform to the school's philosophy of Christian Education. Athletic competition must never be permitted to damage the testimony of Christ or the philosophy and ministry of the school.

Through the athletic program at CCS, we aim to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To develop within each student the positive character qualities of Jesus Christ, conforming them to His image, and openly expressing those characteristics to others through athletic competition.
2. To learn to give maximum effort for the glory of God in every aspect of the athletic program.

3. To glorify God in word and deed by presenting a positive witness and testimony for Jesus Christ to the lost.
4. To teach the Biblical principles of respect for authority: players' respect for coaches; coaches', players' and fans' respect for the officials; and all respect and reverence for God.
5. To instill within every player the principle of setting aside our individual desires and goals for the good of the team.
6. To provide opportunities within athletic competition to learn self-discipline and self-control, because true individual character traits are often revealed in the heat of competition.
7. To encourage and provide opportunities for student athletes to produce a healthy body, ("temple of the Holy spirit").
8. To do everything with a "total release," in order to play with complete concentration, and then release the results to God.
9. To live in word and deed as ambassadors for Jesus Christ, for His glory.

STATEMENT OF FAITH-WHAT WE BELIEVE!

Columbus Christian School is an interdenominational school whose students represent numerous churches in Bartholomew and surrounding counties. CCS holds these truths to be foundational to its education:

- We believe that all scripture is the inspired Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- We believe God created the Heavens and the Earth. (Genesis 1:1)
- Our creed is Jesus Christ. We accept His Word, as stated in the New Testament, as our rule of faith and practice. Nothing can be added to or taken from it. (John 1:1; Matthew 16:16, 18; Revelation 22: 18-19)
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, our perfect example, who was crucified and rose on the third day to provide forgiveness for our sins. (Matthew 1:23; I Corinthians 15:4)
- We believe that Christ established His Kingdom, the Church, on the Day of Pentecost after His resurrection. (Acts 2)
- We believe that Christ's Church is made up of all those who:
 - a. Have faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. (Romans 1:16)
 - b. Repent of their sins, which means a turning away from sin and walking righteous. (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)
 - c. Confess this faith and repentance with their mouths and by their lives. (0:9-10)
 - d. Are immersed in Christ for the remission of their sins. We do not believe infant baptizing is necessary. (Romans 6:4)
 - e. Continue to follow Christ's teachings and are faithful to His commands. (2:10-11)
- We believe in observing the Lord's Supper (communion) on the first day of the week, Sunday, the Lord's Day. (Luke 22:19; Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 11:28)
- We believe in the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Godhead, our Comforter, and the Spirit of Truth. (Matthew 28:19)
- We believe in the Priesthood of all believers. Every Christian must support the local church by his sacrificial giving and by his Godly example, both in the home, in the community, and in his active involvement in the Lord's church. (Acts 20:35; Corinthians 16:2)

- We believe in the existence of Satan, the father of all lies, the prince of this world, the chief of the fallen angels. We recognize his power and influence, but also know that he has lost and will be cast into Hell. (Revelation 20:10)
- We believe in the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe there will be a great judgment, a separating of the sheep from the goats, an eternal Heaven and Hell. (Revelation 22:12-13; Matthew 25:32-34)

Code of Conduct for Coaches/Advisors

It is the expectation of CCS that all coaches and advisors will conduct themselves in a manner befitting an ambassador of Christ in each practice session and each competition.

Other Responsibilities of the Christian Coach

1. Statement of Faith

Each coach must have a statement of faith, and Volunteer Form/Background check on file with the administration. All coaches of CCS must be interviewed by the administration.

2. Facilities

As a coach you are responsible for the condition of our athletic facilities. This generally means that while our team is using any facility (ours or that of someone else) it becomes your job to see that it is kept clean, and that it is locked or secured after you have finished. Coaches should report any damages to the appropriate authority. The coach should always be the last one out of the facility after use unless the CCS custodian is finishing clean up. It is also the coaches' responsibility to see that the facilities are ready prior to a practice or game. This does not mean that you must do the work, but only that you see that it gets done.

