



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2018-2019

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Preschool-12 Christ-centered education



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Building the church.***

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Student Athletic Handbook

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Central Christian School Vision Statement

“To Know Christ and To Make Him Known”

Central Christian School Mission Statement

Providing an excellent educational experience that nurtures the whole person while inviting students to follow Jesus within a caring community.

Central Christian School (CCS) Athletic Philosophy

Participation in CCS's athletic program is a unique experience that prepares Christian men and women for a life of meaningful work and service. The athletic experience provides a dynamic growth process for developing a desire to excel, learning discipline, teamwork and leadership, creating godly character traits and establishing mutual respect for others. Preparation for life is more important to the coaches and the athletic administration than win-loss records and championships. Above all, we desire to honor God in everything we do within the athletic program.

The CCS athletic program strives to exemplify Jesus Christ and to provide a balanced and competitive program.

CCS believes that:

- Athletics are a means to individual development.
- The process is as important as the performance.
- The student athlete, as part of the team, is more important than the program.

There is an emphasis on participation at the middle school and freshman levels. Every attempt will be made to have each athlete participate. The JV and Varsity levels become more selective. The better players will have increased playing opportunities to achieve a high level of success. Some players may experience less playing time than previous years.

A full program of sports is offered at CCS: soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, cross country, basketball, baseball, and softball. Competition with other Christian and public schools provides a worthwhile and meaningful experience and gives opportunity for individual and group fellowship and witness.

Athletic Guidelines

Being a member of a CCS athletic team carries with it responsibilities to broaden oneself and to develop strength and character. Academic studies and participation in other co-curricular activities all work together to prepare an athlete for life after school. As a member of an athletic team, a student becomes a role model. The student body and community will learn to know an athlete by their actions on and off the court or field. A student becomes a contributor to the life of the school and the success of the team when he or she commits to an athletic activity. Athletes are encouraged to take participation seriously, and will cooperate with the following guidelines.

Attendance at Practices and Games

Students must be in school by 12:00 noon to be eligible to practice or play in an evening athletic activity.

1. Students are expected and required to be at practice unless other arrangements have been made with the coach.
2. If a student has a prearranged excused absence from school, he or she is permitted to practice or participate in games.
3. Absences or tardies should always be arranged with the coach at least 24 hours in advance, unless emergency situations occur.
4. Unexcused absences or tardies are not permitted. All unexcused absences or tardies may result in a half game or whole game suspension. The suspension will be given at the coach's discretion after consulting with the Athletic Director and principal.
5. Unexcused absences on a Friday prior to a Saturday contest will be treated as if the unexcused absence occurred on Saturday.
6. Athletes are expected to be in attendance by 8:00 am the day following an athletic activity.
7. Curfews may be implemented by the coach.

Practice Eligibility

1. All participants must be academically eligible and submit an OHSAA physical examination form completed and signed by a medical examiner prior to the first practice. In addition to the physical form, the OHSAA waiver form and transportation form are required by the school.

Practice - Holidays

1. Religious holidays will not be used as practice days.
2. Holidays such as Martin Luther King Day, Labor Day and New Year's Day can be practice days; but if players and families have conflicts, players will be dismissed from practice without a penalty.

Athletic Guidelines (continued)

Practice - Saturday

1. Saturday practices are permitted during the team pre-season and into the start of the season.
2. Once the season is underway, Saturday practices are not promoted but are acceptable if the coach deems it necessary.

Practice - School Closing due to inclement weather

1. Varsity teams may have optional practices on inclement weather days. Practice should not begin before 1:00 pm.
2. All middle school and freshman practices and games will be canceled. High school games will be contingent on weather conditions.
3. Coaches will determine start time of practice when school is closed for reasons other than snow covered roads.
4. It is the responsibility of each player to contact the coach if unsure of practice details.

Practice - Wednesday

1. Practice on Wednesday will end by 5:00 pm. All students must leave the campus by 5:15 pm.

Club Sports

1. School sponsored athletic practices and games, co-curricular activities and class assignments always take precedent over club sport activities of any kind.
2. Coaches have the right to discipline players at their discretion if a player skips a practice or game for a club sport or club activity.

Mini-Term Guidelines

1. Mini-Term offerings are available on campus and off campus. Athletes should receive permission from their coach before selecting an off campus Mini-Term option.
2. Varsity team members are expected to remain on campus during the January Mini-Term. Exceptions may be made by the coach, who may consult the Athletic Director as needed.

