

COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Athletic Handbook 2016-2017

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Athletic Program Profile

Varsity:

Mascot: Lions

Colors: Royal Blue and Gold

League: Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools ([TAPPS](#)) grades 9-12

Classification: TAPPS 2A / Division II 6-man Football

Sports: Grades 9-12 Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track, Tennis, Golf, Cross Country

Grades 5-8 Football (football starts in 6th) , Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track, Tennis, Cross Country

TAPPS District Competition (9th-12th):

6-Man Football

Alvin Living Stones
Baytown Christian
Conroe Covenant Christian
Lake Jackson Brazosport

Volleyball/Basketball

Alvin Living Stones
Angleton
Family Christian
Southwest Christian
St. Stephens

Baseball/Softball

Alvin Living Stones
Baytown Christian
Bellville Faith
Conroe Covenant
Conroe Lifestyle
Huntsville Alpha Omega
Kingwood Covenant
Magnolia Legacy Prep

Beaumont Catholic Diocese Competition (5th-8th)

St. Anne
St. Mary
All Saint
St. Catherine
Legacy
Erhart
Harmony



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ATHLETICS

Philosophy

CCS athletics helps to fulfill the mission of the school by teaching the Christian way of competing and the Christian way of life as expressed through our three core values in athletics:

- **Character**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Gal 5:22-23

“Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Rom 5:3-4

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.” I Cor 16:13

- **Commitment**

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” Col 3:23

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it a slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.” I Cor 9:24-27

- **Community**

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Prov 27:17

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” I John 4:11

The CCS Athletic Department acknowledges the following order of priorities in our school – 1) God, 2) family, 3) academics, and 4) athletics. When this order is followed, it gives student-athletes the opportunity to be balanced spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Goals

Based on our philosophy, our athletic department and team goals are:

- **Excellence** - programs focused on discipleship that honor God and are well managed and well executed
- **Success** - reaching maximum potential both individually and as a team

We will emphasize the individual goal of Academic All-State to all of our students in grades 9 through 12. Being a great student and a great athlete is a difficult task, an admirable goal, and a worthy accomplishment.

It is our desire that our athletic community – coaches, players and parents – participate in such a way that honors God and conveys a positive witness to those around us. We will be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

Team Level Philosophy

We recognize the normal stages of a child's development and provide appropriate opportunities in athletics:

Varsity competition is the culminating experience for each sport's program. It is an experience provided for the elite athlete and is the most demanding and competitive of all programs. Although junior and senior athletes dominate most varsity team rosters, gifted ninth and tenth grade athletes are eligible for varsity level play. Prior participation in the program does not guarantee an athlete a spot on the roster, even if the athlete was a member of the varsity squad the preceding year. While contest participation over the course of a season is desirable, a specified amount of playing time at the varsity level is never guaranteed, since the outcome of the contest becomes an important consideration at this level. A goal of a varsity team should be to qualify for post-season play in district, regional or state competition. In the individual sports (cross country, tennis, golf, etc.), opportunities are presented to qualified, dedicated team members to represent the district in individual championship competitions at the league, division, and state levels. These opportunities are only provided, however, to those individuals who show a complete and ongoing commitment to the team.

Junior Varsity athletes are in the process of gaining the valuable knowledge, skill and experience required for varsity competition. Junior Varsity athletes may, on occasion, participate in varsity contests. Decisions of this nature are based on the evaluation of the athletes' abilities by the coaching staff and are not absolute. Skill, conditioning, work ethic and reliability are big factors in an athlete's quest to move up. At this level, athletes are expected to have visibly committed themselves to the program and continued self-development. To this end, increased emphasis is placed on physical conditioning, refinement of fundamental skills, elements and strategies of team play, and social and emotional development. Junior varsity programs work towards achieving a balance between continued team and player development and the quest for victory. The outcome of the contest does become a consideration at this level.

Junior High programs, in general, offer an introduction to the world of competitive athletics. At this point, the focus is on learning basic skills and game rules, fundamentals of team play, social and emotional growth, and healthy competition. While we try to avoid cuts at the middle school level, certain factors exist that must be dealt with by imposing a limitation on the number of students that can be accommodated in specific programs. Opportunities for contest participation for each team member will exist over the course of a season, providing that the athlete meets program expectations. Playing time will vary between individuals and will be determined by the coach. Determining factors will include readiness capacity, skill level, team expectations and safety. Creation and size of teams is determined by many factors including but

not limited to the number of participants interested in a sport, facility availability, safety and coaching resources. Whatever we do we want to do it well. Decisions will be made on a season-by-season, team-by-team basis if we cannot provide a healthy experience for all parties involved.