3. Coaches must supervise players at all times (before and after game or practice).

4. Coaches are responsible for players until they are picked up by a parent.

5. Equipment.

A. Ultimate responsibility for the use of athletic equipment and uniforms will be the coaches.

B. Coaches will make certain that athletes do not lose or abuse materials. Coaches **will utilize the provided coach binder by which he/she can get all uniforms and equipment returned** and in good shape. Report any lost, broken, or stolen equipment to the office.

C. Uniforms are to be worn at games *only*. Students should not wear uniforms to school unless the coach gives permission. Headbands and armbands are not allowed. If students wear a shirt under their uniform, the shirt must match the uniform color (ex. white under white and red under red) Athletes must wear complete uniforms to games.

6. Scheduling Procedures.

A coach must provide a practice schedule to be approved by the athletic director. The athletic director must approve any changes.

7. Coaches are responsible for all communication (as necessary) with Team Mom, parents, athletic director, and school administration. (Make sure all changes to schedule are communicated in writing or emailed to the school office.)

Athletic Transportation

Parents are responsible for transporting their athletes to and from games and practices. **A written note or parent text message must** be communicated to the coach if someone else will be responsible for a student's transportation. **Students will not be permitted to drive themselves to away activities.**

Athletic Budget

Each coach is responsible for submitting to the athletic director a list of items to be ordered at the end of the season.

The athletic director must approve purchases and complete the necessary requisition form.

Pre-Season Duties for Coaches

1. Coaches will compile and furnish to each **student athlete/parent during a scheduled Team Parent** meeting a list of rules and procedures pertaining to their sport. The administrator must approve this list before it is distributed to the athletes.
2. Coaches are responsible for making sure a physician has examined their athletes and that the appropriate form is on file in the office. These forms must be on file in the office before any practice time takes place.
3. No player may participate in a scheduled game unless all applicable fees have been paid. This applies to non-CCS students.
- 4.** Coaches **must prepare** a roster and submit it to the office within one week from the initial orientation meeting for the sport.

In-Season Responsibilities for Coaches

1. The coach is responsible for the physical and spiritual well being of the athletes during the sporting activity. It is important that all coaches exemplify a Christ-like character both on and off the field.
2. A devotion from scripture and prayer is required before each game.
3. The coach is responsible for all equipment during practice sessions and games.
4. The coach is responsible for notifying all players of times and places in regard to games and practices.
5. The coach shall handle any discipline situations that occur on the team and may seek the assistance of the athletic director and/or administrator if necessary.
6. The coach must ensure proper conduct of players at all times during practice, games, or trips.

7. The coach shall issue equipment, maintain records of issued equipment, and be responsible for storage of the equipment.
8. The coach shall ensure that athletic apparel is properly worn and is not abused at any time.
9. The coach shall discourage the wearing of athletic equipment and clothing at unauthorized places or times.
10. The coach shall call to the attention of the athletic director and/or administrator any incidents of conduct on the part of coaches, officials, players, or spectators, which seem to be detrimental to the best interest of the sport, CCS, and our Lord Jesus Christ.
11. The coach shall maintain a good rapport with the official associated with the administration of the contest and shall handle himself/herself in such a manner that he/she represents Christ in a positive light and sets an example for the athletes.
12. If an injury should occur, immediate, qualified assistance should be sought if the coach determines it to be necessary. **The coach should report serious injuries to the athletic director or administrator, fill out an accident report form, and report it to the parents of the injured student.**
13. All coaches are required to inform the announcer to begin with prayer and encourage good sportsmanship from officials, coaches, players, and fans. The location of restrooms and concession stands should also be announced during this time.

Code of Conduct for Student Participants

It is the expectation of CCS that students participating in extracurricular activities conduct themselves in a manner that is Christ-like. Extracurricular activities including sports are a privilege at CCS.

