



PARENT/STUDENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

CBCS

Athletic Policy and Guidelines

I. Philosophy

A. Biblical Basis

1. Colossians 3:23 *“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”*
2. Philippians 1:27 *“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ.”*
3. Philippians 4:13 *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*

- B.** The overall purpose of the athletic program at CBCS is to do our best (Colossians 3:23a) for the Lord Colossians 3:23b). Both our actions and our motivations must be honorable. The end result will ultimately be to bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ by:

Team Objectives:

1. Providing instruction in the use of the body, soul, and spirit to reflect the glory of God through sports.
2. Applying the principle of the “well-rounded” person illustrated in Luke 2:52 (mental, physical, social, and spiritual) through the integration of academics, athletics, student interaction, and biblical training.
3. Involving the student body, parents, faculty, and staff in developing school unity and spirit.
4. Developing a clear Christian testimony to the opposing schools, the officials, the community, and the spectators.
5. Promoting the biblical definition of “winning”:
 - a. Doing our best (Colossians 3:23a) for God’s glory (Colossians 3:23b).
 - b. Developing our testimony (Philippians 1:27a).
 - c. Acknowledging God at all times (I Thessalonians 5:18).
 - d. Depending upon the strength and wisdom of Christ (Philippians 4:13).
 - e. Trying to win the contest within the rules of the game and the spirit of good sportsmanship. (II Timothy 2:5)

Individual Objectives:

1. Physical strength
2. Good decision-making
3. Integrity (II Corinthians 8:21)
4. Self-control (Proverbs 25:28)
5. Obedience (Ephesians 6:5)
6. Humility (Luke 18:14)
7. Self-denial (Philippians 2:4)

II. Effective Parent / Player / Coach Relationships

A. Love each other

- John 13:34a *“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another;”*

B. Respect each other.

- Romans 12:10 *“Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.”*

C. Pray for each other.

- II Corinthians 1:11 *“Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.”*

D. With full recognition of and respect for parental responsibility under God, it must be kept in mind that, for athletic participation, parents have delegated the responsibility and authority for the young person to the coach. “Hands on” delegation is not acceptable. *There will be a direct/indirect impact on your young person if some of the following actions occur:*

1. Parents should not coach “from the stands” during any game. This can only be detrimental. A coach needs the full attention and concentration of his players. During a practice or game, the player “belongs” to the coach. Uninvited parental intervention during these times is a serious distraction and is detrimental to the player and team.
2. Parents negatively approaching the coach or the young person “on the bench” during the game, half-time, or immediately after a game prior to the post-game meeting, will not be overlooked. The team, the player, and the coach should be able to expect full support from the parents during victories and defeats.

E. Each coach has the full responsibility and authority to determine which players are entered into the games when and for how long. His determination in this area will be made on the basis of what will best benefit the team as a whole. This does not mean that there will be no consideration given to the individual needs of a player, but it does mean that instruction and guidance on making a total team effort is of primary significance.

F. It is reasonable to expect that any parent that has permitted his child to come out for a team should be supportive of the team’s coach. Well-placed constructive criticism given privately to a coach is welcomed, but parents should not simply air negative opinions to others.

G. If an issue cannot be resolved in a reasonable manner between a parent and a coach, then a meeting should be scheduled with the parent, coach, and athletic director.

III. Description of the Athletic Program

A. Affiliation

1. CBCS is affiliated with the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools (WACS) and the Lake Area Christian Conference (LACC).
2. All athletic contests are operated under the rules and regulations governing that sport by the National Federation of Athletics and the Wisconsin League rules.

B. Programs Offered

1. 5th – 6th – girls’ volleyball, boys’ soccer, girls and boys basketball, and archery (open to girls and boys).
2. 7th – 8th – girls’ volleyball, boys’ soccer, girls and boys basketball, and archery (open to girls and boys).

