

Byne Memorial Baptist School



Athletic Handbook 2007 – 2008

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth
me.”

Philippians 4:13

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To comply with Byne Memorial Baptist School rules and guidelines, every parent and athlete must be made aware of the inherent risk of participating in sports activities at BMBS as stated in the Warning of Inherent Risk statement below.

Warning of Inherent Risk

Participation in athletic competition includes the inherent risk of injury, which may range in severity from minor injury, to disabling injury, even to death. Although serious injuries are uncommon in structured, supervised athletic programs, it is virtually impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants can and do have the responsibility in helping reduce the chance of injury by obeying all safety rules of each sporting activity, reporting all physical problems to coaches, following proper guidelines for safe play in athletic competition, and inspecting the integrity of their own equipment. Byne Memorial Baptist School takes all necessary precautions to provide student athletes a proper and safe environment for competing athletically.

BYNE MEMORIAL BAPTIST SCHOOL

ATHLETICS

PHILOSOPHY

The Christian approach to athletics at Byne Memorial Baptist School (BMBS) flows naturally from the school's philosophy of Christian education. The purpose and intent of our athletic program at BMBS is to bring glory to God through our participation and involvement in individual and team sports activities and to develop within those who participate in athletics the character traits of Jesus Christ. We desire for our athletes to grow spiritually by teaching them to think and act like Christ in the competitive arena and to model godly character through their words, their attitudes and their deeds.

Developing each student athlete spiritually, so that the Holy Spirit controls and directs his or her mind and body in every athletic endeavor, is a key objective of the BMBS athletic program (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Within that philosophical framework, all of our coaches desire to train, disciple, and encourage student athletes to perform athletically to the maximum of his or her potential in order to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Athletic competition often can serve as a microcosm of life, providing perfect learning situations for teaching God's principles. Using the many kinds of problems and different situations that occur in athletic competition, coaches attempt to build within each student athlete eternal biblical principles and values, so that he or she might conform to Christ's image and demonstrate His character.

Consequently, the primary goal of the athletic program at BMBS is to use athletic competition as a positive tool in the lives of our student athletes to bring glory to God through our participation and to develop within those who participate in athletics the character traits of Christ.

PURPOSE

This athletic handbook outlines for administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents important information concerning the athletic program at Byne Memorial Baptist School. It is comprehensive, yet not exhaustive. Any comments or additions should be directed to the Athletic Director.

The athletic program is an important part of the overall educational experience of students at BMBS and must necessarily conform to the school's philosophy of Christian education. Athletic competition must never be allowed to damage the testimony of Christ or the philosophy and ministry of the school.

Through the athletic program at BMBS, we aim to accomplish the following objectives:

- 1. To develop within each student athlete the positive character qualities of Jesus Christ, conforming ourselves to His image, and openly expressing those characteristics to others through athletic competition.**

2. To learn to give maximum effort for the glory of God in every aspect of the athletic program.
3. To glorify God in word and deed by presenting a positive witness and testimony for Jesus Christ to the lost.
4. To teach the biblical principle of respect for authority; players respect their coaches; coaches, players and fans respect for officials; and all a respect and reverence for God.
5. To instill within every player for the principle of setting aside our individual desires and goals for the good of the team.
6. To provide opportunities within athletic competition to learn self-discipline and self-control, because true individual character traits are often revealed in the heat of competition.
7. To encourage and provide opportunities for student athletes to produce a healthy body ('temple of the Holy Spirit').
8. To do everything with a 'total release' of all mental and physical ability, and all emotional energy (100% effort), in order to play with complete concentration, and then releasing the results to God.
9. To live in word and deed as ambassadors for Jesus Christ, for His glory.

SPORTS OFFERED

Byne Memorial Baptist School offers students a variety of sports in which to participate. These sports are usually offered during three distinct seasons; fall, winter, and spring.

Fall	Girls	Boys
Varsity/Jr. Varsity	Golf	Golf
YMCA Under 14	Soccer	Soccer
Fall 2008	Volleyball	
Winter	Girls	Boys
Varsity/Jr. Varsity	Basketball	Basketball
Varsity/Jr. Varsity	Cheerleading	
Spring	Girls	Boys
Varsity	Softball	Baseball
Middle School	Soccer	Soccer

Students are encouraged to participate in sports all year long; however, a student cannot begin a different sport until the previous sport's season is over. Students may not play more than one sport at a time within a given season. The only exceptions will be made by the Athletic Director with the consent of the individual coaches and parents.