1. Each student is required to have a statement of faith on file whether a student at CCS or not.
2. The students are representing CCS at all activities. Unsportsmanlike conduct and profanity will be grounds for removal or probation from participation at the discretion of their coach.
 - A. First offense = one week suspension from games.
 - B. Second offense = three week suspension from games
 - C. Third offense = the athlete will be removed from the team for the season.
3. All students must maintain a 2.0 grade average and no failing grades on both report cards and weekly progress reports. Two consecutive grading periods of failing grades will result in suspension from the team.
 - A. *Students are responsible for providing their coach with a weekly progress report on Friday. If a student gets a failing grade or falls below a 2.0 GPA, on a mid-term progress report the student becomes ineligible but may become eligible on a week by week basis until the next report card is issued. If a student is ineligible on a report card then they are ineligible until the next mid-term progress report. These rules also apply to fall sports with the previous spring grading term used to determine eligibility.*

B. For any student serving an Out of School Suspension: All assignments or tests missed during the period of suspension must be completed. All missed assignments will receive a "0" and test/quiz grades will be reduced by 10%.

4. All home schooled students must be interviewed by the school administrator and meet CCS admission requirements before participating. Students not enrolled at CCS will pay \$175 to participate in each sport. These fees must be paid before students will be permitted to practice.
 5. All students must have a physical form on file before participating in any practice.
 6. Only high school students will be eligible to letter in a sport.
 7. Players must accumulate playing time in 1/3 all of the games of all contests to be eligible to letter.
 8. **The administrator, coach, and athletic director will handle all drug and alcohol issues. The decisions made at this level will be final.**
 9. Students will not be permitted to drive themselves to away activities. Students are allowed to ride home with family, with written parent notification to the coach prior to the game.
 10. The students are responsible for maintaining and returning uniforms. If uniforms are not returned, grades will be withheld or a financial fee for the uniform or equipment will be charged.
 11. Each student must attend school on the day of an activity to participate that day. (A day consists of being in class by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the game and attending all scheduled classes.) Each student must attend the day after, unless it is an excusable reason. An unexcused absence is subject to administrative action (see student handbook).
 12. Athletes who miss two class periods anytime during the day may not participate in scheduled athletic events for that day.
 13. If a student arrives at school after 9:00 am or leaves before 2:15 pm, the student will be considered a ½ day absent and will not be able to participate in extra-curricular and athletic events.
 14. All decisions made by the administration are final.

COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in athletics at Columbus Christian is a privilege. If you choose to participate in athletics, you willingly accept the responsibility of being a leader- both in and out of the classroom and in the arena of competition. You also understand you are representatives of our Lord. Those who choose to participate must make sacrifices and establish priorities. With these things in mind, the following guidelines have been established for those students who elect to participate in the athletic program here at Columbus Christian.

I agree, as a student athlete at Columbus Christian, to:

1. Model Christ in speech and behavior;
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the contest year by treating opposing players, coaches, officials, and all other representatives with respect;
3. Be prompt to all scheduled practices, off-season workouts, games and team meetings;
4. Accept correction and instruction from any and all authority understanding that correction makes me wise and has eternal benefits as well as short and long-term benefits for my teammates and myself;
5. Represent my God, family, school, and team in such a way that it brings honor to each, whether competing at home or in away games;
6. Respect and relate in a Christ-like manner to teammates and classmates throughout the school day;
7. Participate in team ministry opportunities;

8. Hold academic achievement with high esteem receiving no lower than a 2.0 GPA to participate.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will support Columbus Christian Athletics through prayer and my presence at CCS events.
2. I will encourage my son/daughter to uphold the ideals stated in the Columbus Christian mission statement as well as the Athletic Code of Conduct.
3. I will encourage my son/daughter to submit to authority and resolve conflicts when necessary.
4. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the contest year by treating opposing players, coaches, officials, and all representatives with respect.
5. I will conduct myself at all sporting events in a manner that honors God. I understand that failure to act in said manner may result in expulsion from the event and possibly future events by school administrator or representative.
6. I will not publicly disparage the coach at sporting events, nor will I disparage him/her in my home.
7. I will go to the coach directly and avoid gossip, which could impugn my own integrity.
8. I will be realistic about my student athlete's capabilities and emphasize improvement and commitment.
9. I will be a role model for my student athlete through my actions and words.

