



Crawford

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

POLICIES OF CRAWFORD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ATHLETICS

Parent Information

Purpose of the Athletic Program: The Athletic Program of Crawford Christian Academy exists to serve the broader mission of the school which is to educate students who will serve God and impact the world through Biblical thought and action.

Core Values of the Athletic Program:

- Commitment
- Character
- Courage
- Class

We are committed to Jesus Christ and following Him in a life of discipleship. We are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all areas of life, including participation in competitive athletics. This commitment to Jesus will shape our character. This Christ transformed character will result in courageous and classy behavior in our student athletes both on and off the playing field.

Affiliations:

Crawford Christian Academy, as far as its athletic program, is currently a member of the NewPenn Christian Conference (NPCC). During the regular seasons, CCA competes against a mixture of similar Christian schools, home-school teams, and small state schools. CCA also belongs to the National Christian School Athletic Association (NCSAA). The NCSAA offers various pre-season, in-season and post-season tournaments. Teams from CCA must qualify for the NCSAA post-season tournaments.

Sports currently offered:

FALL

- Varsity Soccer
 - Coed
 - 9-12th graders
- Middle School Soccer
 - Coed
 - 5-8th graders
- JV/Varsity girls volleyball
 - 9-12th graders
- Co-op Meadville Football
 - 7-12th

WINTER

- JV/Varsity boys basketball
 - 9-12th graders
- Middle-school boys basketball
 - 7-8th graders
- Girls basketball
 - 7-12th graders
- Elementary Basketball
 - 3-6th

SPRING

- Middle School girls volleyball
 - 7-8 th graders (younger girls may practice, but are ineligible to compete in matches)
- Boys volleyball
 - 7-12th graders (will be divided into middle school and Varsity squads dependent on number of participants)

Regular Season Game Limits:

- Girls Varsity Volleyball
 - Maximum of 2 pre-season events (individual scrimmage games, pre-season tournaments)
 - Maximum of 20 regular season playing dates (includes NCSAA regular season events and CCA invitational tournament)
- Boys Varsity Soccer
 - Maximum of 2 pre-season events (individual scrimmage games, pre-season tournaments)
 - Maximum of 18 regular season games (includes NCSAA regular season events and CCA invitational tournament)
- Girls and Boys Basketball
 - Maximum of 2 pre-season events (individual scrimmage games, pre-season tournaments)
 - Maximum of 22 regular season games (includes Tip-off tournament, holiday tournaments, NCSAA regular season events and CCA invitational tournament)

Qualifying for post-season tournaments:

Participating in post-season tournaments is a reward for the effort put into a successful season. Though we know “success” is much more than a winning record, we have set the following criteria in order for a team to qualify for the NCSAA post-season championships:

- Winning percentage of .600 or better
 - Varsity Soccer and Varsity Volleyball by Oct. 1st
 - Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball by Feb. 1st

Mandatory pre-season practices: Both girls volleyball and boys soccer may begin their mandatory pre-season practices in mid-August approximately no earlier than two weeks before the first day of classes at Crawford Christian Academy.

Both boys and girls basketball may begin their mandatory pre-season practices at the start of the 3rd week in November.

“Open-gym” practices: Coaches may set-up voluntary, “open-gym” practices during the off-season. These voluntary practices must be approved by the school’s athletic director before being conducted.

Sports Fees:

- 1) Regular, enrolled student: \$75 per sport
- 2) Homeschool or cyber-schooled student: \$250 per sport

Athletic Eligibility

- 1) All athletes must have a current year’s Athlete’s Agreement, Potential Injury Warning, and sports specific physical exam on file in the school office.
- 2) All athletes must be registered as a current student at CCA. Or, in the case of home-schooled/cyber schooled students, their participation must be approved by the Athletic Director. Cyber-schooled students enrolled through a local public school district are ineligible for athletics at CCA.
- 3) All athletes must meet the school’s academic eligibility requirements
- 4) All athletes and parents (or guardians) are asked to attend a mandatory pre-season meeting with the coaches to cover philosophy, policy and guidelines before the student athlete will be allowed to participate in a contest.