Ski Club

1. Varsity, JV and freshmen players in winter sports should not be in Ski Club because of conflicts with time and the possibility of injury.
2. Middle school students, playing a winter sport, may be in Ski Club if all conflicts are approved by the coach and Athletic Director. (CCS preference is that a student selects either a winter sport or Ski Club.) CCS games have priority over Ski Club.
3. All special arrangements should be cleared with the Athletic Director and the coach.

Athletic Guidelines (continued)

Time off Between Sports

1. Players involved in two consecutive sports should take up to a week off between seasons. This includes involvement in official practices as well as open gyms.
2. Time off between sports is dependent on advancement into tournament play.
3. Exceptions should be cleared with the Athletic Director.

Travel to Away Games

1. Athletes are expected to travel as a team to and from games in transportation provided by CCS.
2. Exceptions will be made if the athlete is traveling in the company of his or her parents or another option arranged 24 hours in advance.
3. Music during travel may be used at the coach's discretion.
4. Teams may not stop to eat on the way home following games on school nights. Any exception needs to be cleared with the Athletic Director.

Academic Expectations of Players, Statisticians, Managers

High School Eligibility

1. A student who receives two or more failing quarter marks will be ineligible for the following nine weeks.
2. A student receiving one failing quarter mark will be placed on probation for the following nine weeks. (Providing they are eligible according to OHSAA guidelines)
 - The student will be ineligible to participate in games, practices or meetings for the first ten school days of the new grading period. (Spring grades will affect fall participation.)
 - When a progress report is issued with a failing grade or current GPA below 2.0, the student will be placed on the weekly eligibility list.

If a student is placed on the weekly eligibility list, teachers will report each Tuesday morning on student's progress for the previous week. The report is compiled by the Guidance Counselor and the Athletic Director. Parents and students will be notified when the student becomes ineligible.

Week 1: After notification, student has one week to show satisfactory progress. Satisfactory progress is achieved when:

1. All assignments are current.
2. Student is passing or improving.
3. Student is making satisfactory effort.
4. Student is cooperating with teacher in the learning process.

Academic Expectations of Players, Statisticians, Managers (continued)

If satisfactory progress is not achieved during Week 2, the student is ineligible for games from Wednesday through Tuesday following report.

If satisfactory progress is not achieved during Week 3, the student is ineligible to participate in games, practices, and meetings from Wednesday through Tuesday following report.

If satisfactory progress is not achieved during Week 4, the student is ineligible for the remainder of the season or grading period.

Middle School Eligibility

Middle School students are required to pass a minimum of five courses of all subjects taken in the preceding grading period.

Ineligibility and Failure to Complete Season

Grade Ineligibility

If a player becomes ineligible because of grades, he or she will be:

1. Pictured with the team in publicity, including yearbook, if they participated in 75% of team activities.
2. Eligible for post-season awards or recognition.

Behavior Ineligibility

If a player becomes ineligible due to behavioral problems, he or she will be:

1. Pictured with the team in publicity, including yearbook, if they participated in 75% of team activities.
2. Eligible for post-season awards or recognition.

Failure to Complete the Season

If, for any reason, (other than health or special family circumstances) a player ends their participation on a team, he or she will not be eligible for pictures, awards, or season recognition.

Appeal or Decision-making

The Athletic Council will consider cases which require special attention or will hear any appeals by athletes or parents.

Coaching Expectations and Guidelines

A pre-season parent meeting will inform parents of the coach's philosophy, rules, guidelines and expectations. Discipline given by classroom teachers or administrators could lead to additional consequences from the athletic department. Athletes serve as a role model to others and are expected to set a good example. Discipline by the coach may be appropriate for any athlete committing an offense during the athletic season.

Coaching Expectations and Guidelines (continued)

Parent Involvement (Steps to follow if a conference with the coach is desired)

1. If the parent has a concern to discuss with the coach, an appointment will be scheduled with the parents and coach.
2. Parents are asked to contact the coach regarding a specific concern at times other than just prior to a contest, during or immediately after a contest. This discussion or appointment should take place 24 hours after the concern arises to promote an objective analysis.
3. Concerns expressed should relate to an athlete's treatment, achievement, development, behavior, or attitude.
4. The Athletic Director may be involved at a parent's or coach's request.

Player and Parent Conduct

1. Parents and players are expected to be respectful to officials and opponents at all times.
2. Any player receiving a technical foul or flagrant foul for inappropriate conduct, from an official, will be removed from the contest. The coach will determine how long the player remains out of the contest.
3. Ejections handed to players or coaches are handled according to OHSAA rules (See OHSAA website.)

Covenant Expectations

Parent and student covenants are expectations to guide individual behavior. CCS believes the statements are based on God's word and are achievable expectations. The purpose of the covenant is to help each individual learn respect, relational qualities and problem-solving techniques.