With sufficient participation, sports are offered at different levels. For Elementary and Middle School athletic activities, the primary goal is to teach game fundamentals, teamwork, sportsmanship, the concept of commitment, respect for

authority, and most importantly, development of the athlete spiritually. The Junior Varsity level attempts to refine the concepts learned in Middle School, with greater emphasis on teamwork, the concept of 'total release', skill improvement, and a greater depth of spiritual growth.

At the Varsity level, competition is more intense and requires an increased level of desire and commitment from each individual athlete. Many biblical principles, character qualities, and life lessons can be learned through competing at this level. Coaching demands at the Varsity level are more intense and to compete at this level requires complete dedication by the athlete and complete support of parents for the athlete while competing.

Byne Memorial Baptist School competes in the Georgia Christian Athletic Association at the Jr. Varsity and Varsity levels for golf, basketball, baseball, softball, cheerleading and volleyball (Fall 2008). BMBS competes in the YMCA soccer program for the Elementary level, and will be working towards a Middle School soccer team in 2007-2008, and will be competing with area Middle Schools. BMBS complies with each conference or organization's rules and regulations according to their respective constitutions.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

As part of the BMBS partnership with parents, the athletic department requires involvement and participation by parents of student athletes in the overall function of the athletic program. Because of continual yearly budget constraints and limited athletic department resources, there are numerous areas and activities that need parental support and volunteer time in order to function properly. The following list includes, but is not limited to, areas where parents can support the athletic program.

GATE VOLUNTEERS – The first volunteer need concerns controlling and collecting money at the gates for all home sporting events which require admission. This activity is extremely important to the budget of the athletic department. Parents of athletes, on a rotating basis, will be responsible for collecting money at our home games. The athletic department will assign specific dates to work and will endeavor to avoid having parents work when their student is playing. Lists will be mailed to parents and posted on the school athletic website as soon as official team rosters are finalized for each sport in a season.

CONCESSIONS VOLUNTEERS – Another important function that helps fulfill the athletic department's financial need is the selling of concessions at athletic events. This function helps the athletic department by providing funds to the SAINTS Organization which provides resources to work the concession stand. The athletic department works closely with the SAINTS Organization to fill concession positions. Again, once the official team rosters are finalized, lists will be mailed to parents and posted on the school's athletic web page.

SAINTS Organization (Sharing Academic and Athletics **IN Teaching Students**) – An important organization that all parents of athletes are members of and expected to participate in is the SAINTS Organization. The BMBS SAINTS Organization is a parent, teacher and staff organization that provides valuable support for the athletic department and BMBS teachers. The organization sponsors several fundraising functions

and activities to help in the support of the athletic department in conjunction with academics through support of the teachers and staff of the school. Parents of all student athletes are automatically members at registration and expected to participate.

COMMUNICATIONS – In order to enhance the communication between the athletic department and coaches, student athletes, and parents, important information can be found in this Parent/Student Athletic Handbook. All parents may receive a copy of the BMBS Athletic Handbook from the Athletic Department or by downloading the document from the BMBS web site (www.byneschool.org). Most other athletic information, such as changes in schedules, practice schedules, game times, etc., can be obtained through *The Partnership* or the school's athletic web page. At the beginning of each season for each sport, game schedules will be provided that will include individual coaches' contact information (See Attachment A).

The BMBS Athletic Department depends on the support and involvement of parents in its goal to develop student athletes into the image and likeness of Christ through athletic competition. To build those desired character qualities into our student athletes, parents must agree with the school's philosophy of Christian education and the school's athletic philosophy. Parents should also be supportive of the decisions of the Athletic Director and the coaches and always use the Matthew 18 principle in any conflict or misunderstanding. **Both winning and losing in athletic competition provide valuable biblical and life lessons for our students that might not ever be learned anywhere else.**