General Policies

Parent/Coach Conferences

If concerns arise, please follow the Matthew 18 guidelines. These guidelines are important to us because they allow us to address the problem directly, instead of letting it fester, or gossiping about it to others. Please honor God and our athletic department by following these steps in order. Note: Please do not go over the athletic director's head straight to the school or church administration.

- 1.) The athlete speaks to the coach about the problem.
- 2.) If the problem is not resolved, the parent should go with the athlete to talk to the coach. Please refrain from speaking with the coach about issues right before or after a game. Set up an appointment to speak on a mutual date.
- 3.) If the concern is still not resolved, speak with the athletic director to discuss your concern

Parent/Athlete Responsibilities

In order for CCS to provide an effective and well-ran athletic program for your student-athletes, the following requirements are necessary for your child to participate in CCS athletics:

1. Volunteer Hours: parents are responsible to run the gate and help with concession stand for home games.
2. Financial responsibility for lost/damaged uniforms
3. Athletes must furnish their own shoes, socks, special wraps or supports, and other needed items for the sport in which they are participating.
4. Travel Expenses
 - a. Additional personal expenses may be incurred while the team is travelling.
 - i. Food during travel
 - ii. Lodging
5. Athletic Fee
 - a. The athletic fee only covers a minority of the amount that is required to play sports. Any additional costs need to be covered by the parent.
 - b. **\$100 fee per semester** for each **junior high student** to participate in athletics
 - i. Fall Sports Fee-\$50 charged to your account in September and October (cross country, volleyball, football)
 - ii. Spring Sports Fee- \$50 will be charged to your account in January and February (baseball, softball, basketball, tennis, golf)

*Track is a spring sport, but the fee will be waived.

- c. **\$150 fee per semester** for each **high school student** to participate in athletics
 - i. Fall Sports Fee-\$50 charged to your account in September, October, and November (volleyball, football, cross country)
 - ii. Spring Sports Fee-\$50 charged to your account in January, February, and March (baseball, softball, basketball, tennis, golf)
- *Track is a spring sport, but the fee will be waived.

School Attendance

1. Students must be present in at least half of the school day (4 periods) to participate in practice or games on that day
2. If a student misses practice or a game due to absence from school, he/she is not required to notify the coach; however, a call/text is appreciated.
3. If you know you will be absent for an excused reason, please notify the coach as soon as possible.
4. If an athlete has an unexcused absence from practice, he/she cannot participate in the next game, match, or meet; however, the athlete IS REQUIRED to be with their team and be supportive during the event.

Student – Athlete Attitude

The student who chooses to participate in the athletic program is in a unique position. This position will be observed by many public and private schools, media, parents, peers, teachers, and the public at large. It is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate one's desire to be Christ-like in attitude and sportsmanship. This is not just during competition, but includes practice, the classroom, and any time representing CCS. The following will result in immediate consequences of which the severity of the consequence will be determined by the coach and/or athletic director.

1. Disrespect
2. Ball Throwing
3. Negativity towards team
4. Cursing
 - a. If cursing is directed towards a coach or teacher, the offender will meet with the athletic director and Principal. In addition, a 1 week suspension will be served, and the offense could result in possible expulsion from the athletic program.
5. Fighting
 - a. Offenders will meet with the athletic director. The offense could result in possible expulsion from the athletic program.

Sportsmanship

During home contests, we serve as hosts to the visiting team, its students and spectators. They are our guests, and they should be treated accordingly. At away contests, we are expected to

act as invited guests. We will treat the home school's personnel and facilities with care and respect. As participants and spectators, we want to cheer for our team, not against the opponent, being modest in victory and gracious in defeat. Additionally, we will regard the rules of the game as an agreement, the spirit and letter of which we should not break. Players play the game, coaches coach the games... no official has ever "lost" a game for a team. Much like we do not readily credit an official for a win, we will not blame an official for a loss. Officials will be treated with respect and we will accept the final decision of any official.

Quitting a Sport

Joining a sports team should be a decision that is taken with serious consideration. When an athlete joins a team, he/she should make the commitment to complete the season. Parents, please encourage your athletes to complete the commitment to the team. If an athlete would like to quit, please encourage finishing the season, and reevaluating where or not to play the next season. If a student must quit for something such as academic struggles, it must be done in a proper manner.

1. The reason for quitting must be told to the coach, and all equipment turned in.
2. The athlete will need to meet with the athletic director before joining another sport.
3. If an athlete quits more than one sport in one year, he/she may not participate in any other athletic activities until the next school year. The athletic fee will not be refunded.

Academic Responsibility

Students are accountable for getting their assignments for all classes that will be missed before they leave for their competition.