IV. Selection of Teams

A. Ball Teams

1. Selections are made by the head coach based on ability, attitude, and work ethic.
2. All students are encouraged to participate to ensure full squads.

B. General Policy

Obviously, not every young person who tries to make a team will succeed. Just like attendance as a student at CBCS, being chosen for a team is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right. Before an athlete is cut, the decision is thoroughly considered and discussed by the ones responsible for the decision.

V. Eligibility Requirements

- A. If a coach determines that an athlete is not demonstrating a positive overall attitude, or if the coach receives input from teachers that a lack of effort is being demonstrated in the classroom, then the coach may use his discretion to place the student on probation or be dismissed from the team. A parental conference would be held to explain the action taken.
- B. All athletes must be in class *at least half the day* of a game or practice in order to play or practice that afternoon or evening. If athletes are too sick to come to school, they are too sick to practice or play. However, a medical appointment or a pre-arranged absence with the administration may be excusable. If athletes miss physical education class due to an illness or injury, they will not be allowed to play or practice that day.
- C. Any athlete receiving *more than* the equivalent of *two* detentions during a season will be dismissed from the team.

VI. Practice

- A. Practices are important to each team's success, and *attendance is mandatory*. Players should arrive at practice punctually, in proper attire, and in an attitude of work, not play.
- B. A player should not be absent from a practice (except in the case of illness) *without prior permission from the coach*.
- C. Players will not be excused from scheduled practices or games for outside jobs or activities.
- D. Unexcused absences from a practice will be handled by the individual coach. *Two unexcused absences could result in removal from the team*.
- E. Players are allowed to play for "club" teams during a season and still play for CBCS. However, *if a player misses a CBCS practice due to club practice*, he must sit out for at least half of the next game. *If a player is late to a CBCS game due to playing for a club team*, he is not allowed to play in the CBCS game.

VII. Guidelines for Players

A. Conduct

1. All athletes are representatives first of their Lord Jesus Christ, second of their families, and third of CBCS. This responsibility should not be taken lightly.
2. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves like ladies and gentlemen at all times – both on and off the field or floor.
3. There is to be no screaming or yelling on the vans or buses. Cheering is good, acceptable, and encouraged. Keep hands and feet inside the windows at all times.
4. There are to be no radios, CD players, CD's, mp3 players, DVD players, other listening devices, headphones, etc. brought on any ball trip. Such items will be confiscated until the end of the school year.
5. Cell phones may only be taken out and used to call parents thirty (30) minutes from arrival at CBCS.
6. Teams should sit together on the bus when possible.
7. Players who are riding with their parent home from an away game must sign the permission form held by the A.D. or one of the coaches.

B. Dress

1. We want our athletes to look *neat* and modest. We are representing not only CBCS, but our Lord as well.
2. Athletes will look sharp to and from games. Athletes will stay in uniform after games.

C. Fees

1. An athletic fee will be charged for each athlete for each sport of participation.
2. The fee is due by the first game or the athlete will not be allowed to play.
3. Fees will be waived for those that sell a banner ad

VIII. Guidelines for Spectators

- A. Please cheer in a *positive manner* for the Defenders rather than in a negative manner against the opposing team or the officials.
- B. Do not “boo” or make degrading remarks at any time.
- C. Remain off the field and gym floor (especially children) before, during half-time, and after games as much as possible.
- D. Please keep all children supervised at all times.
- E. Please pick up and dispose of your own trash after games especially at away games.
- F. Treat the opposing teams and the officials as you would guests *in your own home* rather than as enemies.

IX. Awards

- A. Awards are used by the Calvary Athletic Department for two general purposes:
 1. Recognition of God-given ability and achievement.
 2. Motivation.

- B. Two awards chapels are held each year (November and March). Parents of athletes receiving an award will be notified in advance by the coaches.

X. Athletic Insurance

School time accident insurance is required for every student and has been included in the registration fee. The insurance is secondary coverage only and covers only the amount not covered by parent's personal insurance.