

Adventure Christian School
Athletic Handbook



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Mission Statement

The mission of Adventure Christian Junior High school athletic department is to provide an environment offering Christian values in partnership with parents, equipping them to serve God, others, and the world.

Colossians 3:23

Philosophy of Athletics

The ACS athletic program exists for three primary purposes:

#1- To teach life lessons and to help strengthen Godly character within our athletes.
(effort, teamwork, respect, responsibility)

#2- To be a strong branch of the ACS ministry. We want to let our light shine on others around us through the element of sports. We strive to make the gospel known through competition.

#3- To provide Christ-like examples through our coaches and leaders that our athletes will look up to.

Playing Time

While we desire that everyone would get to play the same amount, we realize that this is not always possible. Our coaches will not be required to play everyone during the game. However, all coaches will be highly encouraged to adequate time for all players to participate in gameplay. No matter what age or grade the player is in, a fair opportunity will be given for playing time.

General Athletic Department Policies & Procedures

Academic Eligibility

All athletes will be expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA. If a student fails to meet these requirements, he or she will be removed from the team and all practices until the grade is brought to an acceptable grade in accordance with the 2.5 GPA requirement. Grade checks will be made weekly throughout the year by the Athletic Director.

Students who miss schoolwork due to games, must obtain that work and turn it in on time. Student-athletes are expected to represent the highest of standards here at ACS.

Conduct- Code of Ethics

Our student-athletes will be held to a high standard both on and off campus. It is our goal for all to:

- Emphasize sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- Stress Godly values and play fair
- Show courtesy to the opposing team and officials
- Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials
- Remember that an athletic contest is only a game.

Conflict Resolution

Students and/or parents who have a concern involving athletics should follow the following procedures in conflict resolution:

1. Student-athletes approach the coach and ask for a time to meet and discuss the issue.
2. If a resolution is not reached, the parent or guardian shall request a meeting with the coach.
3. In the rare case that this issue is not resolved, the parent shall contact the Athletic Director and ask for a meeting with the coach, the student-athlete, and the athletic director.
4. Other administrations will be involved only to discuss the athletic director's handling of the situation.

Facilities

It is our goal that we take care of the things with which God has blessed us. We strongly believe that God has called us to be good stewards of the things around us. With that in mind, we want to make sure that we take care of all equipment, athletic facilities, and fields. No student will be able to use the gym or fields without proper supervision from the coach or staff member.

Fundraising

We have truly been blessed here at ACS to be able not to have to do a lot of required fundraisers. However, throughout the season, we may offer opportunities for the student-athletes to participate in a fundraiser to help build and strengthen our athletic program.

Informed Consent

By its very nature, competitive athletics can put students in situations in which serious, catastrophic, and perhaps fatal accidents could occur.

Students and parents/guardians must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate despite those risks. By granting permission to compete in athletic competitions, a parent/guardian acknowledges the fact that there is a risk of injury.

Participation Fee

The athletic fee for the different sports that we offer will vary and will be shared with parents after teams have been announced post-tryout. Fees will include referee costs, coach stipends, facility usage, etc., and will be shared at the parent meeting by the Athletic Director.

Fall: Flag Football, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country

Winter Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball

Spring: Track, Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball

Full Year: Cheerleading

***If any additional sport is added in the future we will communicate and update the fees associated with that sport.

All payments for athletics will need to be paid in full no later than the first game. Failure to pay will result in the student-athlete not being able to practice or play until the payment is made. All payments should be turned into the school office and marked for each specific sport your child is involved in. The fee set forth for each sport helps to offset the cost of Coaches, Uniforms, Officials, Facility rental, Awards, Equipment, Equipment Repair, Tournament Fees, League Fees, and Coaches' Education.

Practice Sessions

A coach may, at their discretion, determine whether practice sessions are open or closed to parents/spectators. Oftentimes the presence of parents puts undue pressure on student-athletes and could potentially serve as a distraction to the coaching process. There will never be any practice sessions ever to be held on Sunday.

