

Section 9 – Athletic Program Policies

9.004 – Player Guidelines

1. Practice Christian attitude toward coaches, teammates, officials, and opposing team:
 - A. Accepting coach's directions, corrections, or constructive criticism with positive attitudes;
 - B. Statements to teammates must be positive and up-building – no put-downs or yelling at teammates;
 - C. Accepting official's call without negative comments, "dirty or angry" looks, showing bad attitudes;
 - D. Recognizing the officials as the authority;
 - E. Respecting the talents of the opposing team. Showing good sportsmanship in winning or losing.
2. Attendance:
 - A. Excused absences would include illness or family emergencies. Any absence is unexcused if a phone call is not made to the coach prior to the start of the event;
 - B. Unexcused absences would include personal choice of not attending a practice or game to attend a different event. Results of unexcused absences will result in less playing time or no playing time the next game;
 - C. Team players must attend all games in a tournament; not just one or two.
3. Demonstrate a willingness to learn, improve, and do your best at all times.
4. Maintain self-control and respect for facilities:
 - A. Any team player expelled from a game by officials will be subject to school discipline procedures and will not be allowed to play in the next game;
 - B. Any student's behavior which would result in disciplinary action during school hours will also be subject to disciplinary action from the school if it occurs during any school event, game, or practice, at home events or at a different school. This may include, but is not limited to, talking back to coaches or officials, profanity, disrespect for teammates or opposing team, destruction of property, etc.
5. It is **required** that players have a physical examination prior to the season.
6. Eligibility:
 - A. Poor academic performance will deem a player ineligible. This would result from a grade below 70% in both cumulative and weekly grades in any one subject;
 - B. Poor behavior may deem a player ineligible for a week. This would result from receiving two or more behavior slips in a week.
 - C. After a player has been ineligible three times, he/she is removed from the team.

Signed Athlete Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to honor and support Our Savior Christian Academy by adhering to the team's Athlete and Extra Curricular Code of Conduct as stated below.

- I will strive to honor God with my words, actions, and play.
- I will seek to glorify God with the talents he has gifted me with.
- I will be respectful to my coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, parents, and spectators.
- I will use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with other athletes,

coaches, officials, parents, and spectators.

- I will not taunt my opponent or be arrogant or boastful in my celebrations.
- I will not condone or utilize tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.
- I will arrive on time for all practices, meetings, and contests, with only emergencies, church activities, major family events, and illness being acceptable reasons for tardiness or absence.
- I will communicate with my coaches regarding issues of injury, illness or expected absence before practice either by phone or in person.
- I will communicate to my parents any necessary team information.
- I realize that glorifying God with my play requires me to care for my body with proper practice, nutrition, and rest. I will do it.
- I will play by the rules of the sport, demonstrating and encouraging good sportsmanship, both in victory and defeat.
- I will not leave the game site without seeking to shake the hand of my opponent and thanking the officials.
- I will be a good steward, being respectful of the property and facilities of our school and any other school I visit. I will be diligent in picking up after myself.
- I will be honest. I will not lie, steal, or cheat.
- I will strive to play safely so that I may avoid causing injury to myself or others.
- When I have conflict with a teammate or my coach, I will follow the principles outlined in Matthew 18.
- I will humble myself to the good of the team. I will pursue understanding my role on the team, do it with excellence and strive to do more.
- I will seek to encourage and assist my teammates in becoming better athletes and human beings.
- I will be responsible for any uniform or equipment checked out to me and will return it in a timely manner at the conclusion of the season. Any item not returned will be charged to me at the current replacement cost.
- I will maintain excellence in my classes scoring a 70% or higher in all areas of instruction. Should my grades fall below this average, I will continue to practice but will be ineligible for games.
- I understand that my coaches, Athletic Director, and administrators have the final say in all things regarding my involvement in an activity.

7. Students and parents are required to sign Athletic Code of Conduct form.

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