

Calvary Baptist School Athletic Handbook 2013-2014



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Calvary Baptist School considers athletics to be an important component of the comprehensive school curriculum. These experiences can greatly enhance a student's enjoyment at school as well as contribute to the development of godly character, teamwork, and responsible conduct. Our school verse, Luke 2:52, states that "*Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man*". It is our desire that students grow in their faith and relationship with God, and practically demonstrate the evidence of their faith through the athletics program.

This handbook contains valuable information regarding participation in athletics at Calvary Baptist School. We kindly ask that athletes and parents review this handbook, complete the acknowledgement and medical release forms at the back, and return them to the school office.

EXPECTATIONS OF COACHES

The coaches will maintain a professional role in the athletic program by:

- Developing and communicating clear and specific goals for the team and individual players throughout tryouts and the season.
- Maintaining open and honest communication with students, parents, and administration.
- Supporting and collaborating with coaches in other athletic programs.
- Modeling and teaching skills necessary to succeed.
- Supporting student academic expectations, responsibilities, and achievements.

Coaches will be positive role models in personal management, appearance, ethics, and behavior by:

- Displaying godly character by living a Christ-honoring life.
- Connecting athletic experiences with life experiences.
- Providing an atmosphere of teamwork and collaboration among coaches and players.
- Modeling good sportsmanship.
- Creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for athletes.
- Considering important commitments of athletes outside their sports.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

The parents will communicate with coaches by:

- Communicating openly, honestly, and with respect.
- Communicating issues and concerns in an appropriate and timely manner, including those of physical and emotional well-being on behalf of their student.
- Following an appropriate chain of communication: Parent to Coach, then Parent to Athletic Director, then Parent to Administrator.

The parents will demonstrate good sportsmanship by displaying the following behaviors:

- Providing support for coaches and officials to foster a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- Understanding the game is for students and not for the adults.
- Recognizing that student participation in athletics is a privilege.
- Conducting themselves in a manner that reflects well on both the team and the school.
- Refraining from coaching their student or other players from the stands or the sidelines.
- Expecting consistent student attendance at practices and games.
- Being a role model for other parents by remaining positive at sporting events.

- Promptly picking up athletes after practices and games:
 - ▷ Practices – 15 minutes after it is scheduled to end.
 - ▷ Home Games – No later than 30 minutes after the final game of the evening.
 - ▷ Away Games – By the published time on the game schedule.

EXPECTATIONS OF ATHLETES

The athletes will be committed to the school athletic program on and off season by:

- Following the rules set by the coaches and the school.
- Participating enthusiastically.
- Making appropriate personal sacrifices for the good of the team.
- Recognizing that student participation in athletics is a privilege.
- Setting challenging and realistic goals.
- Developing a positive attitude.
- Maintaining high academic standards.
- Being committed to skill development in their sport.

The athletes will demonstrate good sportsmanship by:

- Living a life that is Christ-honoring.
- Behaving with integrity.
- Exhibiting pride in their team and school.
- Playing by the rules.
- Being coachable and open to constructive feedback.
- Accepting responsibility as a role model to others.
- Supporting other sports, activities, and school organizations.
- Playing with dignity and grace, regardless of winning or losing.

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible to participate in athletics, the student must maintain a C (2.0) grade average on each quarterly report card. If a student falls below a 2.0 grade average, they will lose playing time equivalent to $\frac{1}{4}$ of each game until eligibility returns. In addition, if any athlete receives an F on a report card, they will lose an additional $\frac{1}{4}$ of playing time per game per F.
- During the ineligibility period, the athlete is expected to attend all practices and games.
- If a student has lost academic eligibility, it can be restored at the 4½ week grading period.
- An athlete suspended from school will be automatically suspended from any practices and/or games during the days of the suspension.
- An athlete who displays inappropriate behavior may be prohibited from participating in a game.
- No athlete will be allowed to participate until the handbook acknowledgement slip is returned. Parents and students alike must read the guidelines for athletic involvement at CBS.

MEDICAL RELEASE AND INSURANCE FORM

To participate in the athletic program, each athlete must have a Medical Release and Insurance Form completed and on file in the school office (see back of handbook).

- Coaches will receive a copy of the completed form for their team's athletes. Coaches will have a binder or folder with their respective emergency forms available for all practices and games.

- A student's risk of injury increases with participation in athletics. Therefore, all students participating in the athletic program at CBS must be covered through their parents' medical insurance. CBS will not assume any financial liability for injuries received while students are participating on an athletic team. Proof of insurance must be provided before the start of the season's practices.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is obviously an integral part of a student's academic responsibility. Therefore, all athletes are expected to have a good school attendance record.

- All athletes must attend at least half of their required classes to participate in sporting events, unless prior arrangements are made with the Athletic Director. Absences and tardies the day of a game, or the day following a game, will be monitored by the administration. If any abuse is discovered, the athlete will be subject to discipline, possibly including loss of playing time.
- Any time missed from school due to an athletic event is considered a planned absence. Homework and assignments must be completed per school policy.