Eligibility Guidelines

All students attending CCS are eligible for extracurricular activities provided they maintain a 2.0 GPA, have no failing grades, and model Christ in behavior.

Home school students are welcome to participate in the CCS athletic program in the event Columbus Christian School does not have enough students to fill a roster. The Athletic Director and Administration will determine if a team requires non CCS students. The Administrator and Athletic Director must recommend an athlete for a specific team.

All students who do not attend CCS are required to follow CCS Athletic Policy plus complete the following:

1. Parent and student interview with the Athletic Director and Administrator.
2. Tryouts
3. Attend Bible/devotion study
4. Complete all athletic forms and submit report cards to coach
5. Complete physical examination
6. Pay the athletic fee

Eligibility Guidelines for Ongoing Participation in Extracurricular Activities

In order for students to remain eligible for extracurricular activities, all students must maintain a 2.0 grade average and have no failing grades.

To participate in the CCS athletic program, a student athlete must have a signed Student Code of Conduct on file, a physical exam form must also be on file and to maintain eligibility for a sport, students must be self-disciplined in the classroom.

Student athletic participation:

Even though every coach in each individual sport may have specific rules and guidelines for that sport, the following rules are in effect for all athletes at CCS.

1. Absolutely no use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at any time (365 days per year). Proven use constitutes permanent expulsion from the team.(1Thes. 5:15, Proverbs 15:1)
2. Attendance at all practices and games is mandatory. Discipline will occur after the first unexcused absence and dismissal from the team after the second unexcused absence.
3. Any improper or questionable language will not be permitted. Disciplinary measures will be taken for the first offense and expulsion from the team for the second offense. Let your performance do your talking. Improper language includes swearing, “in your face” boasting, and disrespect to officials, players, or coaches. Lead a spirit controlled life and the Holy Spirit will control your tongue. (James 1)
4. Maintain school dress code at all times plus any other dress specification outlined by coaches. Team unity is the focus for dress and should be standardized by each coach. Unnecessary accessories that are worn to draw attention to the individual reflect a defiance of the team concept.
5. Athletic competition is a great source of fun; however, no foolish “horse play” will be tolerated.
6. Athletes should strive to obtain a minimum of eight hours of sleep per night. Prioritize your activities and manage your time.
7. Athletes should maintain a proper diet. Avoid junk food or eating food with empty calories. Remember your body must be fueled properly to perform at its full potential.
8. Because we are a Christian school, people watch what we do. Any display of affection between boys and girls will not be permitted. Concentration upon the game and upon our witness for Christ is of utmost importance.

ACADEMICS

Even though the athletic program is an important part of the overall Columbus Christian School experience, the mission of the school remains academic education. In light of our Christian educational philosophy and the school’s mission, the CCS athletic program endeavors to monitor the academic progress and to encourage the academic achievement of each athlete. To accomplish this, there must be continuous, clear and frequent communication between the athletic director, coaches, teachers, parents, and student athletes. In the athletic program we teach the 100% concept and we expect maximum effort in all academic endeavors as well.

We must continually monitor academic eligibility of student athletes. To monitor student’s academic progress all interim grade reports are reviewed by coaches.

It is the student athlete’s responsibility to maintain academic eligibility.

For some athletic events, athletes must be dismissed early from school and likely will miss some academic work.

1. Early dismissal for away games or practices is never an excuse for failure to fulfill academic responsibility.

2. Each student athlete is responsible for contacting teachers before early dismissal regarding work or assignments that might be missed or assignments that are due that day.
3. Student athletes must coordinate with the teacher to make up all missed work, including written assignments, quizzes, and tests.
4. All assignments not completed will result in failure for that work and will jeopardize the athlete's academic eligibility.

It is the athlete's responsibility to maintain the concept of giving 100% effort in academics and failure to meet minimum academic standards will result in athletic ineligibility.

