

Open Door Christian School

Athletic Code of Conduct

MISSION

To build up competitive sports teams that will promote a healthy lifestyle, practice the traditional ideals of good sportsmanship, develop Kingdom principles, and change the culture of sports in our community.

At Open Door Christian School, our purpose for playing sports is three-fold:

First, and foremost, we believe that it is God who gave us the health, strength, and ability to play. Therefore, **we will seek to honor and glorify our Lord** by the way we practice, play, and present ourselves on and off the field during the entire season of sport. *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)*

Second, we want to use the athletic field to **develop character** in every player. Character is the inner qualities that manifest themselves in visible maturity. Character gives life quality and strength to endure its difficulties. Attitudes and character are closely related. We seek to develop loyalty, enthusiasm, self-control, cooperation, poise, integrity, and confidence as well as athletic skill. *Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone can see your progress. (1 Timothy 4:15)*

Third, we seek to **develop athletic excellence**. Competitive excellence is not based on wins and losses. It is measured by how hard one works in order to reach one's God-given potential. Practice and games become more meaningful with this attitude.

CODE OF ETHICS

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extracurricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following Code of Ethics is presented.

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.

6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the U.S. or American Medical Association.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
11. Win with character and lose with dignity.

ACADEMICS

- Athletes must meet TCAF and CSAF academic requirements in order to participate in athletics.
- A student shall be permitted to participate in a TCAF and CSAF contest if the student is in good and regular standing and is passing all courses. (minimum score of 70)

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY PERIODS

- The first eligibility period will begin approximately six weeks after school begins. Grades should be checked every six weeks thereafter.
- Any student failing the grading period will be ineligible for a period of three weeks.
- Ineligibility shall begin no later than the following Wednesday. At that time grades will be checked again.
- If the student is not passing all classes, the player will remain ineligible for another three weeks.
- If said student is passing all classes, they will once again be eligible for play.
- Any student or coach violating this rule will be subject to sanctions, forfeitures, or expulsion.

THE BIBLICAL ATHLETIC PARENT MODEL

PRAY for your student-athlete, their teammates and coaches that God's glory would be evident in all aspects of CCA athletics. ***Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.***

AVOID putting pressure on your child to start, score, and star – they might have different expectations of their athletic experience than you do. ***COLOSSIANS 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.***

REALIZE that the goals of your student-athlete, the team and athletics as an educational tool are more important than the goals you might have for your child. ***PHILLIPIANS 2:4 Do not merely look out for your own interests, but also for the interests of others.***

EDUCATE YOURSELF about the policies, practices and paperwork of the Athletic Department by using the CCA Athletic Handbook as your guide.

NO COMPLAINING about your student-athlete's teammates, their parents, coaches, athletic program, or school administration.

TOTAL SUPPORT of the coaching staff and student-athletes in front of your child, their teammates, parents and fans.

SHOW RESPECT to everyone involved in high school athletics by demonstrating sportsmanship in your actions toward the coaching staff, athletes, fans, officials, and administrators.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourself.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ATHLETE/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT.

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| Parent/Guardian Name <i>(Please Print)</i> | Signature | Date |