

# **CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT & PLAYER AGREEMENT**

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for man.”  
Colossians 3:23.

## **PURPOSE OF ATHLETICS**

The purpose of Clinton Christian Academy Athletics is to provide a Christian environment for athletes to develop their talent so that they might glorify God during competition by using the gifts He has given to them. The goal is to instill in the players an attitude and respect in sportsmanship towards other players, coaches, officials, and fans that is consistent with the teaching of the Bible. These lessons include being stretched beyond personal limits they had not previously had the courage or motivation to surpass. The student athlete will have the opportunity to provide a Christ-like witness by learning to win with grace and humility, and to accept defeat with poise and dignity.

## **CCA PROGRAM**

While CCA welcomes students from all backgrounds, we do not condone nor accept lifestyles which are contrary to Biblical precepts. Athletes must compete as the gender of their birth as stated on their birth certificate. Students dressing or acting in a manner which the administration considers a distraction will not be permitted. (See the CCA Statement of Faith).

These sport offerings and teams may be adjusted based upon the number of student athletes available per competition level and the available games/meets.

CCA typically participates in the following fall sports: Junior High (5-8th grade) Coed Soccer, Varsity (6-12th grade) Boys Soccer, and 5-12th grade Girls Volleyball. Volleyball may include a 5/6th grade team, a Junior High team (5-8th grade), a JV team, and a Varsity team (6-12th grade).

CCA typically participates in the following winter sports: 5-12th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball; this may include a 5/6th grade team, a Junior High team (5-8th grade), a JV team, and a Varsity team (6-12th grade). Girls 3-4th grade cheerleading. Varsity Cheer may be offered if there is enough interest.

CCA typically participates in the following spring sports: 5-12th grade Boys and Girls Track & Field, and JV and Varsity Girls Soccer (6-12th grade). Varsity Scholar Bowl may be offered if there is enough interest.

In some CCA sports at the middle school and varsity levels, we are affiliated with MSHSAA (Missouri State High School Activities Association), the MOKAN Christian School Association, and the MCSAA (Missouri Christian School Athletic Association - varsity level only)

All 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders shall be eligible to compete in each sport, subject to the terms above and this code of conduct. Each Coach, subject to approval of the AD, shall be allowed to bring up 4<sup>th</sup> graders in his/her discretion to complete a team and for the best interest of the CCA program. If the decision is made to bring up 4<sup>th</sup> graders, it shall be made available to all 4<sup>th</sup> graders interested. A decision one year or in one sport does not mean that 4<sup>th</sup> graders shall be eligible in other sports or in subsequent years.

Home School athletes in 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade may compete on any appropriate team. Each team is limited to 3 homeschool athletes participating on their team, and they must be enrolled before the first game. Some teams may be limited to fewer homeschoolers based upon MOKAN and MCSAA guidelines. Parents/Guardians of homeschool athletes must provide grades to the administration at each CCA mid-term and quarter during the sport season they are participating in.

All activity fees and forms (Player Code of Conduct & Player Agreement; Physical Form) must be paid in full and completed by the first practice of each sport.

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

All students should maintain a C average with no F's. Evaluation periods are at mid-term (mid-quarter), and at the end of quarters 1 and 3, and at the end of semesters 1 and 2. Mid-term and quarter grades for online and dual credit courses will be determined on CCA mid-term and end-of-quarter dates based on graded work at that time. Second-semester grades will be used to determine eligibility for fall sports. Eligibility will become effective at 8:00 a.m. the day after mid-terms or report cards are issued to the students/parents.

Special consideration will be given to students who, through formal evaluation, are below grade level in ability. This will be administered at the Principal's discretion.

Students who become ineligible will be allowed to practice but not participate in any competitions or inter-team scrimmages. If their grades meet the above criterion after the end of the two-week mark, they will be restored to full participation status. If their grades do not meet the above criterion, then they will be reviewed again at the next evaluation period.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Student athletes shall make every effort to be at all practices and contests. Absences should be cleared with the coach. Unexcused absences may result in suspension from the team. Any student involved in sports must be present at school before **9:30 a.m.** and remain for the entire school day to remain eligible to participate in games or meets that day. If a student athlete misses school due to an illness, he/she shall not be eligible to participate in that day's sports activities. Exceptions may be made with administrator approval. Parents are encouraged to coordinate absences for appointments in advance.