PRACTICE/GAME ATTENDANCE

Practice is very important to an athletic team. This is the time when the team develops unity, teamwork, skills, game strategies, and self-discipline. It is expected that the athlete will place a high priority on practice time.

- Students are expected to be on time for practice. This includes being dressed and ready to start.
- Any athlete unable to attend a practice or game due to a planned absence must personally notify the coach as far in advance as possible.
- Injured athletes who cannot physically participate are expected to attend all practices and games to support their team unless excused by the coach. During all games, injured athletes will sit on the bench with the team.
- If a parent cannot pick up their student immediately after a practice or game, other arrangements must be made.

CONDUCT

The athlete is in a strategic position to give others a picture of our school. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times—on and off the field or court. The athlete is expected to be a testimony of Jesus Christ.

- No music of any kind is allowed at practices or games (i.e. iPods, cd players, radio, etc.)
- If any athlete willfully damages the property of CBS or any opposing school, that athlete is liable for the damage and will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary actions.
- The athlete will show proper respect for their teammates, coaches, officials, and fans. No taunting or disrespect will be tolerated at any time.

As in all areas of athletics, it is expected that our athletes, parents and fans conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner. Respect for referees and officials is the standard. The following guidelines will be adhered to during all athletic competitions:

- Be reverent during prayer and the national anthem.
- Cheer for our team and not against anyone. Do not "boo" or make degrading remarks to anyone

- (i.e. opposing players, opposing fans, referees).
- Allow the coaches to coach the team. Avoid criticizing individual players.
- Pick up and properly dispose of your own trash.
- Abuse of any of these spectator guidelines may result in removal from the premises.

DRESS

Because the athlete represents Jesus Christ and CBS, the athlete should take pride in their personal appearance. As a minimum, the athlete will adhere to the CBS dress code at all home and away games as defined in the student handbook. Individual coaches may set special standards for special situations with the approval of the Athletic Director.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Participation in athletics is an honor and a privilege as our athletes are a public example to other students. Violation of the guidelines in this manual will result in disciplinary action (i.e. loss of playing time, game suspension or team dismissal). The Athletic Director, Administrator, and head coach meeting together have the authority to remove an athlete from any team when necessary.

- Any athlete receiving a conduct technical foul, unsportsmanlike caution (yellow card), or a verbal caution will result in a discussion with the head coach as deemed necessary.
- Any athlete receiving a detention will adhere to the school's policy regarding detentions and will serve their detention on the days reserved for that detention.
- Any athlete receiving a school suspension for any reason will not be allowed to participate in any competitions during the suspension period.

UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, and FEES

Good stewardship is a command from God. We must take care of what the Lord has provided us. Therefore, all equipment must be handled with respect.

- Uniforms will be used for games only. Uniforms are the property of CBS and will be returned clean at the completion of every athletic season. In the event a uniform is not returned, a replacement fee will be charged.
- Equipment will be issued and used only in the way intended for that particular sport. (Example: basketballs are not soccer balls.)

Because there are costs associated with athletics (referees, uniforms, transportation, equipment), the following will apply to each family with a student(s) participating in sports:

- An athletic participation fee will be charged for each sport during the year. This fee (as determined annually by the school board) will be billed once the roster is established.
- To cover the cost of referee fees for each game, CBS charges admission and sells concessions at select games. Parents will be required to sell both tickets and concessions, one time per family per sport.

PLAYING TIME POLICY

It is assumed that parents will instruct and prepare their children for a competitive athletic program at CBS. The students need to be prepared for the fact that they may not make the team or if they do, being a member of the team does not guarantee playing time. Valuable lessons are learned by simply “being a part of the team”. Success is not synonymous with playing time, but rather is contributing to the benefit of the team with the abilities God has given each one of us.

- At the junior high level, the coach will attempt to play each athlete in every game. However, no minimum amount of playing time is guaranteed.
- At the varsity level, coaches will choose a starting lineup and develop their substitutions and rotation plans accordingly. Substitutes may be played at the coach’s discretion. Students should not consider lack of playing time as a reason to resign from a team.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Games are often cancelled due to inclement weather or poor field conditions. The Athletic Director makes the final decision to cancel a game. During school hours, cancellation information will be passed to the classrooms. Athletes will be given permission to notify their parents. Additionally, the cancellation will be posted on the CBS website. Cancellation of school on the day of a game automatically causes the cancellation of the game that day/night.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

School transportation will be provided for all athletes to away games. All athletes must ride school-provided transportation to away games; however, the athlete may return home by a different means if they have parental permission and have made arrangements with the coach. **THE SCHOOL INSURANCE POLICY DOES NOT COVER TRANSPORTATION BY PRIVATE VEHICLE.**