Each nine-week grading period, a student athlete must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, with no failing grade (F), to remain athletically eligible. A student, who does meet the required 2.0 GPA minimum and is not failing any course, may become eligible to compete as soon as grade requirement is met. Students maintain and monitor this standard throughout the season. However two consecutive grading periods of failing grades will result in suspension from the team.

When failure occurs, parents and students are strongly encouraged to seek counsel from teachers, coaches and the administration to determine the causes and the solutions for poor academic performance.

Christian School offers students a variety of sports in which to participate. The sports are usually offered during three distinct seasons: fall, winter and spring.

Girl sports during fall season are volleyball, soccer, and cross country during the winter season, basketball and cheerleading; and in the spring season golf and softball.

Boy sports during fall season are soccer and cross country; during winter is basketball; and in the spring golf and baseball.

Students are encouraged to participate in sports all year long; however, a student cannot begin a different sport until the previous sport's season is over. Students may not play more than one sport at a time within a given season. The only exceptions will be made by the Athletic Director with consent of individual coaches and parents.

With sufficient participation, all sports are offered at the elementary, junior high and high school levels.

1. For the Elementary (4th – 6th grade only) athletic activities the primary goal is to teach game fundamentals, teamwork, sportsmanship, the concept of commitment, respect for authority and most importantly, development of the athlete spiritually.
2. At the Junior High (7th – 8th grade only) level goals include: attempts to refine the concepts learned in the elementary program, with a greater emphasis on teamwork; the concept of 100% effort mentally, physically, emotionally in order to play with complete concentration and the release of the results to God; and skill improvement and greater depth of spiritual growth.
3. For the Jr. Varsity and Varsity (Senior High School only, 9th – 12th grade) level, competition is more intense and requires an increased level of commitment from each individual

athlete. Many biblical principles, character qualities, and life lessons can be learned through competition at this level.

Columbus Christian School competes in the **Southern Roads** conference and follows the conference's rules, as well as IHSAA rules and regulations according to their respective constitution.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

As a part of CSS partnership with parents, the athletic department requires involvement and participation by parents of student athletes in the overall function of the athletic program. Because of continual yearly budget constraints and limited athletic department manpower, there are numerous areas and activities that need parental support and volunteer time in order to function properly.

Admission Volunteers – The first volunteer needs concerns controlling and collecting money at the gate for all home sporting events. This activity is extremely important to the budget of the athletic department. Parents of athletes, on a rotating basis, will be responsible for collecting money at home events. The athletic department will assign specific dates to work and will endeavor to avoid having parents work when their student is playing. Lists will be mailed to parents as official team rosters are finalized for each sport's season.

Concession Volunteers – Another important function that helps fulfill the athletic programs financial need is the selling of concessions at all home athletic events. Similar to the gate procedure, parents will be asked to volunteer to work the concession booth for home athletic events on specifically assigned dates. Again, after rosters are set, a list will be published for parents to assist in this endeavor. All efforts will be made so that no parent works during his/her student's game.

CCS Booster Club – Another important organization all parents of athletes are invited to join is the CCS Booster Club. The CCS Booster Club is a volunteer parent organization that provides valuable support to the athletic department and sponsors several fundraising functions and activities to help in the overall athletic budget. Their mission is to promote school spirit, provide financial support, and foster the growth and development of all CCS athletics. Parents of all student athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in the CCS Booster Club.

Communication – In order to enhance the communication between the athletic program and coaches, student athletes and parents, important information can be found in the "Athletic Handbook". All parents will receive a copy from the Athletic Director. Most other information such as changes in schedule, practice schedule, game times, etc., can be obtained through the coaches through the team MOM or Dad. At the beginning of each season for each sport, the game schedule will be provided that will also include individual coach's work and home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses.

The CCS Athletic Program depends on the support and involvement of parents in its goal to develop student athletes into the image and likeness of Christ through athletic competition. To

build those desired character qualities into our student athletes, parents must agree with the school's philosophy of Christian education and the school's athletic philosophy. Parents should be supportive of the decisions of the Athletic Director and the coaches and always follow the Matthew 18 principle in any conflict or misunderstanding.