Eligibility to Start and Play in a Game

The starting lineup and time played in a game will be determined by the eligible player’s demonstration during practice and games, attendance, and attitude. All players are not guaranteed play time in every game. A player is eligible to start in a game, when the player has been present at the last scheduled practices prior to a game.

If a player must miss a scheduled practice prior to a game and if the absence is an excused absence (written or verbal request from the parent that the player be excused), starting in the game will be at the discretion of the coach.

An unexcused absence, detention, in-school suspension, or tardy the day before a game will result in that player waiting until no less than the 2nd half of the game to play.

If a player serves detention, in-school suspension or a tardy, they are unable to participate in that day’s practice or game. The absence will be unexcused and the player will not suit up for that game.

Academic Eligibility

Grades for every student athlete will be checked weekly (Thursday afternoon) during the season. If a student has an “F” in any class, or if the athlete is below a “C” average, this will result in a one week suspension of any athletic participation. If the student athlete will bring his/her grade average back up to the above requirement, then they may return to practice and games at the end of the suspension period. If this does not occur, the player(s) will be unable to participate in that sport.

Uniforms and Equipment

The student athlete shall care for the equipment and clothing issued to and used by him or her and shall comply with the instructions as to how they should be stored and cleaned. Please hang-dry all uniforms. And if possible, please repair small rips to prevent further damage later in the season. Your cooperation will help extend the life of the uniform.

All athletic equipment and uniforms shall be worn only on the athletic field and not in school or anywhere else unless special permission is granted. Any lost or stolen equipment or uniform shall be reported to the Athletic Director at once. Lost and misused items will be replaced at the player's expense.

Appropriate Dress

We will pursue to present ourselves as a team for all home and away contests. Since "appropriate dress" has become a subjective term, all athletes are expected to wear the following on ALL game days:

All players are to dress according to the school dress code to sporting events, or in uniform pants and uniform shirts (no jeans are to be worn to athletic events). **This includes games on Saturdays and end of the season awards programs.**

All athletes will be expected to attend school and arrive at the contest in the above attire. We are asking that we take pride in our appearance and our team.

Coaches for individual sports may make more stringent dress guidelines for their respective teams (example: collared shirts and ties for boys basketball). These guidelines must be approved by the school administrator and athletic director before being implemented.

Expectations/Responsibilities for Coaches

- Coaches for all sports/activities under CCA are directly responsible to the Athletic Director.
- Coaches should have their practice times and open gym days approved by the Athletic Director before beginning them.
- Coaches must have all the mandatory clearances on file with the school office before beginning their service as coach.
- Coaches shall be thoroughly familiar with the objectives and policies of CCA and shall make decisions consistent with them.
- Coaches shall act as positive spokespersons for CCA and their policies to parents and students. The coach for each team will regularly conduct practices and be fully responsible for those participants in the practices as well as the facilities used. Each coach shall be the last to leave the practice or game site.
- Coaches shall conduct training and game experience in such a manner that the welfare of each participant is always of paramount consideration.
- Coaches are responsible for all actions of their athletes before, during and after practices and games.

- Coaches are also expected to encourage in their athletes: 1) total respect for those in authority, fellow team members, players and fans, and 2) good stewardship for equipment borrowed and for home and away facilities.
- Coaches shall maintain rapport with all officials associated with the administration of the contest and shall handle themselves in such a way that they represent Christ in a positive manner and set an example for his/her players.
- Coaches shall communicate to the best of their abilities with the parents concerning practice times and possible changes in the schedule. They shall also communicate to the parents their personal guidelines and philosophy for their respective teams. (i.e. extra laps for being late to practice...)

