

# LIBERTAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Philosophy of Athletics

1. The athletic program shall be centered in the person of Jesus Christ, and shall be a platform by which all of its participants -coaches and athletes- can use their talents and abilities for God's glory.
2. The athletic program shall operate so as to reflect a Christian world and life view.
3. The athletic program shall be an integral part of the total educational program of the school and shall function for the development of optimum physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual growth in all of its participants.
4. The athletic program shall be organized in such a manner that is most consistent with the needs, interest, abilities, and maturity of the students.
5. The athletic program shall provide well balanced interscholastic activities for as many participants as possible, consistent with available facilities, personnel and financial support.
6. The athletic program shall be planned so as to present a minimal amount of interference with the academic program.
7. The athletic program, its goals, standards of conduct and Christian worldview shall function so as to involve not only the participants, but also the student body, parents, staff, and community as spectators and supporters.
8. The athletic program shall operate under professional leadership, utilizing coaches who share the vision and philosophy of athletics at Libertas Christian School, and shall always strive for excellence in all of its aspects.

Athletics are a very essential aspect of Libertas Christian School. Our overall goal for athletics is to glorify Jesus Christ in every aspect of the student athlete's life. Team sports provide an excellent environment in which to learn about competition, sportsmanship, winning and losing, and how to maintain a Christian testimony under pressure. We believe that through athletics the student athlete can learn many of the important and valuable lessons of life. We see athletics as an excellent "classroom" in which to teach moral and spiritual lessons that might not be learned elsewhere. We desire that involvement in our athletic program will help refine the Christian character of our student athletes and so produce quality citizens of our community and our world. As Matthew 5: 16 reminds us, we should "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." This principle applies to all of life, athletics included.

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## Student Athlete Code of Conduct

1. I understand that I am a representative of my Lord and my school. Therefore, I will conduct myself in a manner as to always be a credit to our Lord and our school, on the athletic field and in the community.
2. I understand that athletics is only a part of the total educational and spiritual program offered at Libertas Christian School.
3. I will recognize and abide by the authority of my coach at all times. If I have concerns, I will commit to positively communicate with my coach.
4. I have fulfilled all of the requirements that have been established by the athletic department regarding trying out for a sport. This includes having a MHSAA Physical Card on file and completion of an MHSAA Emergency Information Card.
5. I have read the specific rules and procedures given to me by my coach.
6. I will care for the equipment which is issued me. I will comply with the instructions given me as how equipment should be cleaned and stored. I promise to only wear issued athletic equipment on the field and not in the school and community unless special permission is granted. I agree to pay for any equipment issued me which is lost, stolen, or maliciously damaged.
7. I promise to be a steward of our athletic facility, treating it as if it were my own.
8. I will not participate in any athletic event or practice if I have not attended at least a half day of school.
9. I will strive to place the welfare of my team above myself at all times.
10. I agree to abide by the rules of student conduct in our Athletic and Student Handbooks.
11. I will support the athletic program at Libertas Christian School.

I have read and understand the above Student Athlete Code of Conduct and I pledge to fulfill these expectations to the best of my ability.

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Athlete - Printed Name

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Athlete - Signature

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Date

I have read, understand, and agree with the above Student Athlete Code of Conduct and my son/daughter has my permission to participate for this season.

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Parent/Guardian - Signature

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Date

## Christian Citizenship

*“A student is expected to demonstrate respect for God,  
for others, and for property at all times.”*

A student who conducts himself in a manner that is detrimental to the school or in a manner that discredits himself, others, or in a manner that disrespects God, others, or property may be declared ineligible.

Examples of this include, but are not limited to: negative attitude toward school (staff or students), theft, vandalism, swearing, poor sportsmanship at event or practice, violation of civil and/or criminal law, substance abuse policy, truancy, etc.

1. A suspended student may not participate in any extra-curricular activity, practice, or contest during the time of his/her suspension.
2. An ineligible student may try out for, practice with, and be a member of an extra-curricular group, but may not participate in a contest or performance.
3. After the ineligible period has been completed, an ineligible player must meet with the Athletic Director in order to be declared eligible.