Set-up and Clean-up - As parents of a student athlete it is important for you to help in the set up and tear down of the events. This is an easy way to show your student you care and are involved. If all parents help before and after games, everyone can help these important jobs get done in the least amount of time. This is not the coach or athletics director's responsibility. It is the parents who need to see that these jobs are done for your student athlete.

Parent Participation Requirement: Parents should sign up to help 4 times per basketball season and 2 times during volleyball for set up, clean up, concession and/or admissions and 1 Track or Stadium date. For any parent that does not sign up they will be assigned times to work that are not during your students' games. If you need to switch there will be a master list with contact information and you can switch with someone. If hours are not fulfilled by participating students there will be an additional \$200.00 fee. Each event served is equivalent to \$40.00.

Both winning and losing athletic competition provide valuable Biblical and life lessons for our students that might not be learned anywhere else.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Parents and fans should model Biblical behavior while watching our student athletes in fierce competition, because modeling that behavior is just as important as the behavior of the athletes on the field.

These are principles to guide us, as Christian parents and fans of our student athletes:

1. Show proper respect to the players of both teams, remembering that each one is someone's son or daughter. Likewise, respect the visiting crowd, treating them just as you would like to be treated in their gym or on their field.
2. Show proper respect for officials and for their legitimate POSITION OF AUTHORITY over the game.
3. Remember that the other team's players, coaches, and fans are not our enemies, just opponents in the game.
4. Please do not "boo" or otherwise show negative reaction or behavior toward an official's decision or a player's performance.

Remember that the Lord sees our actions and He knows our thoughts and the intent of our hearts.

Columbus Christian School will compete with the public school and will comply with our standards as well as the rules and regulations according to ISHAA "Sportsmanship Tips" as follows:

Sportsmanship tips for student-athletes:

1. Accept your responsibility as a role model. Understand that representing your school and your community is a privilege that's not to be taken lightly.

2. Learn the rules of the games you play. Help your parents and fellow students understand them better.
3. Treat your opponents the way you want to be treated with respect. Nobody understands how hard they have worked better than you do.
4. Refrain from taunting, trash talking, or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents - especially comments of an ethnic, racial, or sexual nature. No trash talking! Got it?
5. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials, no matter how much you may disagree with them.

Sportsmanship tips for parents:

6. Remember that high school athletes are teenagers. They're still learning, which means they make mistakes. It's important to praise them, and not criticize.
7. Always respect opposing players, coaches, and spectators. Show appreciation for the outstanding plays that they make. Never cheer if one of them is injured.
8. Respect game officials. Understand that they are people like you and me who are doing their best to support our youth. Hey, where would our community be without them?
9. Censor those fans around you whose behavior is inappropriate.
10. Remember that a ticket to a high school athletic event is not a license to verbally assault others - including officials, coaches, and players from the opposing team.

Sportsmanship tips for coaches:

11. As a coach, you need to exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership possible. You're a lot more than just a coach. You're a teacher. There is no profession that is more important. Practicing good sportsmanship is teaching good citizenship.
12. You need to do more than teach the rules of the game. You must also respect them and abide by them - in letter and in spirit.
13. You must stress to your student athletes that disrespectful behavior – especially taunting, trash talking, and intimidating – will not be tolerated.
14. You've got to set a good example for players and fans alike to follow. This means treating game officials with respect - even when you disagree. And no arguing, gesturing or throwing stuff- including your hat, clipboard or jacket.
15. There are so many examples of unsportsmanlike conduct at the professional level; you've got to make sportsmanship your number one priority. Aspire to be role models that professional coaches can follow.

AWARDS AND LETTERING

At the end of the year, the Columbus Christian School Athletic Department will hold an all sports banquet to recognize outstanding achievement according to the guiding principles and goals established by our athletic philosophy. Our goal is not only to recognize in each sport the obvious outward athletic abilities, talents, and achievements of the past year, but just as important, we desire those inward Christ-like qualities that have been formed and displayed in athletes during the season.