(Please see below in the parents' expectations)

- All coaches shall attend mandatory meetings with the Athletic Director before the start of their regular season practices.
- Head coaches will conduct mandatory meetings with their players and parents (guardians) to discuss the purpose of the program, eligibility, guidelines, etc.
- Head coaches shall, when needed, obtain certain certifications (i.e. 1st Aid, CPR, etc.)

Expectations/Responsibilities for Parents

Cooperation among coaches, athletes, parents, and school personnel is essential if students are to realize the values of athletic participation. Like coaches and athletes, parents must make commitments to the athletic program to assure such cooperation. If there are still concerns after first pursuing the following channels, please contact the Athletic Director.

Your Expectations: It is reasonable to expect your child's coach and/or athletic director to inform you:

- 1) When and where practices and games are held.
- 2) About his/her coaching philosophy.
- 3) About the expectations he/she has for all athletes on the team as well as your individual child.
- 4) What is required to be a part of the team, i.e., fees, special equipment, off season conditioning, lettering requirements, etc.
- 5) If your child is injured during participation in a practice or game.
- 6) Whenever any disciplinary action results in your son/daughter being denied participation in a practice or contest.
- 7) In respect to our coaches, please pick up athletes from practices and games promptly.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with a Coach: Please do not confront coaches before, during or following a game or practice. Please make an appointment with the coach or AD to discuss your concerns.

- 1) Any unhealthy mental or physical strain you detect in your child at home especially if it affects his/her academic performance.
- 2) How you can contribute to your child's skill improvement and development.
- 3) Any schedule conflicts (must be done well in advance).

Inappropriate Concerns to Discuss with a Coach

- 1) Playing time.

- 2) Team strategy or play calling.
- 3) Other student athletes.

Our Expectations

- 1) Your child will attend all scheduled practices and athletic contests, unless previous arrangements or illness prevent attendance.
- 2) Your child will abide by the athletic department's rules and regulations.
- 3) Your child will conduct himself in a manner worthy of representing Jesus Christ, the team he/she is on, Crawford Christian Academy, their family, and their particular local church
- 4) Parents acknowledge the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy and player selection.
- 5) Parents promote mature behavior from students and parents during athletic contests.
- 6) Parents will work cooperatively with other parents and school personnel to assure a wholesome and successful athletic program for our school.
- 7) Parents will be available if possible to help transport athletes to games when necessary.
- 8) Parents will be given concession and gate fee duties at home contests when scheduled.

Games Officials

- 1) No one from Crawford Christian Academy (coaches, fans, players,) will protest in a reckless, out of control manner against any aspect of officiating or seek to change an official's decision once the game begins. The referees are the controlling authorities for the athletic contest, and we will strive to show them respect and honor.
- 2) No one associated with Crawford's athletic program should demonstrate against an official's decision by shouting or leaving the game.
- 3) Coaches, players, and school officials refrain from arguing with an official before, during or after a game. We ask that parents and fans would do the same.
- 4) Any fan, player or coach who demonstrates actions that are unacceptable towards an official will be asked to leave the field or building for the remainder of that game.
- 5) Coaches and designated captains may approach the game officials at proper times (half-time, timeout, etc.) to seek clarification, to explain, to understand the referee's decisions. This should be done in a calm, professional, Christ-honoring manner.
- 6) We will periodically ask referees (in all the sports we participate in) for their feedback on how our coaches, players, and fans conduct themselves during the contest.

Consequences for student-athlete's inappropriate behavior:

- 1) 1st offense: Verbal Warning (if this happens during a contest, the coach should remove the player from the game, find an appropriate time to address the issue, and give player time to calm down before re-inserting him into the game)
- 2) 2nd offense: Meeting with coach and athletic director. Formal written warning.
- 3) 3rd offense: Meeting with coach, AD, School administrator, parents-Suspension for a game.
- 4) 4th offense: Three-game suspension
- 5) 5th offense: Suspended for rest of season. Must meet certain requirements to be eligible for the next sport, or next season.

