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CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Athletic Handbook**

CCA Athletic Handbook for Parents, Athletes and Coaches

Classical Christian Academy

First Assembly North Campus

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Classical Christian Academy is a private, co-educational, Classical, Christian school. CCA is governed by a board of directors.

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School Colors: Navy & Gold

School Mascot: The Mavericks

School Motto: "Discover What We Can Do Together!"

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## **1. INTRODUCTION AND PHILOSOPHY**

CCA Athletics exists to create courageous and confident young men and women to honor the Lord with all their hearts, minds, and bodies. CCA Athletics helps to fulfill the mission of the school by teaching the Christian way of competing, coaching and supporting their team- "We partner with families to classically educate and train students to love God and serve Him in all they do."

CCA Athletics trains student-athletes to become leaders and influencers of God. This is how CCA defines winning and measures our success. Since CCA's student-athletes are representatives of their team, their school, their community and more importantly God. CCA Athletics is committed to developing each individual's character as well as perspectives on winning and losing which are consistent with the will of God. We will be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

Our athletics program develops Christ-like character among student-athletes and encourages them to grow their God-given abilities to their highest potential. Our goal is to offer experiences that develop the young person physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We believe that our abilities are a gift from God and that we are obligated to use them to their best of our abilities.

## **2. Organizational Structure**

The athletic director is responsible for the CCA athletic department. The athletic director falls under the direction and supervision of the principal. Coaches fall under the immediate supervision of the athletic director. All coaches are hired on a one season agreement and are evaluated at the end of each season by the athletic director.

## **3. A WORD TO PARENTS**

You are reading this handbook because your son or daughter wants to participate in sports. We value your family's interest in athletics and believe that athletic participation provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences for students. Parents play an essential role in the overall experience of their student's participation in athletics. Here are some ways that you can support your child and the school and provide key elements that will contribute to your child's success.

- Attend as many games or contests as you can. Your presence is meaningful to your athlete and shows support for the school.
- Be positive and supportive without adding undue pressure or unrealistic expectations. Try to be objective regarding your player's skill level and role on the team. Let your child know that you believe in him or her regardless of performance or outcome.

- Express support for the coach's judgment, character, and actions, whether you fully agree or not. This will help your child do the same. Remember that all players, no matter how capable, sometimes need correction or redirection by a coach.
- Be flexible. Despite careful planning, schedule changes sometimes need to be made.
- Build up and speak well of other team members.
- Volunteer to help the athletic department with tournaments, admissions, etc
- If you have a question or concern, express it to the appropriate person (most often the coach) in a constructive way at an appropriate time. See Section 13-Conflict Resolution

#### **4. PARENT AND SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP**

The role of spectators is very important in athletics. The character and testimony of CCA and our employees, parents, and students are on display at athletic events, and we aim to exemplify Christlikeness in all aspects of athletics, including spectator participation. **CCA parents/ guardians, students, employees, and spectators are expected to cheer for and support the school's athletes, teams and coaches in a way that is positive, constructive, and gives honor to Christ. The same is expected toward opponents, opposing fans, and officials. The following behavior is not acceptable at an athletic contest which CCA is hosting or participating: Booing, jeering, cursing, mocking, taunting, and negative comments to officials, coaches, athletes and others.** A game official, the school administrator or a designee, and the Athletic Director have authority to remove a person from an athletic contest for unsportsmanlike behavior. In the event of violation of this policy, the school administration and Athletic Director may deny the person the right to attend future athletic contests and could also restrict or limit the family's participation in CCA programs.

If you see or hear a spectator whose behavior concerns you, if necessary, discuss the situation with the AD or a CCA administrator. As a CCA spectator, you can always set the example of good and positive sportsmanship. Athletic competitions can be heated and emotional. Let's work together so that our athletic events have an atmosphere worthy of our school's Christian purpose.

#### **5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT ATHLETES**

Wearing the Navy and Gold of CCA carries important responsibilities. A great athletic program is not built overnight; it takes the hard work of many people over years. As a member of a sports team at CCA, you have inherited a wonderful tradition, one you are challenged to uphold. *Our tradition has been to glorify God by winning with honor and*

*losing with grace.* Our desire is to win, but only if in so doing we honor God.