1. Students are expected to use their time wisely and study and do homework to and from games.
2. Students should be ready to take tests and turn in assignments on the regularly scheduled day. It is at the teacher's discretion to give students extra time to complete assignments, etc.
3. A student athlete must be in attendance at the 8 a.m. class on the day following a game or tournament. Failure to do so will constitute an unexcused absence.

Eligibility

CCS follows the "No Pass, No Play" policy for student grade averages. A failing grade would be that of a grade average of 69 or below. An athletic grading period will be reviewed every 3 weeks. If a student does become ineligible they will be out of athletics for a minimum time period of 2 weeks. If the student has passed all classes at the 2 week mark, they may become eligible at that time. However, this does not exempt them from the normal 3 week grade check the following week. CCS has a "zero rule" as well. The zero rule goes into effect if a student athlete receives 3 zeros in any of their classes combined. This is monitored over a 3 week grading period and the student will be suspended for their next sport contest if they reach 3

zeroes. Each zero after the 3rd zero will be a game suspension. This cycle will start over each 3 week grading period.

Uniforms

Take care of your gear! The athlete will be held financially responsible for any lost or misplaced equipment. The cost of any uniform returned in a condition in which it cannot be reissued will be charged to the athlete; this includes uniforms that have been improperly laundered or cared for. The cost of any deliberate mutilation of school property will be charged to the athlete. The amount charged to any athlete will vary by sport. The athlete will be charged the full price of what the school is out for replacing their uniform. All equipment must be turned in within one week of the last contest or as directed by the coach. Report cards will be held until all uniforms are returned or replacement charges have been collected.

Scheduling

The athletic department does its best to schedule games and practices well in advance of the season. Because we cannot control league changes or changes made by an opponent when we travel to their home court/field, changes to schedules will inevitably occur.

Transportation and Travel

If a team uses a CCS vehicle, then the following guidelines will take into effect.

- 1.)** All team members are generally expected to ride with the team to and from contests. If, for some reason, you need to ride home with your parents, you must clear this with the coach before leaving for the contest, and you must give either written release, text message, or email from one of your parents to the coach. Under no circumstances will you be released to ride with anyone other than your parents. Exceptions to this policy would allow students to ride home from contests if the parents in attendance have plans other than returning directly home or the school from athletic contests, therefore requiring the student to travel with the family. Students would still need to clear this with the coach before leaving for the contest with a written release to the coach.
- 2.)** While traveling to and from games, students will be required to wear school uniforms or Athletic-approved clothing. (Game uniform or CCS t-shirt and warm-ups) *If an athlete is not in travel dress code, that athlete will not be allowed to travel to the contest.*
- 3.)** Students will conduct themselves properly on the school bus or in any school vehicle.
- 4.)** Students must receive permission from the coach before bringing any radios, electronic games, etc., aboard the bus. (All music, games, and videos must comply with CCS guidelines)
- 5.)** Be informed of departure and return times for each trip by a notice posted on

www.ccsorange.org. It is your responsibility to be on time for all departures and to inform your parents of the time to pick you up after the contest. Every effort will be made by the coaching staff to notify proper personnel as to unexpected changes in arrival times.

6.) Students will not be allowed to bring parents, family members or friends on any bus trip. Only coaches and athletes are permitted to ride on the school bus. Managers will be allowed to ride if there are enough seats.

Hotel Policy

CCS will pay half of each room for games that are scheduled for out of town. We will have 4 students per room, and between the 4 students they will split the other half of the room. This is only for regular season games that CCS schedules for a team. For TAPPS playoff games, CCS will cover the entire hotel cost.

Inclement Weather

Any changes to published schedules due to bad weather will be updated on our athletic website as soon as an affirmative decision can be made. If lightning is present during an outdoor event, all parties must be moved indoors. The event can only be resumed if 20 minutes have passed since the last visual evidence of lightning. For outdoor practices, heat and humidity are closely monitored. Where possible, practices will be scheduled in the coolest times of the day. Practices will not be held outside in a heat index of 110F or above.

Fundraising

CCS Athletics raises funds annually through the booster club, athletic participation fees, concessions and gate fees at games, and from individual gifts. The objective is to provide enhancements to our team sports programs such as new uniforms, equipment, coaching stipends, officials, technology and supplies. These enhancements can often meet unexpected needs that extend beyond our operating budget.

Gambling

Gambling is not tolerated. Violation subjects the person(s) involved to disciplinary action.

Hazing

Hazing is defined as subjecting someone to an indignity, fright, abuse or threat and is not tolerated. Violation subjects the person(s) to disciplinary action.