

Appendix F

Athletic Code of Conduct & Player Agreement

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. (See Statement of Faith)

CCA will compete in Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, and Track. Soccer will be scheduled conference games for Varsity (6-12). Soccer will be scheduled independently for JH (5th-8th). Varsity level Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer and Track will be scheduled in the MOKAN Christian Athletic Conference. Track may also be scheduled as a MSHSAA affiliate. Cheer will be offered at grades 3 & 4 and will be scheduled to cheer at home basketball games.

Soccer will be coed JH (5th-8th) and Varsity Boys only in Fall (6th-12th) and Varsity Girls only in Spring (6th-12th). Girls Volleyball will be JH (5th-8th) and Varsity (6th-12th). Cheer will be girls only in 3rd-4th Grades and participants must have a physical to participate. Basketball will be separate teams for boys and girls. We intend to field three teams for boys and girls. Those teams will be at the 5th/6th, JH, and V (6th-12th) teams. Track will be open to 5th-12th grades with competition levels determined by the composition of the team. These sports offerings and teams may be adjusted based upon the number of student athletes available per competition level.

All 5th-12th 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 4th 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 4th graders it shall be made available to all 4th graders interested. A decision one year or in one sport does not mean that 4th graders shall be eligible in other sports or in subsequent years.

Home School athletes in 5th - 12th 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.

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 extracurricular activities must be present at school before **9:30 a.m.** and remain for the entire school day to remain eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities 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 sport's 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 relation 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 half time, 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 parent.

(c) Parents desiring to have input to 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) Parents will be expected to work a minimum of one (1) time in the concession stand/gate per number of children involved in extra-curricular activities (including cheer).

RISK OF INJURY AND REQUIRED PHYSICALS

It is our desire to allow our child or children to participate in the CCA sports program. We understand sports can result in physical injury and/or death. We understand the CCA sports program is at times a coed program and often results in younger students competing against older students, including at times 5th grade students against 12th grade students, girls against boys, and small players against larger players. We understand sports can result in concussions and that such concussions may lead to permanent consequences as a result of injury. We hereby declare and represent that in executing this document we are relying upon our own judgment, belief and knowledge of the nature of the hazards and possible injuries which can or might arise and we have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever by any representation or statements regarding such hazards or injuries made by CCA.

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 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 which 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 \$100 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 suspension from the team.
3. Benching during 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.

Parent(s) signature _____ Date _____

Athlete's signature _____ Date _____

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6