As a member of a CCA athletic team, your most important responsibility is to be a good representative of God and let your light shine before men (Matt. 5:16). As an athlete, you are on stage. Younger students will watch and copy you in many ways. Other schools and our community evaluate our school based on your conduct and attitudes, on and off the field of play. Work hard to set a good example.

A student-athlete is voluntarily making a choice of self-discipline and self-denial. Each participant is expected to discipline the mind and body for rigorous competition. We do not want our athletes to compromise or accept mediocrity. Be diligent in your academic studies, so that your entire school experience is preparation for success as an adult.

The athlete is in control of his/her effort and attitude. If an athlete's goal is to honor God, this should be reflected in the effort that person gives in practice and games and the attitude shown in practices and games (e.g. in the athlete's reaction to a difficult loss, a questionable call by an official, or an unkind action by a teammate.) These are areas of life over which the athlete has control: response, effort, and attitude.

## **6. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION**

A student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students failing to meet this standard will be automatically ineligible for two weeks. Grade checks will be made every Two weeks to determine if the student will be eligible to participate. If a student has been able to bring grades to an acceptable level, they will be eligible to participate following the two-week period.

Teachers or Administrators may also alert the athletic director about a student's grades or work habits even before a student's grades fall below a 2.0 average. Such concern may indicate that the rigors of practice and game schedules may be impacting a student's academic success and may indicate the student needs to focus until academic performance is regained. The athletic director will initiate contact with the family concerning eligibility.

Students participating in athletics are required to attend school the full day their activity is to take place (this includes practices and competitions).

High school athletes must submit a physical examination report by a physician, advanced nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or military medical examiner. It must be signed by the student's parents/guardians certifying that the physical examination was performed within the prior 18 months. Record of this must be on file through the online registration before the official start date of any sport practice.

All athletes must turn in all required forms as provided in the registration sign-up for that sport. This includes the CCA participation form and the Athletic Handbook Agreement form.

## **7. ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FUNDING**

The athletic department at CCA is not funded through tuition. Funds are raised through sports fees, concessions, admissions/gate fees, CCA sports camps, and corporate athletic sponsors. If you would like to learn about becoming a sponsor, please contact the athletic department.

Fees associated with joining a program are non-refundable.

## **8. ATHLETIC CODES OF CONDUCT**

1. Sportsmanship: Athletes shall display good sportsmanship and shall not engage in conduct that shows disrespect to team members, opponents, spectators, officials, or coaches. This includes intimidation, bullying, "trash talk," jeering, taunting, booing, etc.

2. Game Behavior: If a high school player is ejected by an official for an unsportsmanlike act, that player, at a minimum, will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled contest. More severe consequences could occur depending on the infraction.

3. Student Handbook Applies - In all aspects of participation in athletics, whether during or outside of school hours, including practices, games, events, travel, and the entirety of any team-related trips, the CCA student handbook applies to participating students.

## **9. MISSING PRACTICES/CONTESTS**

When an athlete joins a team, a commitment to attend the entire season of practices and contests is made by the athlete as well as the parents/guardians. If an athlete misses a practice or contest, the coach should be consulted as soon as possible. Missing a practice or contest could generally result in some team-specific consequences as deemed necessary by the coach.

Athletes should finish each season. In the unusual case where an athlete and parent agree that dropping a sport mid-season is necessary, the athlete needs to consult with the coach.

## **10. EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS**

CCA does its best to provide uniforms for all sports. In the event that a full uniform is not provided, the bottoms must follow the CCA dress code policy. Uniforms are the responsibility of the athlete who checks it out. The athlete is expected to keep it clean and in good condition. Equipment and uniforms are to be used only in practice or contests or as directed by the coach, and not worn or used in PE class or at other times. Uniform tops may be worn to school on home game days except for chapel days. Loss of equipment is the financial obligation of the athlete up to full replacement value. Fees may be charged for late return of equipment/uniforms. No athlete will be allowed to participate in a sport until previously issued equipment/uniforms are returned or proper restitution made.

## **11. TRAVEL**

Transportation to events is not provided by CCA. When a parent cannot supply transportation for a student to or from practice or athletic event, they may arrange rides with other members of the team. This arrangement of transportation is the full responsibility and duty of the player's parent, and you must notify the front desk in writing of any adults allowed to transport your child. All athletes are expected to exhibit safe and proper behavior when riding in vans and cars.