## **CONDUCT CODE**

The following violations shall result in immediate dismissal from the CCA sports program for the remainder of the calendar school year:

1. Usage or possession of any drugs, alcohol, pornography, or tobacco products on or off school property.
2. Demonstrating disrespect or threatening a coach, player, or any member of the administration.
3. Vandalism of the property or facilities of Clinton Christian Academy or any other school.

The following violations may result in a game suspension, additional conditioning time, or benching during a game:

1. Profanity or inappropriate language
2. Trash talking or taunting of opponents
3. Continued failure to give 100% effort

## **PARENTS/COACH/PLAYER RELATIONS**

Clinton Christian Academy believes that to have an effective parent/coach/player relationship, the following should be strived for in all areas:

1. Love one another. John 13:34-35.
2. Respect each other. Romans 12:19.
3. Pray for one another. II Corinthians 1:11.
4. With recognition of parental responsibility under God, it must be kept in mind that, for athletic participation, parents have delegated the responsibility and authority for their child to the coach. The following shall apply:
  - (a) Coaching from the stands. The coach needs the full attention and concentration of the players. During practice or games, the players are the responsibility of the coach. Uninvited parent intervention during these times is a distraction and detriment to the team. While it is important for parents to cheer and encourage the athletes, that can be accomplished while allowing the coach to remain in charge of the technical and strategic aspects of the

game. Parents are not allowed on the sidelines or team area during practices or games unless asked by the coach.

- (b) Negative comments or approaching the coach or player “on the bench” during the game, at halftime, immediately after the game, or prior to the post-game team meeting will cause problems. The coach should receive full support from both the player and the parent.
- (c) Parents desiring to have input on the program should use proper channels of communication. Proper deference to the athletic director or coaches to discuss your concerns in private will give them the opportunity to give your concerns their undivided attention. Parents should make an appointment through the athletic director.
- (d) Support is expected. It is reasonable to expect that any parent who permits their student to come out for a sports team should be supportive of the coach. Well-placed, constructive remarks given privately to a coach are always welcome. Simply airing negative opinions to those around you or your children should not be done because of the potentially negative spiritual consequences.
- (e) Each coach has the full responsibility and authority to determine which players are entered into a game, when, and for how long. His/her determination will be made on the basis of what is best for the team.
- (f) Parents should help their child understand that coming into a competitive program does not guarantee that the child will make the starting lineup, play a certain position, play a certain number of minutes, or even play at all. This particular concept will help student-athletes learn to successfully face obstacles and physical limitations as they face similar situations later in life.
- (g) Each family is required to volunteer at least once in concession or gate duty per child per sport (including cheer). Families may complete their volunteer requirement during the season in which their child is participating.

Due to limited gate volunteer opportunities during fall and spring soccer seasons, parents are encouraged to fulfill their concession or gate duties during other activities—such as fall or winter sports—even if their child is not participating in those specific sports, as more opportunities are available during those times. Parents may opt out of gate/concessions duty by paying a fee of \$75 per child per sport.

- (h) All students are typically required to ride the bus/van to all events/activities.
- (i) Parents may transport their own student home and are required to sign their child out on the sign-out sheet.

## **RISK OF INJURY AND REQUIRED PHYSICALS**

CCA is committed to providing students with opportunities to participate in athletics and recognizes the many physical, social, and character-building benefits of sports participation. At the same time, participation in athletic activities involves inherent risks that cannot be eliminated.

Parents and students should understand that participation in the CCA athletic program may result in physical injury, permanent disability, concussion-related injuries, or, in rare cases, death. Athletic competition may involve students of different ages, grades, sizes, strengths, and skill levels. In some situations, younger students may compete against older students, girls may compete against boys, and smaller athletes may compete against larger athletes.

CCA encourages parents and students to carefully consider these risks before choosing to participate in athletics. By electing to participate in the athletic program, families acknowledge the inherent risks associated with athletic activities, including the possibility of serious injury and the potential long-term effects of concussions and other sports-related injuries.

CCA expects parents and students to make participation decisions based on their own understanding and evaluation of these risks and to seek any additional information they deem necessary before participating.