Student athletes represent our school and are held to a high standard of behavior. The Covenant Agreements in the Student Handbook apply to behaviors both inside and outside of school hours.

Breaking Covenant Agreements may affect athletic participation.

Dress Code

Game Day

On game days, coaches will determine appropriate attire for the team. Clothing will follow school dress code guidelines. (Refer to Parent-Student Handbook)

Dress for away contests:

1. Athletes are expected to dress up for away games or wear appropriate team travel attire.
2. School-issued athletic uniforms (including warm-ups) are intended to be worn only in games. Athletic uniforms should not be worn to and from games without permission of coach.

Practice (court, field and hallways)

1. Dress for practice will follow school dress code guidelines.
2. Tank tops may be worn as an exception to this rule. Tank tops may not be cut down the sides to expose mid-section and/or sports bra.
3. Shirts must be worn at all times.
4. Length of shorts should be in good taste.
5. Spandex shorts may be worn to practice and during practice but are not permitted as casual dress in the hallways, before or after practice and games, or at any school functions.

Home School Athletic Participation

Students may participate in athletics at CCS in grades 6-12. To be eligible to play, the student must pay the home school registration fee and be enrolled in at least one class. There is an additional fee for participation in each sport. (Please check the website or the Home School registration booklet for costs.) All registered home school students are given free admission to CCS home athletic events.

Music Guidelines

All pre-game, in-game and post-game music must follow these guidelines:

1. Music must not have words of any kind and/or.....
2. Music is produced by a bona-fide Christian artist
 - lyrics must accompany the song
 - sound and taste of music appropriately represents CCS
3. Musical lyrics directly correspond with the sport being played
 - lyrics must accompany the song
 - no sexual innuendoes are used
 - no explicit language
 - sound and taste of music appropriately represents CCS

Music Guidelines (continued)

4. All music must be handed in to the Athletic Director at least 5 days prior to use in a game so that it can be approved. Before submitting the music to the Athletic Director, the coach must first approve it.
5. Jazz band will be given the first opportunity to play at athletic events.
6. School preference is that all music, including practices, has no lyrics or is Christian music.

OHSAA Guidelines

OHSAA Guidelines are available at OHSAA.org or at the Athletics tab on the school website www.ccscomets.org.

State Tournament

1. If any team advances to the state level but does not advance to the final game, the entire team will be excused from school to watch the state finals, given the coach or school representative chooses to take the team and transportation can be arranged.
2. If any team advances to regional tournament but does not advance to the state level, players maintaining a C grade average and having no late work will be granted one day of excused absence to watch the divisional semi-finals and/or finals. Players must be accompanied by a coach or school designated representative and parent(s) in a ratio of 1 adult to 7 players. Players may not travel without supervision or on their own.
3. If a team does not advance to the regional tournament, only Junior and Senior players who maintain a C grade average and have no late work will be granted one day of excused absence to attend the state tournament. Players must be accompanied by a coach or school designated representative and parent(s) in a ratio of 1 adult to 7 players. Players may not travel without supervision or on their own.
4. Any other student who is not a player may request an excused absence and be accompanied by a parent with a ratio of 1 adult to 1 student to the game.
5. All requests for any tournament situation must be cleared by the Athletic Director and school principal and must be arranged in advance.

Student Athletic Awards

The Athletic Council has adopted an awards program for all participants in Central Athletics. All awards given are based upon successful completion of a sports season.

Freshman Award Central Certificate

Junior Varsity Awards

First year	4" blue "C" and pin
Second year	JV bar
Third year	JV bar

Varsity Awards

Eligibility (coach may make a recommendation to Athletic Director for exceptions)

Golf	40% of matches
Soccer	40% of halves
Volleyball	40% of games
Basketball	40% of quarters
Baseball	40% of games
Softball	40% of games
Tennis	40% of matches

First year	6" white "C" and pin
Second year	Varsity bar
Third year	silver medallion
Fourth year	gold medallion

Managers, Statisticians and Videographers (each sport is separate)

First year	4" blue "C" and pin
Second year	JV bar
Third year	6" white "C" and pin
Fourth year	Varsity bar
Fifth year	silver medallion (can only occur if started in middle school)
Sixth year	gold medallion (can only occur if started in middle school)

Senior Awards

- Senior Plaque (awarded for two or more Varsity letters in HS)
- Tri-Sport Athlete Award
- Akron Beacon Journal Scholar Athlete Award
- OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award
- Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award
- NFHS National Award of Excellence
- Wayne County Hall of Fame Inductees
- Carol Schloneger Award
- Roy Bates Scholarship Award
- Roman Gingerich Award



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