SPORTSMANSHIP – Parents and fans should model biblical behavior while watching our student athletes in fierce athletic competition, because that modeled behavior is just as important as the behavior of the athletes on the field. Dr. Paul Kienel, founder and President of Emeritus of ACSI, outlined five important principles concerning good sportsmanship and positive Christian testimony which all BMBS parents and fans should observe during athletic competition. These principles should guide us as Christian parents and fans of our student athletes:

1. Show proper RESEPECT to the players of both teams, remembering that each one is someone's son or daughter. Likewise, respect the visiting crowd, treating them as you would like to be treated in their gym or at their field.
2. Show proper respect for the officials and for their legitimate POSITION OF AUTHORITY over the game.
3. Remember that the other team's players, coaches, and fans are not our enemies, JUST OUR OPPONENTS in a game.
4. Please DO NOT "BOO" or otherwise show a negative reaction or behavior toward an official's decision or a player's performance.
5. Remember that the Lord sees our actions and He knows our THOUGHTS and the INTENT OF OUR HEARTS.

Similar to these ideas, GCAA states in their Christian Winners Creed, "I believe that a true believer always does his best, never to the glory of self, but always to the glory of God. With the Lord's help I will strive to be a true winner today."

The sportsmanship behavior listed above is also supported in the GCAA Etiquette Guidelines (Attachment C) available at BMBS sporting events.

STUDENT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Even though every coach in each individual sport may have specific rules and guidelines for that sport, the following rules are in effect for all athletes at BMBS:

1. **Absolutely no use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at anytime (365 days per year). Proven use constitutes permanent expulsion from the team (1 Thessalonians 5:15, Proverbs 15:1).**
2. **Attendance at all practices and games is mandatory. Discipline will occur after the first unexcused absence and dismissal from the team after the second unexcused absence.**
3. **Any improper or questionable language will not be permitted. Disciplinary measures will be taken for the first offense and expulsion from the team for the second offense. Let your performance do your talking for you. Improper language includes: swearing, ‘in your face’ boasting, and disrespect to officials, players, or coaches. Lead a spirit controlled life and the Holy Spirit will control your tongue! (James 1)**
4. **Maintain school dress and hair code at all times, plus any other dress specifications outlined by coaches. Team unity is the focus for dress and should be standardized by each coach. Unnecessary accessories that are worn to draw attention to the individual *reflect a defiance of the team concept*. When we submit to one another, by complying with the team dress or hair code for the accomplishment of a goal beyond ourselves, we glorify Christ, not ourselves! In all areas dealing with attire or appearance, the goal is always modesty!**
5. **Athletic competition is a great source of fun; however, no foolish ‘horse-play’ will be tolerated.**
6. **Athletes should strive to obtain a minimum of eight hours of sleep per night. Prioritize your activities and manage your time.**
7. **Athletes should maintain a proper diet. Avoid junk food or eating food with ‘empty calories’. Remember, to compete with ‘total release’, your body must be fueled properly to perform at its full potential!**
8. **Because we are a Christian school, people watch what we say, so we must be aware of our actions. Any display of affection between boys and girls will not be permitted. Concentration upon the game and upon our witness for Christ is of utmost importance!**

ACADEMICS

Even though the athletic program is an important part of the overall Byne Memorial Baptist School experience, the mission of the school remains academic education. In light of our Christian educational philosophy and the school’s mission, the BMBS athletic department endeavors to monitor the academic progress and to encourage the academic achievement of each student athlete. To accomplish this, there must be

continuous, clear and frequent communication between the athletic department, coaches, teachers, parents and student athletes. In the athletic program, we teach our athletes the concept of **'total release'** (giving 100% effort) and we expect them to give their maximum effort in all academic endeavors as well.

We continuously monitor the academic eligibility of student athletes, in order to comply with GCAA eligibility rules. To monitor student academic progress, all interim grade reports are reviewed by the athletic office. **It is the student athlete's responsibility for maintaining academic eligibility.**

For some athletic events, athletes must be dismissed early from school and likely will miss some academic work. Early dismissal for away games or practices is never an excuse for failure to fulfill academic responsibilities. Each student athlete is responsible for contacting teachers before early dismissal regarding work or assignments that might be missed or assignments that are due that day. Student athletes must coordinate with the teacher to make up all missed work, including written assignments, quizzes, and tests. All assignments not completed will result in failure for that work and will jeopardize the athlete's academic eligibility.