Consequences for coach's inappropriate behavior:

- 1) 1st offense: Verbal warning from AD or school administrator (coach will be instructed to make appropriate apologies, etc. for his behavior)

- 2) 2nd offense: Meeting with AD and school administrator ((coach will be instructed to make appropriate apologies, etc. for his behavior)
- 3) 3rd offense: Suspension from conducting 1 practice and coaching 1 game
- 4) 4th offense: Dismissal from position Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Violation Policy CCA school policy does not tolerate the use of any of these substances. Any student athlete found using or distributing such substances will be subject to expulsion from school.

Concessions and Game Admissions

Concessions are under the directions of the various booster clubs. Gate fees help to off-set the cost of officials, transportation, and league fees.

Gate Fees:

\$3.00/Students

\$5.00/Adults

\$10.00/Family

Season Family Pass (subject to the number of games)

Transportation/Driving Policies

All athletes must travel to and from athletic contests in an approved private vehicle driven by a coach, team member's parent or with an approved adult driver (21 years old). Students that can drive will be permitted under certain circumstances to transport themselves or another student for practices.

It is our goal to travel to all away games as a team. Under only special and pre-arranged circumstances a parent may request to transport their student directly to the game (arrival must be 30 minutes prior to game time). Also, if a student will travel home with another parent, advance verbal/written notice is required.

It is very important that all students are picked up from practice and away games on time. Please be considerate of our coaches and staff so they are not at the school extra hours. At times, the teams may take a bus to some away games. When that occurs there will be a \$5 per person bus fee.

Bus Rules

- 1) Only Christian music is permitted for travel to and from games, and listening with headphones.
- 2) Teams will be assigned either the front seats or rear seats and will sit together as a team.
- 3) Boys will sit with boys and girls will sit with girls.
- 4) Passengers on the bus should remain seated at all times.

Consequences of Violating Bus Rules

- 1) 1st offense – verbal warning
- 2) 2nd offense – immediate assigned seating
- 3) 3rd offense – not permitted on next bus trip
- 4) 4th offense – not permitted on bus for the remainder of the season

Name of Athlete: _____

THE ATHLETE'S AGREEMENT

1) To be a worthy representative of my school, teammates, coaches, and Lord, abiding by school and community expectations and reflecting my school's values of commitment and hard work.

2) To maintain my health and fitness levels by following the training regimen assigned by my coaches.

3) To attend all practices faithfully unless excused by my coach.

4) To contact my coach personally before a practice or game if I am unable to attend.

5) To attend all games in appropriate dress or full uniform.

6) To find and make the time to satisfy my spiritual and family relationships and responsibilities.

7) To accept the responsibilities of team membership: cooperation, support of my teammates, shared responsibilities, positive interaction, and mutual respect of my coach and teammates.

8) To express my feelings and ideas appropriately to my coach and other players.

9) To respect officials and accept their decisions without question.

10) To reflect my belief that even the toughest athlete is sensitive to others, especially in extending kindness to an opponent.

11) Return or replace any equipment or uniform issued to me.

12) Report any personal injury or teammate injury to a coach immediately.

13) To be an example for Christ in my life both on and off the court/field.

POTENTIAL INJURY WARNING

As you are aware, our sports program consists of basically non-contact sports. However, because of the nature of sports, there is physical contact and much physical activity that tends to make players susceptible to injury. Because of this, it is our responsibility to inform you as parents and players that there is always the possibility of the player to incur various injuries such as blisters, contusions, abrasions, and lacerations to any part of the body. Severe injuries such as muscle strains, sprains, and bone fractures are some things that could cause permanent or temporary loss of physical mobility and bodily functions. A player could also sustain an injury that could cause permanent or partial paralysis to either the entire body or a portion of the body. This is not written to scare you, but rather to inform you of the potential hazards of sports.

SPORTS PHYSICAL EXAM FORM

Due to the physical conditioning and demands with athletic competition, Crawford Christian Academy is now requiring a sports specific physical to be done before the beginning of the season.

I have read the above statements and understand the policies of CCA Athletics and promise to do my best to live up to them.

Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____