

To: Cumberland Athletes and Parents

Subject: Athletic Participation Requirements.

Forms:

The attached forms as well as a copy of a birth certificate are required school or conference information and must be on file at the school before players can travel or participate in games.

The forms are: (1) This form must be completed and signed. (2) Athletic Release Form (3) Physical Exam Form

Fees are due as follows:

Fall /Winter /Spring Sports - Prior to first game/match of each season

Fees:

Because athletics is extracurricular, it must be funded by those who participate. Operating costs are rising (as you are aware). Running one or two buses to away games at the current price of gasoline, referees, facility leases, uniforms, equipment, conference fees, insurance, and coaching supplements for Cumberland teachers, who give hundreds of hours during a season, are all part of what the athletic fees cover.

The fee to play each sport at Cumberland is \$250 (Cross Country \$100).

Ads: (Fall and Winter Sports Only)

In lieu of paying the sports fee, players can sell an ad(s) equivalent to the fee. The ads will appear in our sports program that will be sold at Cumberland's home games. Along with the ads, the program will feature rosters and team pictures, and will be excellent advertising for area businesses: your family insurance agent, doctor, dentist, realtor, electrician, plumber, handyman, etc. Fee or ads or a combination equivalent to the fee must be in before the first game (ad insert forms are attached for your use)

Also: Parents of volleyball and basketball players are required to help by working in the concession stand and collecting receipts for at least one game.

Practice:

It is vital. It is where the game is learned, where talent is honed, where team building is accomplished, where many hours are spent on the court and field, and where games are really won. So parents, realize that playing time is not just during games, but also at practice. Not every player is first string every year, but every player is part of the team—learning the game, working on their abilities, and finding their role throughout the season. Absence from scheduled practices or games will directly effect an athlete's playing time or participation to be determined by their coach.

Student Behavior: Any athlete participating with a CCA team is expected to behave in a manner that honors God, those in authority over them, and their peers. Failure to do so will directly effect their playing time.

Team Suspensions: Any athlete who is suspended from participation in games for any reason will be expected to attend every game and sit on the bench with the team.

Parent Complaints: All parents will be expected to follow the Matthew 18 principle of handling a dispute. It is recommended that you make an appointment to discuss any appropriate concerns with the coach first. Practice, game decisions, and playing time of athletes will not be discussed. If you are still unsatisfied after meeting with your child's coach you are welcome to schedule an appointment with the Athletic Director of CCA.

Uniforms:

Uniforms are to be laundered according to label instructions to prevent fading, discoloring, and shrinkage. They are the family's responsibility and must be replaced if lost or damaged.

Academic Requirements:

A student must maintain an overall "C" average to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports. This is determined by averaging his grades on a report card during a single grading period. If the student falls below a "C", participation will be suspended for three weeks when his/her grades will then be reviewed.

Student's Name

My child has had a physical and is physically fit to practice and I (we) commit to the above.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date