It is the athlete's responsibility to maintain the concept of 'total release' (giving 100% effort) in academics and failure to meet minimum academic standards will result in athletic ineligibility.

In addition to athletic department monitoring of grades during the semester, each nine-week grading period, a student athlete must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average, with no failing grade (F), to remain athletically eligible. A student athlete who does not meet the academic requirements will not be eligible to participate in any aspect of the sport for a period of 3 weeks. At the end of the 3 week period, if the athlete has met academic requirements he or she will be reinstated and allowed to participate.

When failure occurs, parents and students are strongly encouraged to seek counsel from teachers, coaches, and the Athletic Director to determine the causes and the possible solutions for poor academic performance.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the athletic program at Byne Memorial Baptist School, a student must enroll as a full-time student at BMBS and take at least four units of credit per year.

Other GCAA eligibility criteria for participation in athletics are found in the GCAA Athletic Manual School Responsibilities and Eligibility Rules, pages 10 - 11.

To participate in the BMBS athletic program, a student athlete must have a signed GCAA Liability Waiver form. Additionally, students must obtain a physical exam, performed and signed by a Medical Doctor using a Pre-Participation Physical Examination form. These signed forms for each student athlete will be kept on file in the main office. For each home and away sports activity, the coach for each individual sport must have in his or her possession copies of the forms mentioned above for every member on that team.

To maintain athletic eligibility for a sport, students must be self-disciplined in the classroom. After School Detentions (ASD) are disciplinary consequences for a classroom infraction or misbehavior. Student athletes receiving an ASD from a teacher

will receive consequences from his or her respective coach. For the first two ASDs, a coach will ensure appropriate consequences for the student athlete. For the third ASD, the student athlete will receive consequences **AND** miss one game. For the fourth ASD, the student athlete will not be allowed to continue to be a member of the team.

In order for a student athlete to compete in an athletic game or contest, he or she must arrive at school no later than 9:00am on the day of the game and attend all scheduled classes.

AWARDS AND LETTERS

At the end of the year, the Byne Memorial Baptist School Athletic Department will hold an all sports athletic banquet to recognize outstanding achievement according to the guiding principles and goals established by our athletic philosophy. Our goal is not only to recognize in each sport the obvious outward athletic abilities, talents, and achievements of the past year, but just as important, we desire to recognize those inward Christ-like qualities that have been formed and displayed in athletes during the season. Therefore, the description of the athletic awards and the giving of those awards are necessarily correlated and intertwined with the character qualities our coaches emphasize during the season.

The following awards will be given for all sports:

1. **Most Valuable Player** – the MVP award is given to the athlete who made the greatest overall contribution to the team, athletically and spiritually. Although statistics are important, demonstrated character development is the most important criteria for this award. It is possible to not be the statistical leader of the team, yet be the MVP. Characteristics considered for this award include: athletic and spiritual leadership, intensity, determination, obedience, self-control, endurance, responsibility, respect, compassion, and dependability.
2. **Christian Character** – the Christian Character award is given to the athlete who best demonstrates spiritual leadership, Christ-like character, and spiritual relationship with Christ and reflects the following characteristics: boldness, enthusiasm, faith, humility, loyalty, virtue, meekness, discernment, sensitivity, courage, and wisdom.
3. **'Total Release'** – the 'Total Release' award (Hustle Award) is given to the athlete who consistently shows the greatest intensity in his or her performance. This athlete makes the most of his or her ability by continuously giving 100% effort in all aspects of the sport, whether in practice or in athletic competition. He or she best reflects Colossians 3:17 and 3:23. Character traits for this award include: intensity, determination, availability, obedience, diligence, enthusiasm, endurance, dependability and self-control.
4. **Most Improved** – the Most Improved award is presented to the athlete who demonstrates the most improvement in ability and character judged either from the beginning of the season to the end, or from one season to the next. Character traits for this award include: determination, diligence, contentment, dependability, enthusiasm, humility, attentiveness, flexibility, and intensity.
5. **For each individual sport, with the approval of the Athletic Director, a head coach will have the discretion of presenting additional sports specific awards.**

In addition to the individual sports awards, the **Athlete of the Year** award will be presented by the Athletic Department.

