



CHESS CHRISTIAN ROYALS
ATHLETIC HANDBOOK
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PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the CHESS Christian School's Athletic Handbook is to inform the athlete and his/her family of the operational procedures within the athletic department. The secondary purpose is to provide effective communication that will serve as a foundation of information for coaches, athletes and parents.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

The goal of the CHESS Christian Athletic Department is to develop well-rounded individuals through participation in competitive athletics. The athletic programs at CHESS Christian School are designed to enable the student-athlete to do the following:

- Strategically match their God-given abilities with opportunities for physical and competitive achievement.
- Provide them with a platform to put their faith and beliefs into action in a public and practical way.
- Contribute to the school-wide unity athletics can bring.

There are three different levels of sports offered at CHESS Christian. Each level is meant to provide the student-athlete with a different perspective and experience. Listed below are the tiers and the function of each tier.

Elementary

At the elementary level, CHESS Christian is looking to provide the student-athlete with an opportunity to begin experimenting with athletics. The purpose of this level of athletics is to provide a social setting for students to have fun and enjoy the company of their friends while learning the basic skills of a respective sport.

Junior High

At the junior high level, CHESS Christian will begin to build on the basic skills acquired during elementary participation. Coaches will start to develop the skills necessary in each student-athlete to be competitive at the junior high level. Coaches will also teach student-athletes about character qualities such as perseverance, commitment, positive attitude, work ethic and teamwork as they encounter times in competition that will call for them to exhibit such traits. Lastly, CHESS Christian will emphasize the active participation of each student-athlete in preparation for their involvement in athletics at the high school level.

High School (Junior Varsity and Varsity)

At the high school level, CHESS Christian will build upon the athletic skills developed at the junior high level while forming teams that excel against elite competition. Coaches will also continue to build on the character development that took place at the previous level. The athletic department seeks to have student-athletes that are not only game changers, but world changers as well. This can be accomplished by teaching athletes about their responsibility not only on a field or court but more importantly in the classroom and in the community.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The **ATHLETE** should:

- Respect his/her coaches, officials, and opposing teams.
- Respect the facility of CHESS Christian and any other school.
- Encourage teammates and build them up when talking to other people.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Do not make excuses.
- Pay attention to coaches (sideline) not parents (stands).
- Be committed to his/her team.

The **COACH** should:

- Set an example and standard for all student-athletes.
- Represent CHESS Christian in a Godly manner.
- Teach players how to treat officials and opposing players by way of his/her own actions and comments.
- Recognize that the process of development is just as important as the end result.

The **SPECTATORS** should:

- Commit to sportsmanship. Set an example.
- Represent CHESS Christian and Jesus Christ to officials and visiting schools.
- Respect an official's call. You do not have to like it, but you must respect it.

CHESS CHRISTIAN SPORTSMANSHIP MOTTO:

"Let's play the game our way. Let's play it the right way."

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION

CHESS Christian is a member of the Ohio Christian School Athletic Association (OCSAA). As a member in good standing, we recognize the need to adhere and submit to its authorities in all varsity and junior high athletics.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Questions and/or issues that are encountered during a respective season or offseason should be dealt with first between the student-athlete and the coach. If this conversation does not resolve the issue, the following steps should be followed until a resolution is reached:

1. Respective coach, student, and parent/guardian meet during a scheduled meeting time.
2. All parties above meet with CHESS Athletic Director
3. All parties above meet with CHESS Assistant Principal/Principal
4. All parties above meet with CHESS Executive Director
5. All parties above meet with CHESS Board of Directors

COACHES

Coaches serve an important role within the CHESS Christian Athletic Department. They set the standard for all student-athletes in conduct on and off the court or playing field. All head coaches must provide proof of completion of the following:

1. Coaches must submit to a BCI and FBI background check including fingerprinting. This should be completed by going to the Clearcreek Township Police Department (7593 Bunnell Hill Road, Springboro, OH 45066). The coach will need to take \$70 cash to pay for the fingerprinting and should have the results sent to CHESS Christian School (908 East Lower Springboro Road, Springboro, OH 45066).
2. Coaches must complete a Coaches First Aid training course (available at Kettering Sports Medicine).
3. Coaches must complete a Coaches CPR training course (available at Kettering Sports Medicine).
4. Coaches must complete the Lindsay Law training requirements for non-ODE programs available on the Ohio Department of Health website.
5. Coaches must complete the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching online class.
6. Coaches must complete the NFHS Concussion in Sports online class.

