

The Cumberland School

Athletics' Expectations & Contract

Student Athlete Expectations:

"It is a privilege to play on a team."

Responsibility:

- Be on time. Players should arrive on time according to the coach's instruction. Be dressed and ready when the practice or game begins.
- Students are not permitted to wait at school for a late practice. You should make arrangements to go home or stay with a friend until your practice.
- Be prepared. You are responsible for your practice jerseys (if available) and uniforms. There will be a replacement fee for each item lost or not returned at the end of the season. Replacement jerseys are provided at the Athletic Director's discretion.
- Let the coach know if you are going to be late or will miss a game or practice so they can plan accordingly. Missed practices and games can affect playing time at the coach's discretion.
- Any student who is medically excused or sits out (due to illness) from Physical Education may not participate in practices or games. All exceptions must have prior approval from the Athletic Director and the administration.
- Key points from our student handbook:

***ATTENDANCE POLICY**

In order for a student-athlete to participate on any given day in a team's practice or game, he/she must be in the class for ½ of the day per the Student Handbook. If a student comes to school after 11:15 AM or leaves before 11:15 AM, the student is counted absent. Any student who is absent from school on a given day may not participate in any extracurricular activities for that day. High school juniors and seniors may be counted present for up to two days for parent-driven college visits. - Online Student Handbook - Page 22-23

***JV AND VARSITY ELIGIBILITY**

If a senior fails a core class required for graduation during the fall semester, they will be ineligible to play in the spring semester unless TCS credit recovery is completed during the Christmas break. If a high school underclass student (or middle school student playing JV or Varsity) fails two core or elective classes during the fall semester, they will be ineligible for the spring semester, unless required TCS credit recovery is completed during the Christmas break. A student will be ineligible for the following year unless all core classes required for graduation that have been failed are recovered by the beginning of the next eligibility season. Students who require recover more than two class over the

summer are automatically in eligible for the fall. Students are allowed to fail one elective or non-state required class and remain eligible without recovery. Coaches of high school players in team sports will receive weekly updates on student progress during season, these coaches are encouraged to use this confidential information to insure student success. They are encouraged to contact students, parents, etc. as well as enforcing play time restrictions as they deem fit to benefit students. - Online Student Handbook - Page 28-29

***MIDDLE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY**

The middle school principal is charged to contact the athletic director in the case of non-JV and Varsity middle school athlete who face academic duress on a case by case basis. - Online Student Handbook - Page 29

- Any acts of discipline or misconduct during a school day will affect your eligibility for co-curricular activities. Any teacher may report these issues to the Principal and Athletic Director which may affect your eligibility for participation.

Focus & Effort:

- Give 100% focus and effort at all times. Whether you are in the game or on the bench—pay attention and work hard.
- Whether at a game or practice listen to the coach at all times.
- You should develop an attitude practicing as hard as you play in a game.
- Try to improve each day.
- Have a positive and never quit attitude. Put the success of team above your personal achievements.

Respect:

- Be respectful of all players, coaches, referees and parents at all time (on and off the courts/field).
- Do not question or talk back to coaches or referees.
- Negative comments, behavior or body language will not be tolerated.
- Give encouragement to your fellow teammates, and exemplify and demonstrate sportsmanship at all times.
- Language should always be respectful in tone and choice of words. Foul language or slang will not be tolerated in any form.
- We cheer for our team and teammates—not against our opponents.

Parents Expectations:

“Sportsmanship is not only how you play the game—it is also how you watch the game.”

Support:

- Come enjoy the games and be supportive cheering for all players to make them feel important.
- Be positive and supportive whether the team loses or wins. Our focus is on playing to the best of our ability, which gives us the opportunity to win—when our best is better than the opponent’s best.
- We cheer for our teams—not against our opponents.

Responsibility:

- Fill out and turn in required forms, have a current physical on file and pay the \$250 sports fee to participate in the time given per the Athletic Department. If all of these items are not on file or paid, your athlete will not be able to participate until they are all turned in.
- Have your child at practice and games on time. All participants should be picked up from practices or games no more than ten minutes after its conclusion.
- Be a positive role model.

Concession Stand Volunteer

- Every athlete’s family will be required to volunteer in the concession stand a minimum number of 2 times per sport. This is essential to be able to operate a successful concessions operation. If you are scheduled to work a particular time and are not able to fulfill your obligation, please contact the Athletic Director immediately. The proceeds from the concession stand and gate go towards the daily costs of running TCS’s Athletic Department and help keep the athletic fee to a minimum. If parents don’t cooperate, the athletic fee will have to increase. If you choose to opt out of volunteering in the concession stand, please pay \$25 for each time you opt out. Checks can be made to TCS. The payment is used to pay others to work in the concession stand. If a payment is not made and the volunteer slot is not filled, \$50 will be applied to your TCS account. Thank you for your help in this matter!

Respect:

- Be respectful to all players, coaches and referees at all times.
- Allow coaches to run the team—refrain from coaching from the sidelines.
- Any questions for the coach should be addressed after the game or practice in a respectful manner away from the players.
- Never use negative comments to players, coaches, referees or other spectators. In times of adversity (close games, questionable calls by referees, poor team play...etc.) our character and testimony are revealed and put to the test. Represent yourself, Cumberland Christian Academy, and above all Christ in an honoring way.

Parent / Player Contract

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Please review the Student Athlete Expectations thoroughly with your son/daughter and sign below to indicate that you have read and understand the purpose and policies of the Cumberland School's Athletic Program. By signing below or typing your name if you are filling it out online, I agree to the above Expectations required of my family's participation in Cumberland School's Athletics.

Thank you and we look forward to partnering with you for a great season.

Date: _____

Student:

Player Name _____ Signature _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Parents:

Father _____ Signature _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Work Phone _____

Mother _____ Signature _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Work Phone _____

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