Athlete of the Year – the Athlete of the Year award is an annual award given to the outstanding male and female athletes who demonstrate the best all-around character, ability, and accomplishment. This award is determined by the collective vote of all BMBS coaches.

Byne Memorial Baptist School awards a letter 'B' in all varsity sports to players and cheerleaders who meet certain criteria. To earn a letter, the student should demonstrate growth in biblical character qualities and must attend and participate in at least 90% of scheduled practices unless excused by the coach (examples such as: a viable medical reason, family death, etc.). Excused absences are to be determined and communicated by the coach to the player. Athletes must compete in a minimum of 25% of the games scheduled. Varsity athletes must dress out for at least 95% of scheduled games, unless injured. Due to the limited number of matches, practices and the nature of how matches are played, varsity golf lettering will be managed differently and determined by the coach.

To letter in a sport, a student athlete must not be a disciplinary problem. More than one disciplinary action taken against a student athlete will disqualify that individual from lettering in that sport. Additionally, more than one unexcused absence from practice will disqualify that player from being awarded a letter.

Student athletes in grades 6-8 may receive a letter in a varsity sport, if all other eligibility requirements are met. These special situations should be discussed with and approved by the Athletic Director and the coach involved.

Athletic certificates will be awarded for any managers, trainers, statisticians, and audio-visual helpers who meet participation requirements. These students must attend and fulfill their particular responsibilities in at least 95% of scheduled games or matches.

FACILITIES

The Lord has blessed Byne Memorial Baptist School with outstanding facilities including a gym, locker rooms, baseball and softball fields and transportation vehicles. Student athletes must learn to be good stewards of what we have (even though some things may seem old or used) and use these facilities wisely. You should always leave an area cleaner than the way you found it (especially when we play at another school)! Do not tolerate destructiveness or misuse of property at any time (including balls, bats, PE equipment, etc.)

All articles left in the locker room area and gym will be taken to the 'lost and found' for a short period of time, then, if not recovered, given to charity.

Students must be out of the building no later than fifteen minutes after the scheduled completion of practice. Coaches will be the last ones out to ensure the doors are locked. Make sure your ride is on time or you should have another place to go (another athlete's house). You cannot remain on the school premises after the coach leaves. For practices, you should not be in any other area of the school building other than the designated practice area.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

The coach for each individual sport will issue uniforms before the first game. Each athlete will sign for the uniform by size and number. At the time of issue, please note the condition of the uniform, because it is your responsibility to keep it clean and in

good shape. Lost or damaged uniforms must be paid for in full. Check with your coach for the type of practice uniforms he or she desires you to wear. Although practice uniforms are not standardized, athletes must use modesty in practice attire.

Athletic game uniforms are very costly, so please be good stewards of the uniforms we have. They should be cleaned and washed regularly. You should treat all school athletic equipment with care. If your coach gives you the responsibility for the team's equipment, see that you carry out your job responsibility. Any loss of or damage to school equipment or uniforms due to negligence or carelessness by a student athlete will be repaid in full by that student who is deemed responsible.

All athletic uniforms will be distributed by your coach. Athletic uniforms must be returned at the end of the season as required by your coach. Report cards will not be made available (mail or pickup) for any student athlete who does not return his or her uniform.

INJURIES AND PHYSICALS

Injuries – It is very important that you report all injuries to your coach so that proper aid may be given. This includes injuries or problems that occur outside the sport you are participating in. Please be sure to let your coach know of any allergies, medicines, problems, or other ailments that might require special attention.

Conditioning – Conditioning is your responsibility prior to the start of every season. Prepare yourself so that you can stand the physical stress that practice in that sport will put on your body. Begin gradual and easy, working up to a high level of conditioning, so that you will be ready for the start of the season.

Physicals – To participate in the GCAA athletic program, each athlete must have a signed and completed Pre-Participation Physical Examination form, performed and signed by a Medical Doctor before the season begins. At the beginning of the year BMBS makes arrangements with local doctors, who volunteer their time (possibly a small fee), to provide athletes an easy way to obtain a physical prior to the fall season. You may not compete or practice in any sport unless you have a current physical on file. The Pre-Participation Physical Examination form must be signed and will be kept on file in the main office.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from athletic contests will be by BMBS vehicles, unless otherwise specified by your coach. Students must ride on the school vehicle to and from the athletic contest destination. The only exception is when parents request a trip waiver from the coach or Athletic Director for the return trip from a game. Students will be released to parents only for the return trip from a game or match. The Athletic Director or coach will have a Return Trip Authorization Form at sporting events for the parent/guardian to sign.

