

CCA Athletic Handbook

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Classical Christian Academy

First Assembly North Campus

7101 Bayshore Rd,

North Fort Myers, Florida

Classical Christian Academy is a private, co-educational, Classical, Christian school. CCA is governed by a board of directors.

CCA administration, faculty and staff pertinent to athletics:

Principal: Amy Davis

Assistant Principal-Lower School: Tabitha Dillehay

Assistant Principal- Upper School: Christi Cecil

Athletic Director: Shawna Christenson

School Colors: Navy & Gold

School Mascot: The Mavericks

School Motto: "Discover What We Can Do Together!"

SECTION 1 – Athletic Department Philosophy

CCA Athletic Department Philosophy:

It is the philosophy of CCA Athletics to provide a quality sports program in a Christian context. Our goal is to offer experiences that develop the young person physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. We believe that our abilities are a gift of God and that we are obligated to use them to the best of our abilities. CCA Athletics is valued as an integral part of a child's overall development and education.

Our goal is to win, but we understand that winning is an outcome that is not completely under our control. We believe that athletics must teach positive values, build self-confidence and promote a respect for others. We stress that good sportsmanship, individual development and team unity supersede winning. Winning without honor, integrity or Christ-likeness is not truly winning.

The individual goals of an athlete or coach will not take precedent over the goals of a team. Likewise, the goals of a team or specific sport program will not take precedence over the goals of the overall athletic program.

Goals and objectives:

- To glorify God in all that we do (Colossians 3:23)
- To promote and build character, integrity and sportsmanship in our students.
- To provide as many opportunities as possible for our students to participate in.
- To recognize students' participation and achievement in athletics.
- To develop school pride among the student body, our parents, and community.
- To be a liaison for students who need additional support for sports that we do not currently offer.

SECTION 2 – Organizational Structure

Organizational structure:

The athletic director is responsible for the CCA athletic department. The athletic director falls under the direction and supervision of the principal and the board of directors. Coaches fall under the immediate supervision of the athletic director. All coaches are hired on a one-season agreement and are evaluated at the end of each season by the athletic director.

SECTION 3 – Application

This student handbook applies to All CCA students, who participate in any athletic sport or activity throughout the current school year.

All lower and middle school players must also follow the GCAC guidelines.

SECTION 4 – Coach Responsibility

1. Emphasize team building and unity, through organized practices and game day planning.
2. Promote and model the respect for authority (both the opposing coach and referees).
3. Teach the rules and strategy of the particular sport.
4. Mentor players and develop character through actions and words.
5. Communicate promptly and thoroughly with the athletic director any information that needs to be shared including but not limited to: Health and safety issues, on field relationships and behavior, potential schedule conflicts pertinent to practice and game times.
6. Coaches must obtain approval from the athletic director for any and all purchases made on behalf of that particular sport.
6. Enforce and uphold the guidelines set in the Athletic Handbook
7. Coaches are asked to wear a provided CCA polo with business casual bottoms.

The practice and game dates and times are determined by the league and are communicated by the AD. Any additional practices must be approved by the AD three days prior to parents or athletes being informed. No practice will be scheduled during the weekend or during CCA vacation days.

SECTION 5 – Parent Responsibility

1. Be POSITIVE and ENCOURAGING!
2. Support and respect the efforts made by their child, his/her teammates, and the coach.
3. Promote the development of sportsmanship, good character and discipline in our student-athletes.
4. Communicate promptly and thoroughly with coaches and/or the athletic director any information that needs to be disclosed including by not limited to: Health and safety issues, academic concerns and potential schedule conflicts pertinent to your child and his/her participation in the athletic program.
5. Express concerns regarding their child and/or his/her team directly to the coach first. Roster decisions, playing time, play calling, and team strategy are judgment decisions made by coaches, which do not require justification. For occasions when coaches and parents agree to meet to discuss other concerns from either party, conferences are welcomed. If you have a concern you would like to discuss with a coach, please follow this protocol: (Matthew 18:15)

Protocol:

A. Contact the coach to discuss a concern. Do not attempt to confront coaches immediately before or immediately following games. These can be highly emotional times for coaches and parents that are not conducive to rational discussions. Take some time to carefully consider your concerns prior to voicing it. Often a day or two of reflection brings a more reasonable perspective.

B. If the conversation does not provide satisfactory resolution, contact the athletic director. If the athletic director deems it necessary, an appointment may be scheduled to discuss the matter.

C. If the AD deems it necessary and/or a conflict is unable to be satisfactorily resolved, the AD may involve the principal in the resolution of a matter. In the event the concern is a policy issue, the Principal and AD may need to seek Board approval or input.

SECTION 6 – Athlete Responsibility

1. Do their best.
2. Encourage team mates.
3. Respectfully follow the directions of the coach, athletic director and referees.
4. Communicate promptly and thoroughly with parents, coaches and/or the athletic director. Information that needs to be disclosed includes but is not limited to: health and safety issues, dynamics of relationship with teammates and coaches, academic concerns and potential schedule conflicts pertinent to his/her participation in the athletic program.

Being a part of a CCA team is a privilege. All student athletes should prioritize their time and effort to make sure their academic and spiritual focus comes before athletics.

Athlete Behavior and Conduct:

1. All athletes are expected to conform to the CCA rules of conduct as stated in their student handbooks. CCA athletes represent their school at every athletic event whether it is a practice session, team meeting or a game. Any student-athlete whose conduct is deemed unacceptable to the school will be disciplined by the athletic director and/or the principal.
2. Absences from practices and games will be dealt with by individual coaches.

