



ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

Section 1000 - Athletes

1010 – Introduction

The student athlete must keep sports in perspective with regards to his/her academic studies, family relationships, and spiritual growth. The most important thing that our athletes should have is a sound relationship with Jesus Christ. If an athlete has not come to the point where they have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, then it is a priority for our athletic department to lead him/her to personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The athlete's relationship with his/her family is very important in maintaining a healthy, happy life. There will be times when sacrifices must be made for their sport, but overall, athletics should bring families together and not push them apart.

1020 – CLCS Academic Requirements

An athlete's grades are important at CLCS. The following academic requirements are meant to make sure that the athlete keeps balance in his/her life. There are many lessons that can be learned nowhere else but on the athletic field/court, but these lessons should not interfere with the academic studies of the athlete. Therefore, the following academic standards will be required to participate in the Warrior's athletic program.

- 1) Student-athletes must maintain a 2.0 ("C") cumulative grade point average.
- 2) Student-athletes must not have any failing grades.
- 3) Students who fail to meet the academic requirements will be placed on academic probation. Any student placed on academic probation is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities until the academic requirements are met.
- 4) CLCS's athletic director and any other school administration reserve the right to remove a student-athlete, at anytime, from any team, if the student is not sufficiently performing in the classroom.

1030 – Character Requirements

- 1) If an athlete is consistently giving a teacher a hard time, and the teacher approaches the athletic department on more than one occasion about this, the player may be suspended for a minimum of one game or until the problem is solved.
- 2) If an athlete is not getting work done on time or not following directions in the classroom, the athlete may be suspended until improvement is shown.
- 3) If athletes are caught in negative conversation with other students concerning any teacher, coach, or administrator, he/she may be suspended for a minimum of one game.
- 4) Students will strive for excellence in both athletics and academics. If an athlete is showing that he/she cannot balance the two, an indefinite suspension from the team will follow.
- 5) The CLCS athlete will be a good citizen of school, community, and family.
- 6) If parents are having trouble with their athlete, the athletic department reserves the right to remove the athlete from the program.
- 7) The use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco is prohibited and will result in expulsion from the athletic program.
- 8) If an athlete receives disciplinary action from the school, he/ she will be dealt with as follows:
 - a. Reaching 25 total demerits will result in a 1 week suspension from athletic participation
 - b. Reaching 35 total demerits will result in a two week suspension from athletic participation.
 - c. Reaching 50 total demerits will result in dismissal of the athlete from all athletic participation for the remainder of the current semester.

9) Suspension and Dismissal: The athletic director, coaches, and administration may pass down suspensions or dismissals for any of the following reasons:

- a. Violation of any team rule.
- b. Violation of an athletic department rule.
- c. Disrespect to coaches, athletes, teachers, administration, parents, or officials.
- d. Poor academics.
- e. Behavior unbecoming of a Cross Lanes Christian School representative.
- f. Failure to follow instructions.
- g. Disrespect toward God, CLCS, or the CLCS athletic department.

The athlete is a representative of CLCS on and off the field/court and is expected to exhibit good Christian character year round, but especially during games.

The student-athlete is a representative of his/her school. It is the belief of the athletic department that the athlete should take pride in the school that he/she represents. Therefore, any derogatory or negative speech for our student-athletes about our school or its teachers, coaches, or administration will not be tolerated.

1040 – Physical Requirements

- 1) Any athlete participating in CLCS athletics must first have his/ her sports physical in which a physician clears them for participation.
- 2) CLCS athletes may not participate in tryouts, practices, games, or work out with a team without previously submitted sports physical documentation.

1050 – School Attendance Requirements

- 1) Any student who is not at school by 10:30am will not be eligible to participate in any games or practices scheduled for that day. A doctor's excuse note for tardiness or absence will be accepted for participation in that day's game or practice.
- 2) Any student who leaves school early due to illness will not be eligible to participate in any games or practices scheduled for that day.
- 3) The athletic director may allow a student-athlete to play if there is a very reasonable and verifiable explanation for his/her absence.

Any appeals to the above listed requirements must follow the chain of command as shown below with 100% agreement:

- 1) Coach
- 2) Athletic Director
- 3) School Administrator 4) School Board

No one will be permitted to bypass a person on the chain of command. A sit-down meeting must occur with each person on the chain of command until the problem is resolved. If the problem is not resolved all parties will have a sit-down meeting with the next person on the chain of command and will continue to do so until the problem is resolved.

Section 2000 – Parents

2010 – Introduction

Parents are a crucial part of any athletic program. They are ultimately responsible for the funding and the support of the program. However, it is vitally important that the parents understand their role in the program. It is not the job of the parent to coach the team, to make decisions for the program, or to correct the officials when they make a mistake. It is the responsibility of the parent to encourage the team, support the coach, and uplift the program. The athletic department would like to stress the importance of parental support for the sports program at CLCS. This may be accomplished by attending each of the games throughout the various sports seasons, helping work at home games, volunteering to help coaches, providing financial support, and most importantly prayer support.

Parents will be required to work the concession stand or admission table at least once during their child's season. Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in a monetary fine.

2020 – Character Requirements

- 1) If a parent is consistently giving a coach a hard time, and the coach approaches the athletic department on more than one occasion about this, the parents' child may be suspended for a minimum of one game or until the problem is solved.
- 2) If parents are caught in negative conversation with other parents, coaches, teachers, or students concerning any coach or athletic department staff member, his/her child may be suspended for a minimum of one game.
- 3) Dismissal and suspension: The athletic director, coaches, and administration may pass down dismissals or suspension for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Violation of any handbook rule.
 - b. Violation of a team rule.
 - c. Disrespect to coaches, athletes, administration, other athletic staff members.
 - d. Behavior unbecoming to a Cross Lanes Christian School representative.
 - e. Disrespect toward God, CLCS, or the athletic department.

2030 – Dealings with Athletes

Parents will not be permitted to converse with any players during an athletic contest in which they are involved without the coach's consent. This is to help the athlete stay focused on the contest and nothing else.

2040 – Dealings with Coaches

- 1) Parents and fans will not be allowed to converse with a coach on a game night in any negative or corrective way.
- 2) If a parent has an issue or a complaint, they should set up an appointment with that coach to discuss the problem. The athletic department would encourage the parents to have the athlete meet with their coach individually before the parents' meeting.
- 3) If the parent finds the coach unresponsive, the parents should then set an appointment with the athletic director and the coach.
- 4) The parents should in no case discuss these problems or complaints with other parents or athletes. The other parents and athletes can do nothing about it, so this type of conversation would be nothing but destructive to the program and the school.
- 5) If the above mentioned conversation occurs, the athletic department reserves the right to remove the child from that sport completely.
- 6) Parents should find every possible chance to find good that the coach is doing and point that out to others. Supporting each other's efforts will be a building agent that will make our program continuously stronger.

I hereby acknowledge that I have fully read and agree to the CLCS Athletic Handbook in its entirety and will adhere to the above guidelines for parents and athletes as set forth by the CLCS Athletic Handbook.

Athlete Name (Print)

Athlete Signature

DATE

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

DATE