Sportsmanship

Beyond the guidelines ACS has chosen to follow, it is our hope and prayer that everyone will choose to follow and recognize the importance of sportsmanship. God has told us in His word to love one another, He has chosen us to show his love to those we interact with each day.

Anyone associated with an athletic contest has the responsibility to uphold the highest of standards when it comes to sportsmanship before, during, or after the contest.

Sportsmanship includes but is not limited to the following:

- Show respect for teammates, officials, and opponents
- Treat opponents as guests in your facility
- Accept both victories and defeat with grace and dignity
- Refrain from heckling or using profane language
- Be positive with words and actions

Parents, you are the role models for your child. They must see you model for them what sportsmanship looks like.

Transportation

ACS will not be providing busses or vans, for liability purposes, we are adopting the “Meet you at the game policy.” Parents are responsible for bringing their children to all athletic events. For liability purposes, Coaches or the AD cannot coordinate carpools or drivers. It is the parent’s responsibility to arrange a ride with another parent from the team or friend/Family member if they cannot drive their own son/ daughter themselves.

Uniforms/Equipment

Uniforms and any equipment issued to a player must be returned in good condition. “Good condition” is defined as usable for the next season. Uniforms should not have any holes, rips, tears, or discoloration. Players who do not return their uniforms promptly will not be able to participate in the next sport until that is done. Also, any lost or damaged items will be billed to the parent/guardian for a fee.

Social media

With social media being the highest it’s ever been, it is really easy for our student-athletes to get sucked into the trap of social media. Student-athletes will be held in the highest regard when it comes to what they post on social media. No videos or live feeds will be allowed in any locker room or game setting.

Signups and tryouts

Since our teams are limited to only a certain amount of participants, it is therefore given that not everyone who attends the tryout will make the team. For most of our sports cuts will take place. We will notify each participant as to whether they made or did not make the team.

Commitment to the team

Please remember that if you make the team, you are taking a spot from someone else. Therefore, please make sure that you are not committed to anything else that will interfere with the sport. If you are unable to attend games or practices, then it is very likely you will be removed from the team. Missing a game or practice makes it hard on your coach but also extremely hard for your teammates.

School attendance on game days

For a student to participate in his/her game, they must be in attendance for ½ of the school day.

Quitting the team

To emphasize the importance and great degree of commitment asked of the ACS athlete: any student who quits the team once they have been selected for the team, may not join another ACS sport that academic year. This role may be waived at the sole discretion of the athletic director and administrators.

Starting Dates

Start dates will be posted on the school website and announced via email.

Awards

Awards will be given out at the end of the season. Everyone will get a participation award and the coach may decide to award specific awards based on the season's performance.

Parent Expectations

We love to see parents involved in the lives of their kids. You are the greatest role model that they can have and we want to be an extension of you. If you would like to

volunteer to help please let the athletic director know as soon as possible. We expect the parents of our student-athletes to:

- Attend informational meeting announced by the coach or AD
- Pray and encourage your child daily
- Work with school personnel to assure the proper academic progress
- Ensure that your child attends all scheduled practices and athletic contests
- Acknowledge the authority of the coach
- Exhibit and promote sportsmanlike behavior

Parents are expected as spectators to:

- Offer encouragement to both teams and coaches
- Show respect for the officials and their decisions. Refrain from booing and yelling derogatory remarks at the game officials.
- Respect fans, coaches, and participants from opposing schools
- Support the team in prayer
- Follow the rules set forth by the host site
- Avoid criticizing the decisions made by the athletes or coaches

The athletic administration and school administration at ACS will hold all spectators at our athletic events to the highest of ideals of good sportsmanship. Spectators who are unable to follow the guidelines set forth above may be subject to some or all of the following actions.

- Verbal reminder
- Removal from the site for the remainder of the contest
- Meeting with ACS administration
- Permanent banning from ACS contests
- The child being removed from the team

***** MANDATORY 24-HOUR POLICY BEFORE ADDRESSING A COACH ABOUT A ISSUE!**