SECTION 7 – Eligibility

CCA eligibility by academic performance:

A student who has a cumulative GPA below a 2.0 is ineligible to play sports with CCA for all games occurring the following week (Monday through Friday). A student will be eligible to play only if his/her grade has risen above the 2.00 benchmark.

A student who has more than two work alerts Monday through Friday of any week is ineligible to play all games occurring the following week (Monday through Friday). Teachers or Administration may also alert the AD of concerns about a student's grades or work habits even before a student's grades fall below 2.0 grade point average. Such concern may indicate that the rigors of practice and game schedules may be negatively impacting a student's academic success and may indicate the student needs to focus until academic performance is regained. The athletic director will be the one to initiate all contact with the family concerning ineligibility. The AD will document ineligibility via Jupiter Grades and include what the concern is and what the measurable goal is for student to return to eligibility.

SECTION 8 – Transportation

All athletes are expected to exhibit safe and proper behavior whenever riding in vans and cars. When a parent cannot supply transportation for a student to or from practice or an athletic event, they may arrange rides with other members of the team. This arrangement of transportation is the full responsibility and duty of the player's parent and you must notify the front desk in writing of any additional adults allowed to transport your child.

SECTION 9 – Participation

All athletes must turn in all required forms as provided in the Forms site signup for that sport. This includes the CCA Athletic Participation form, and Athletic Handbook Agreement form.

The required forms MUST be filled out or turned in prior to the first day of practice.

Off-Season Training:

Participation in a non-CCA sports club or camp, is encouraged.

The CCA athletic department or coaching personnel do not endorse any particular off-season sports program/league/clinic/club, nor any particular organization that sponsors such activities.

SECTION 10 – Uniforms

CCA does its best to provide uniforms for all sports. In the event that a full uniform is not provided, the bottoms must follow the CCA athletic uniform guidelines, this includes the parents purchasing the required shorts for play. These must be in the color of navy or black. Here are the links for the CCA approved athletic shorts for the 2019/20 sports season.

Boys activity shorts: https://smile.amazon.com/Under-Armour-Golazo-Shorts-Black/dp/B071ZZSWWQ/ref=sr_1_3?crid=8XYJTIA3LTIG&keywords=boys%2Bunderarmor%2Bshorts&qid=1564240820&s=apparel&sprefix=boys%2Bunderarmor%2Cfashion%2C152&sr=1-3&th=1&psc=1

Girls activity shorts: https://smile.amazon.com/adidas-Youth-Parma-Shorts-Medium/dp/B015SSVBUQ/ref=sr_1_35?keywords=7%2Bin%2Byouth%2Bathletic%2Bshorts&qid=1564238534&s=apparel&sr=1-35&th=1&psc=1

For middle school sports, all uniforms issued by CCA are expected to be returned at the end of the season in good condition. Once the uniforms are issued, the athlete is liable for the replacement cost of any item that is lost, stolen or damaged.

Unless otherwise specified, all uniform tops must be tucked in. Uniform tops or bottoms may not be folded, rolled, tucked, or gathered in any way unless there is a verifiable medical reason to do so. All undershirts must be white or nude. Other apparel items (socks, wristbands, headbands, hair bands, etc.) must be in the colors navy, yellow, white or black. This is to promote uniformity throughout the team and consistency in the program. The attention should always be on the team before any individual.

Due to the variety of pricing of shoes, they may be purchased in any color.

SECTION 11 – Safety Conditions

CCA is requiring that at least one coach with students runs the lightning app at all times during pre-practice dress out, gathering, practice, and awaiting parent pick up.

If a lightning strike is recorded within 12 miles of the location, athletes must take shelter for 30 minutes.

The Bayshore Elementary school and soccer complex use an alarm system run by the 'weather bug' app. A series of same pitch alarms will sound if teams need to take shelter. Once the 30 minute time has passed with no lightning strikes in the area, a series of alternating pitched alarms will sound. This is the signal that play and practice may resume.

CCA will cancel practices and games whenever Lee County Schools, Lee County Parks, Edison State College, or FGCU cancel an outdoor activity.

CCA will attempt to make cancelation of games at least 2 hours before game time, if not much earlier.

SECTION 12 – Medical Care / Treatment of Injuries

CCA takes every precaution to maintain safe playing conditions. Head coaches are encouraged to be certified in First Aid and CPR. At least one adult at all CCA sporting practices or games will be trained in CPR. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to notify the coach and athletic trainer of ALL injuries and/or illnesses as soon as possible.

On field injuries will be assessed by the coach, athletic director and parent when available. The player will be moved to the sideline if injury allows. The paramedics will be called to assist in determining the severity of the injury as appropriate.

The fee to join the team is nonrefundable, even in the event an injury or illness that prohibits the player from participating in practices or games.

CCA ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AGREEMENT FORM

TYPICALLY SIGNED ONLINE DURING SIGN-UP

Student's Last Name, First Name (PLEASE PRINT
PRINT)

Parent's Last Name, First Name (PLEASE
PRINT)

Home Phone Number : __ (____) _____

Primary Cell Number: ____ (____) _____

Secondary Cell Number: __ (____) _____

Primary Email: _____

Additional Email: _____

I have read the CCA Athletic Handbook in its entirety and I agree to follow the rules, policies and procedures detailed therein. I also understand that by signing and submitting this form I allow my child to be eligible to participate in the CCA Athletic Program.

Signature of Student

Date

_____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

_____ / ____ / ____