The Athletic Department will reimburse coaches for all fees.

PRE-SEASON MEETINGS

There will be a required pre-season meeting that takes place before the start of any sport season (Fall, Winter, Spring). Dates and times of respective meetings will be announced at school and be communicated through email and other school-related communication tools. This meeting is mandatory for any prospective athlete and their parents/guardians. If for some reason neither parent/guardian is unable to attend a pre-season meeting, they must schedule a separate meeting with the Athletic Director as soon as possible. These pre-season meetings are extremely important to receive valuable information for the upcoming season.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

No student may participate in any phase of an athletic program (try-outs, practice, or games) without a completed OHSA Pre-Participation Physical Form on file in the athletic office. Blank forms are available in the Forms & Documents section of www.chessroyalathletics.com.

ACADEMICS

Education needs to be a top priority for any CHESS Student-Athlete.

Eligibility determination will be based on the student-athlete's grades in Core Classes.

The eligibility of a junior high and high school athlete is determined by the grading period preceding a sports season. Eligibility for the winter sports season will be checked twice, once based on the 1st quarter GPA and once based on the 2nd quarter GPA. This is because the winter sports season spans two grading periods. Eligibility for the spring sports season will be determined by the 3rd quarter grades.

Requirements

Student-athletes will be required to maintain an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. They may not receive an "F" in more than one class.

Probation for student-athletes: A student-athlete who passes all of his/her classes and still does not meet the GPA standard of 2.0 but is above 1.5 can be placed on student-athlete probation for the current quarter. Probation for the student-athlete will result in a bi-weekly grade checks. Student-athletes on probation will have each teacher provide his/her current grade to the appropriate coach via email every other Monday. If at any point during the current quarter the student-athlete placed under probation has a grade drop below a C, they will be prohibited from any after school athletic activities until all of their grades meet the minimum C requirement.

Homeschool and non-Core students wishing to participate in a sport at CHESS Christian are not subject to academic eligibility requirements.

FEES

Pay-to-participate fees are required at CHESS Christian in order to provide the best available opportunities to our athletes. Fees are essential in helping the athletic department pay for items such as uniforms, referees, and equipment.

Current fees for participation are as follows:

High School Boys Basketball	\$125
Junior High Boys Basketball	\$125
Elementary Boys/Girls Basketball	\$80

Fees are due to the athletic office no later than the third scheduled practice.

Scholarship and financial assistance may be available. Please contact the Athletic Director to discuss.

SCHEDULES

Practice and game schedules will generally be released to the athletes during the first week of their respective sports season. Please understand that schedules will vary on a week to week basis and change due to rescheduling, cancellation and inclement weather. It is important to remember that flexibility is essential during the course of a sports season. During the course of the season please regularly check for updates via email and the Team Page for your team. If any practice or game is to be rescheduled, communication will be sent in an email form via Team Page.

INJURIES/COMMUNICATION

When injuries or health issues arise, coaches will communicate directly with parent/guardian listed on the Emergency Medical Authorization form. Coaches will also communicate with the Athletic Director and complete an Incident Report form following any injuries or incidents.

TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of each athlete to find transportation to away games.

Student-athletes who intend to drive to an away game may do so as long as the following requirements are met:

- Valid drivers license on file in the school office
- Proof of insurance on file in the school office
- No student-athlete may drive another passenger in their vehicle for any reason. The only exception is family members or siblings.
- Parent or guardian must sign a permission slip for each game to which the student-athlete is permitted to drive. The slip must also indicate permission for siblings to ride along.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Playing Time** – The head coach of any team has the final say in how much playing time each player on the team earns. Playing time is a privilege, not a right. Playing time is earned, it is not given. Expect zero playing time when the season starts and enjoy every opportunity you earn.
- **Practices** – Athletes are expected to be present and on-time to all practices. Absences due to illness or approved by the coach in advance of the practice are acceptable.
- **Athletic Uniforms** – Game uniforms may not be worn to school without the prior approval of the Athletic Director and/or Principal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Every coach's contact information can be found on the Team Page. If there is an immediate need that should be addressed, please feel free to call the school office at (937) 343-1130 or email Eric Binning, Athletic Director, at ebinning@chessroyalsathletics.com for a quick response.

ORGANIZATIONAL LINKS

- CHESS Christian School – www.chesschristian.com
- CHESS Christian Athletics – www.chessroyalsathletics.com
- Ohio Christian School Athletic Association (OCSAA) - www.ohiocsaa.org