

Cornerstone Christian Academy Athletic Code

Colossians 3:23

**“Whatever you do, do your work
heartily as for the Lord rather than for men.”**

Mission Statement

Cornerstone Christian Academy exists to provide students an exemplary Christ-centered education, preparing them to pursue higher education; while promoting service to others in the name of Christ.

Purpose of Athletics

The purpose of Cornerstone Christian Academy Athletics is to provide a Christian environment for athletes to develop their talents so that they might glorify God on the field/court by using the gifts He has given to them. Through our athletic program our goal is to instill in the players an attitude of respect and sportsmanship towards other players, coaches, officials, and fans that is consistent with the Bible. Student-athletes will have the opportunity to provide a Christ-like witness as they learn to win with grace and humility, and to accept defeat with poise and dignity.

Eligibility requirements

Academics

Eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities will be checked weekly to govern eligibility for the following Monday through Saturday. For fall sports, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. During succeeding weeks of the school year, the eligibility check shall begin the week prior to the first contest in an activity. Any student-athlete whose average grade falls below 70% in any class will be placed on a “watch list” and will be encouraged to seek assistance from the appropriate teacher or tutor. If a student-athlete’s average grade falls below a 60%, he/she will be considered “ineligible” for competition for a period of one week, until the first day of the subsequent school week. If the student-athlete becomes ineligible, he/she may be allowed to practice with the coach’s discretion, but will not go to any games.

Attendance

Student-athletes are expected to be at all scheduled practices and contests. Absences must be pre-arranged with the coach. Acceptable reasons for missing practices or games will be at the coach’s discretion. The student-athlete’s standing/position may be affected by absenteeism. Continued unjustified unexcused absenteeism may result in suspension from the team. If a student-athlete misses school due to illness, he/she will not be eligible to participate in the day’s sports activities. If a student-athlete becomes well enough to arrive at school by **12:00 noon** and attends the remainder of the day, he/she will be able to participate in the evening’s extra-curricular activities. Exceptions to this policy include funerals, doctor appointments, early dismissal, and prearranged absences.

Disciplinary

On the playing field student-athletes are expected to display competitive, Godly attitudes. They must maintain an attitude of encouragement towards each other and their opponents. At any time that a student-athlete is ejected from a contest, he/she is required to miss the next game. (IESA & IHSA RULE) If a student-athlete is ejected from a game or receives a technical foul for unsportsmanlike behavior he/she will be required to attend a coaches’ meeting to discuss his/her actions. At this time coaches will instruct the athlete in the area of self-control and personal and team testimony. In cases of repeated offenses the staff will assist the student-athlete in developing self-control. Suspension from a team may be the result.

General training rules

Student-athletes should insure their best physical and mental condition to participate in sports and to represent the school. See the Cornerstone Handbook for penalties involving the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. Student-athletes must make every attempt to pay the required athletic fee(s) in advance of participating in the first practice.

Equipment policy

Student-athletes agree to care for and be responsible for uniforms and school equipment issued and used. All uniforms are required to be returned at the end of the season. Missing or damaged uniforms/equipment must be replaced at student-athlete cost.

Physicals

Student-athletes must have a valid physical examination on file in the school office dated not more than one year preceding any try-out, practice, or game in any athletic activity.

Consent Forms

Parents will be asked to sign the *Athletic Permission/Record* and along with the student sign the *Student Athletic Commitment Contract*.

Transportation

In order to make all of the athletic season successful, we will need coach and parent/guardian help with driving to away games and practices. Parents are required to sign the *Athletic Permission/Record* form, which is kept on file in the office in order to transport athletes. In the event that a parent would like their student athlete to ride home with another adult after an away contest arrangements are to be made in advance and communicated to the supervising coach.

Fundraising Policy

Cornerstone Christian Academy is committed to supporting the school and its programs through voluntary gift donations. As such, any other fundraising program that will either be promoted in the school or have CCA's name attached to it must be pre-authorized by the Administration, who has the right to deny any such activity.

The following Fundraising Policy was adopted by the CCA Board of Trustees in November of 1998:

- A. Cornerstone Christian Academy is committed to seeking financial partnerships through voluntary gifts from all segments of our constituency.
 1. The School Board and the Administration will be familiar with and adept at strategies and techniques for seeking voluntary gift partnerships – small and large, restricted and unrestricted, operational and capital, current and deferred.
 2. CCA will tie its reason-for-being to its reason-for-asking to be supported by those who believe in its mission.

- B. Cornerstone Christian Academy is committed to avoiding the sale of products to finance the school.
 1. Fundraising by product sales diminishes the very idea of mission.
 2. Fundraising by product sales enables the school Board and Administration to avoid asking anyone to give.
 3. Fundraising by product sales relies on the public's desire for a tangible exchange of goods in return for money, rather than the tangible benefits of good work to the glory of God.

Student Athletic Commitment Contract

We, the undersigned, realize the commitment needed to participate in athletics here at CCA, so we commit ourselves to the athletic program and to the individual team.

As a student-athlete, I will perform the following duties in order to fulfill the contract and show my commitment to the team and to the school.

- A. As a student-athlete, I am a leader. I will use this leadership role to honor God and to represent my school in an excellent manner.
- B. I will be at every practice on time. I will give the coach ample notification if I will be absent. The team will be my number one extra-curricular activity. I will attempt to be ready mentally for every practice and every game.
- C. I will show respect to all coaches, referees and fans that I come in contact with.
- D. I realize that my curricular efforts come before those that are extra—curricular. I accept the policy that my academic progress will be checked weekly to govern eligibility for the following Monday through Saturday. If my average grade falls below 70% in any class I will be placed on a “watch list” and be encouraged to seek assistance from the appropriate teacher or tutor. If my average grade falls below 60%, I will be considered “ineligible” for competition for a period of one week, until the first day of the subsequent school week. I will be ineligible for participation in extra curricular games but will be able to participate in practices.

If this contract is broken, I understand that the coach and the Athletic Director will meet and decide from several options as to action taken. The list of options is as follows:

- 1. Dropped from the team.
- 2. One or more game suspensions from the team
- 3. Sit out portions of games.
- 4. Public apologies to team and coaches.
- 5. Any other action the coach and/or Athletic Director deem necessary.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of parent

Date

**Cornerstone Christian Academy
Athletic/Permission Record
2009-2010**

Student Information

Grade: 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Birth Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Emergency Contact _____

Relationship _____ Phone# _____

Family Doctor _____

Phone # _____

Hospital Choice _____

Any current or recurring medical conditions?
Please explain. _____

Any medication being taken?

Any allergies _____

Name of Insurance _____

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Fall sport _____

Winter sport _____

Spring sport _____

Physical Date _____

Sports Offered:

Circle sport involvement:

Fall

MS Basketball-b & g

HS & MS Cross Country

HS Volleyball-g

MS Baseball

HS Golf

Winter

HS Basketball-b & g

MS Volleyball-g

HS & MS Cheerleading

Spring

HS & MS Track-b & g

HS Baseball

Transportation

My child has permission to travel with the Cornerstone Christian Academy team coaches or parents to or from practices and away contests during the school year.

As the parent/legal guardian of the above-named student, I give permission for him/her to practice and compete in any of the IESA/IHSA interscholastic sports or activities offered. I grant permission for my child to receive treatment from physician, nurse, or other professional medical personnel who may be needed in my absence due to injuries sustained while participating in athletics for Cornerstone Christian Academy.

Signature of parent _____

Date _____