All school vehicles must remain clean! Your stewardship responsibility is to ensure that the BMBS vehicles remain clean to and from each athletic event. Riding home with parents does not relieve you of that responsibility. In the event that vehicles are not kept clean, coaches will provide disciplinary action at the next practice.

Riding to a game or match on a school vehicle should not include loud talking and singing, shouting, boisterous laughing, or 'rough housing'. There should be absolutely no standing or walking around on the bus while it is moving. Student athletes should instead prepare mentally and spiritually for the upcoming game or match. In addition, when boys and girls are riding on the same vehicle, they will not be allowed to sit together.

For all local practices away from the BMBS campus, if you ride with someone else, you should conduct yourself in a way that will honor God and conform to school policies. To ride to a practice with another student who drives, you must have written permission from your parents beforehand. Permission slips will be on file in the main office.

CLOSING

The BMBS Athletic Department would like to encourage each student athlete by wishing you the very best in all your athletic endeavors. If we can help you in any way, please let us know. It is our heart's desire to help each student athlete grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that the sports program at BMBS will truly encourage you to develop and mature in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Our hope is that, through the athletic program at Byne Memorial Baptist School, you will strive to do your absolute best by using your God-given talents and abilities in athletic competition so that you will bring glory to Him!

COACHES INFORMATION

2007 – 2008

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Bible References

King James Version

(In order of Appearance)

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 18

1. At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
2. And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
3. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.
6. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
7. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!
8. Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
9. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
10. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
11. For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.
12. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?
13. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
14. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.
15. Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
17. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.
18. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
19. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
20. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.
23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.
24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.
26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.
28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.
29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:
33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?
34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.
35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Colossians 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3:23

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;



Georgia Christian Athletic Association

Christian Winners Creed

*I believe that a true winner
always does his best,
never to the glory of self,
but always to the glory
of God.*

*With the Lord's¹ help
I will strive to be a true winner today.²*

¹Colossians 3:23

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

²Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

GCAA

This school is a member of the Georgia Christian Athletic Association (GCAA). The stated purpose of the GCAA is, in part, “to teach Christian ethics and build Christian character through Christ-centered athletic competition and to regulate interscholastic relationships...” Its goal is to encourage, and promote athletic programs with a purpose to foster a spirit of fair play, good Christian fellowship, true sportsmanship, and wholesome competition between Christian schools.

THE PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION

An interscholastic athletic program is a vital part of the student's overall education. Kept in the right perspective, athletics is a tool to train young people for Christ. Games won and lost will fade quickly in the test of passing time, but godly character and values will continue to produce results in the lives of individuals for years and generations to come.

WHY ARE SPORTS IN A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IMPORTANT?

- To glorify God (I Corinthians 10:31)
- To build Christian character (Galatians 5:25-26)
- For bodily exercise (1 Timothy 4:8)
- To boost school spirit

The purpose of a Christian school's athletic program should be to develop the proper Christian character in athletes, coaches, fans, and the schools they play. The ultimate goal is to give all glory to our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 5:25-26).

The purpose of these guidelines is to assist parents, athletes, and fans in a Christ-like atmosphere at athletic contests.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR SPECTATORS

1. Do not make negative comments to officials or opponents.
2. Decisions of officials are to be abided by at all times.
3. Any spectator who continually evidences poor sportsmanship may be requested to leave.
4. The practice of "booing" is regarded as discourteous and unsportsmanlike.
5. Courtesy should be given to the cheerleaders of opposing teams.
6. Please be respectful when a player is injured.
7. The GCAA considers it unsportsmanlike to attempt to distract a player when shooting a free throw.
8. Do your part to help keep the buildings and grounds clean and free of litter. Throw all trash in proper containers.
9. Men should remove hats for prayer and the playing and/or singing of the National Anthem. Exhibit proper flag etiquette during the National Anthem.