While traveling for CCA athletic events, including in transport and during stops, students are expected to behave respectfully and obey the directives of the coach, chaperones, and driver as well as follow applicable laws. CCA athletes will keep the vehicles clean, remain seated and belted when applicable, maintain a suitable level of volume in speaking, and show the drivers appreciation.

## **12. PLAYING TIME**

Students will not necessarily see equal playing time. No amount of participation time is guaranteed for any athlete. Playing time depends on the skill and experience of the athlete and the philosophy of the coach. **Varsity squads will consist of the best players, regardless of grade.**



### **13. CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

If a conflict or concern arises between an athlete or parent and a coach, the first step is for the athlete/parent to discuss the situation with the coach. If no resolution is reached, the next step is a meeting with the AD and coach, and then, if necessary, a meeting with the principal. Parents should not try to address a concern with a coach immediately after a game. The parent should instead schedule an appointment the next day or another suitable time. If an athlete has a concern, it is the responsibility of the athlete, not the parents, to address the issue with the coach.

Remember that the coach is the designated person in charge of the team. Parents may not understand or agree with all of the coach's philosophies or decisions, but are asked to be willing, despite disagreement, to give the benefit of the doubt and show support.

### **14. REPORTING OF INJURY**

CCA takes every precaution to maintain safe playing conditions. Coaches are encouraged to be certified in First Aid and CPR. At least one adult at all CCA practices or games will be trained in CPR. All injuries which occur while participating in athletics at CCA must be reported to the coach immediately. On field injuries will be assessed by the coach, athletic director and parent when available. If an injury requires medical attention, an injury report must be completed. Also, before the athlete will be allowed to resume practice, a note from the treating physician giving the athlete permission to participate must be received by the Athletic Department.

### **15. PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND VALUABLES**

It is the athlete's responsibility to secure personal belongings at CCA or when traveling to other schools. Money and valuables should not be left unprotected. The school is not responsible for any loss that may occur.

## **16. SPORTS SEASON/PRACTICES**

1. Scheduling Scheduling is done at the discretion of the Athletic Director.
2. Practices. Practices are normally Monday through Friday. After-school practices will end by 5 pm. Teams may practice off campus depending on availability of gym/facilities. Coaches or another approved adult must be present at all practices. All adults leading practice must be cleared by the AD.
3. Weather-Related Problems. Weather sometimes causes delays or cancellations. When school is canceled due to weather, contests are automatically canceled. Sometimes changing conditions allow practices to occur, with the approval of the AD. If school is canceled for other reasons, case by case decisions will be made regarding contests and practices. Coaches and the AD must have a designated lightning app available during outdoor events. If a lightning strike occurs within 10 miles of the location, athletes must take shelter for 30 minutes. CCA will attempt to make cancellation of games and/or practices at least 2 hours before start time.

## **17. ATHLETIC AWARDS**

All athletes will receive a participation award at the athletics banquet held at the end of the school year. Middle School and High School athletes are also eligible to receive specialized awards (Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player, Maverick Spirit Award). These awards are determined by team members and/or coaches and athletic director.

## **18. COLLEGE RECRUITMENT**

For some high school athletes, preparation for college athletics is a byproduct of participation in athletics. It is important for an athlete to work with their guidance counselor, coach and the AD to assist in making contacts with college programs.

## **19.CCA ATHLETIC TEAMS**

Varsity Girls Volleyball  
Middle School Girls Volleyball (5-8)  
Middle School Basketball (Co-ed, 5-8)

Middle School Soccer (Co-ed, 5-8)  
Middle School Flag Football (Co-ed, 5-8)  
Cross Country Running (2-8)  
Bitty Ball Basketball (K-5)  
Bitty Ball Soccer (K-5)  
Cheer (PK-8)

# CCA ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AGREEMENT FORM

**\*TYPICALLY SIGNED ONLINE DURING SIGN-UP\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Last Name, First Name (PLEASE PRINT)  
PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Last Name, First Name (PLEASE  
PRINT)

Home Phone Number : \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Cell Number: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Cell Number: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the CCA Athletic Handbook in its entirety and I agree to follow the rules, policies and procedures detailed therein. I also understand that by signing and submitting this form I allow my child to be eligible to participate in the CCA Athletic Program.

Signature of Student

Date

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

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