Therefore the description of the athletic awards and the giving of those awards are necessarily correlated and intertwined with the character qualities our coaches emphasize during the season.

Columbus Christian School awards a letter “C” in all varsity sports to players, cheerleaders, and helpers who meet the following criteria:

1. To earn a letter, the student should demonstrate growth in Biblical character qualities and must attend 90% of scheduled practices (exception: a viable medical reason).
2. Athletes must compete in 80% of the scheduled games or matches.
3. Athletes must not be a disciplinary problem.
 - A. More than one disciplinary action taken against a student will disqualify that individual from lettering in that sport.
 - B. More than one unexcused absence from practice will disqualify that player from being awarded a letter.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

The coach for each individual sport will issue uniforms before the first game. Each student will sign for the uniform by size and number. At the time of issue please note the condition of the uniform, because it is your responsibility to keep it clean and in good shape.

1. Lost and damaged uniforms must be paid in full.
2. Check with your coach for the type of practice uniforms he or she desires you to wear. Although practice uniforms are not standardized, athletes must use modesty and follow the CCS dress code in practice attire.
3. Athletic game uniforms are very costly, so please be good stewards of the uniforms we have. They should be cleaned and washed regularly. You should treat athletic equipment with care.

Uniforms will be collected by the head coach after the last game of the season. If uniforms are not returned there will be a \$150.00 charge.

If your coach gives you the responsibility for the team’s equipment, see that you carry out your job responsibility. Any loss or damage will be paid in full by that student who is deemed responsible.

INJURIES AND PHYSICALS

Injuries – It is very important that you report all injuries to your coach so that proper aid may be given. This includes injuries of problems that occur outside the sport in which you are participating. Please be sure to let your coach know of any allergies, medicines, problems, or ailments that might require special attention.

Conditioning – Conditioning is your responsibility prior to the start of every season. Prepare yourself so that you can stand physical stress that practice in that sport will put on your body. Begin gradual and easy, working up to a high level of conditioning, so that you will be ready for the start of the season.

Physicals – To participate in the CCS athletic program, each athlete must have a signed Agreement form and a completed physical exam, performed and signed by a medical doctor before the season begins.

1. You may not compete or practice in any sport unless you have a current physical on file.

FACILITIES

The Lord has blessed Columbus Christian School with an outstanding facility and gym. Student athletes must learn to be good stewards of what we have and use these facilities wisely. You should always leave an area cleaner than the way you found it! Do not tolerate destructiveness or misuse of property at any time (including all PE equipment, balls, bat, etc.).

1. All articles left in the gym or locker room area will be taken to the "Lost and Found" for a short period of time and then, if not recovered, given to a charity.
2. Students must be out of the building thirty minutes after the scheduled completion of practice.
 - A. Athletes make sure your ride is on time or make other arrangements.
 - B. Athletes cannot remain on the school premises after the coach leaves.
 - C. For practices, athletes should not be in any other area of the building other than the designated practice area.
3. Coaches will be the last ones out to ensure the doors are locked.

CLOSING

The CCS Board, faculty, and athletic director would like to encourage each student by wishing you the very best in all your athletic endeavors. If we can help you in any way, please let us know. It is our heart's desire to help each student athlete grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that the sports program at CCS will truly encourage you to develop and mature in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Our hope is that, through the athletic program of Columbus Christian School, you will strive to do your absolute best by using your God-given talents and abilities in the athletic competition so that you will bring glory to Him!

FundRaising Guidelines and Procedures

Teams, clubs, and other student groups may organize and conduct fundraisers in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Schedule time for fundraiser event
- Get approval from the administration for the type of fund-raiser
- Be responsible for the promotion, set up, running and cleanup.
- Over-see and inform volunteers for the event.
- Financial obligation is to collect the funds and report to the Booster club and CCS board the amount raised and how the funds will be used.