

Cleburne Christian Academy (CCA) Athletic Handbook

Statement of Beliefs

Cleburne Christian Academy is a Christ-centered organization. All coaches, administrators, and individuals in leadership positions are expected to uphold Biblical principles and model Christ-like behavior in all aspects of their roles.

Player Eligibility

To participate in athletics at CCA, student-athletes must:

- Complete and sign the Player Registration and Medical Authorization Form for their sport.
- 2. **Maintain passing grades** throughout the season.
- 3. Have a current sports physical on file (valid for one year).

Code of Conduct for Athletes

Practices & Games

- Athletes are expected to demonstrate a strong work ethic, respect for coaches and teammates, and a teachable attitude at all times.
- Playing time is influenced by practice effort, attitude, and adherence to team expectations.
- Players must refrain from profanity, demeaning speech, and inappropriate conduct, even in competitive situations.
- If a student is **failing a class during the season**, they will be **suspended from competition** until the next progress report.



Sportsmanship & Discipline

- Any athlete receiving a technical foul, penalty, or caution due to unsportsmanlike conduct may be removed from the game.
- Disrespect toward **officials**, **coaches**, **or opponents** may result in immediate removal from play.
- An athlete ejected from a game will be suspended from the following game and may be required to attend a coaches/parent meeting. A second ejection may result in dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.
- Any behavior that does not reflect Christ-like character may lead to disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from the team.

Attitude & Team Commitment

• Athletes must respond to correction with **humility and respect**. Persistent **defiance**, **disrespect**, **or poor sportsmanship** may result in removal from the team.

Appearance & Dress Code

- Athletes and coaches must be well-groomed and appropriately dressed for all games and events.
- Undergarments should not be visible, and athletes must arrive in proper uniform for warm-up.
- Players are responsible for **bringing all necessary equipment and uniforms** to each game and practice.

Attendance & Punctuality

- Players are required to attend all practices and games and must notify the coach in advance if they will be late or absent.
- Unexcused absences may affect playing time.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to and from games and practices. If a
 player needs a ride, arrangements should be made in advance through the team's
 communication platform.



Disciplinary Action

Coaches and the Athletic Director will determine disciplinary measures on an individual basis. Consequences may include:

- Reduced playing time
- Game suspension
- Dismissal from the team

An athlete may be removed from the team for:

- Persistent defiance or an uncooperative attitude
- Actions that damage the reputation of CCA, including inappropriate social media behavior, use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs.

Athletes are expected to **reflect Christ-like character in all areas of life**. Those who do not strive to uphold this standard may not be eligible to participate in CCA athletics.

Code of Conduct for Parents

Practices & Games

• Parents must ensure their child **arrives on time** for all practices and games.

During the Game

- Encourage all players and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- **Do not coach from the stands**—multiple voices can confuse athletes.
- Avoid arguing with officials. If there is a concern, coaches will handle it appropriately.

After the Game

- If you have concerns about coaching decisions or playing time, please do not approach the coach immediately after the game. Instead, contact the Athletic Director
- **Speak positively** about the team, coaches, and officials. Criticism should be handled privately and constructively.



Volunteering

- A strong athletic program depends on **family involvement**. Parents are encouraged to help with:
 - Keeping game statistics
 - Running the **clock**
 - Assisting with concessions
 - Recording games
 - Overseeing the admission table at home games
 - Participating in fundraisers

Code of Conduct for Coaches

CCA coaches are expected to:

- 1. **Lead by example**, modeling respect, sportsmanship, and Christ-like character.
- 2. **Ensure a positive team environment**, free from inappropriate language, drugs, alcohol, or negativity.
- 3. **Prioritize player well-being** over the desire to win.
- 4. Avoid publicly criticizing players, officials, or parents.
- 5. Supervise athletes at all times during practices and games.
- 6. **Never allow an injured athlete to play** if it could worsen their condition.
- 7. Ensure all equipment is safe and in good condition.
- 8. **Proactively address conflicts** with players or parents.
- 9. Accept feedback graciously and remain open to growth.
- 10. Clearly communicate expectations for athletes and parents.



Acknowledgment & Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the CCA Athletic Handbook. I understand that failure to comply with these expectations may result in consequences determined by my coach and/or the Athletic Director.

Athlete Agreement		
Athlete Name:		
Athlete Signature:	Date:	
Parent/Guardian Agreement		
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:	