**Student athletes must have a valid physical examination on file prior to the first practice. Physical examinations are valid for one year from the date of the examination.**

## **EARNING PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT THROUGH ATHLETICS**

Our athletes dedicate significant amounts of time outside of regular school hours in order to represent CCA in their chosen sports. Because CCA requires five core subject areas (including Bible) in our high school graduation requirements, the Board and Administration decided that our student athletes should be able to earn Physical Education (PE) credit through participation in sports. Athletes, under the supervision of coaches and administrators, will log the minutes they spend engaged in sports activities, including strength/conditioning sessions, practices, open gym times, and games. A coach or administrator will sign off on the minutes of participation recorded by the athlete. When 3,915

minutes are completed, a student athlete will earn 0.5 credits in PE. An additional 0.5 credits in PE may be earned for a second set of 3,915 minutes of sports participation. A coach or administrator will provide the paperwork for athletes to log their minutes at the end of each session of sports participation.

## 10 POWER POINTS FOR COMPETITORS

1. True competitors have a humble heart in victory and defeat. (James 4:10)
2. True competitors do their best and remain gracious, regardless of the outcome. (2 Peter 1:2)
3. True competitors have their emotions under control. (Galatians 5:22-23)
4. True competitors show respect for their opponent. (1 Peter 2:17)
5. True competitors don't cheat. (Philippians 4:8)
6. True competitors encourage the competition and help them be at their best. (Proverbs 27:17)
7. True competitors compete against themselves – not the competition. (Colossians 3:23)
8. True competitors compete out of joy, not fear. (1 John 4:18)
9. True competitors don't talk trash, but edify with their words. (Ephesians 4:29)
10. True competitors respect authority. (Hebrews 13:17)

## STUDENT ATHLETIC COMMITMENT CONTRACT

We realize the commitment needed to participate in athletics at CCA, so we commit ourselves to the athletic program and the team and agree to perform the following duties in order to fulfill the contract and show commitment to the team and to the school

1. I am a leader. I will use this leadership role to honor God and to represent my school in a manner pleasing to God.
2. I will be at every practice on time unless I have prior approval from the coach. I will attempt to be ready mentally and physically for every practice and game.
3. I will respect all coaches, officials, teammates, and opponents with whom I come in contact.
4. I will abide by the grade eligibility requirements.
5. I will compete with all of my energy, focus, and ability. I understand that, as a Christ-like athlete, I should be a relentless, maximum-effort competitor, while maintaining poise and an attitude of good sportsmanship
6. Pay the per-sport fee as set by the board of directors.
7. Home School athletes (grades 7-12) will pay a \$125 one time participation fee (each year) + the per-sport fee.

I understand that if this contract is broken, the coach and/or athletic director will decide from several options as to the actions to be taken. Options include:

1. Dismissal from the team.
2. One or more game suspensions from the team.
3. Benching during a portion of a specific game.
4. Public apologies to the team and coaches.
5. Any other action the coach and/or athletic director deem necessary.

In seeking to practice the Biblical principle taught within Matthew 7:12 and Romans 14, we desire to include athletes and families who share a position in agreement with Clinton Christian Academy regarding the policies contained within the CCA Student, Parent/Guardian Handbook and in this Code of Conduct and Player Agreement.

I have read this document, the CCA Athletic Code of Conduct and Player Agreement, the CCA Student, Parent/Guardian Handbook, and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines stated therein.

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

The information and acknowledgments on the following page will be provided to parents annually for review and completion. Parents are required to complete, sign, and return the form to the CCA office each school year.

**CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
*(to be turned in with sports physicals every year - updated July 2026)*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT INFORMATION**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT INSURANCE/MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Student NAME OF INSURANCE CO. \_\_\_\_\_

Student INSURANCE CARD # \_\_\_\_\_

Student MEDICAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

(write on reverse side if needed - medical information coaches should be aware of)

MY CHILD(REN) HAS PERMISSION TO RIDE TO EVENTS AND HOME FROM EVENTS WITH A COACH, CCA STAFF, CCA BUS/VAN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, OR ANOTHER PARENT.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent or guardian, I understand and acknowledge that participation in school activities involves inherent risks. By signing this agreement, I voluntarily assume all risks and responsibilities associated with my child's participation in school-related events and activities. I agree to hold the school, its employees, and its representatives harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, or expenses arising from any injury or damage that may occur to my child during such activities. This agreement is intended to ensure that the school is not held responsible for any injury or loss that may result, provided that the injury or loss is not due to gross negligence or intentional misconduct by the school or its personnel.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONCUSSION INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CCA.

\*I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT PROVIDED BY CCA.

\*I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CURRENT CCA PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Clinton Christian Academy requires athletes to have this page and a sports physical once a year from the date of the physician's signature.