

Calvary Christian School Athletic Handbook



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PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

The purpose of this handbook is to aid participants, parents and coaching staff of Calvary Christian School (CCS) with the development and the operation of our athletic program. It is the goal of the administration to facilitate and partner with the athletic program. It is realized that all responsibilities of the head coach, athletic administration and student athletes may change at any time, and we will update this handbook accordingly.

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY AND EXPECTATIONS

The Athletic Department functions in cooperation with the overall philosophy and mission of Calvary Christian School. When students join a Spartan athletic team, they agree to live by a higher standard, since they voluntarily wear the uniform of the Calvary Christian Spartans. The primary purpose for athletics at Calvary is to glorify God.

It is a goal of Calvary to adequately provide for the development of the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Alongside the physical benefits a student may gain in athletics, there are mental and spiritual benefits that can be derived from self-discipline, hard work and the establishment and achievement of goals. Calvary athletes are expected to maintain a high standard of personal conduct and acceptable academic achievement.

At Calvary, we desire to provide quality coaching, teaching, and competitive experiences from a Christian perspective, all designed to prepare and enable each individual student to grow in Christ and strive for excellence through athletics.

Middle School: At the middle school level, our goal is to lay an athletic foundation of a Christian worldview, quality instruction and a fundamental approach to each sport. This instruction is fulfilled through coaching that is marked by a desired dual focus: a mature Christian faith coupled with excellence in the sport coached. **High School:** At the high school level our desire is to continue the quality instruction of the middle school. All our coaches are encouraged to play to win but to do so in a manner that brings glory to our Lord and Savior. What does this mean? It means we field a team that plays hard, fair and aggressive in order to win, but that team does not play, win or lose, in a way that taints the name of our Lord and Savior.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The Athletic Director will conduct grade checks midway through and at the end of each quarter. Each student must meet these requirements to be eligible to participate in the athletic program:

A “C” average (2.00) with no failing grades. Eligibility for fall sports will be based on the final nine weeks grades from the previous school year (No summer school grades) 1st Occurrence: Student will receive an immediate suspension equal to 15% of regular season contests.

2nd Occurrence (within same school year): Student will receive an immediate suspension equal to 30% of regular season contests.

Ineligible students will have 15 school days to improve their grade in order to meet the academic requirements.

Students can be reinstated by the Athletic Director at any point within the 15-school day window if the student has met the academic qualifications (they are still required to serve any suspension).

Students that do not regain their academic eligibility within the 15-school day window will forfeit their right to participate for the remainder of that athletic season and will be unable to collect any post-season awards.

Students that are academically ineligible are still required to practice with the team and be a part of team functions within the 15-day window.

If a student fails to meet the academic requirements after the 15-day window, they are to hand in any equipment they may have received and will be removed from the active team rosters. A decision can be made between the player and coach to determine if the athlete would like to remain with the team in an informal capacity.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Athletic awards night is held at the end of each season to honor the accomplishments of our athletes. Dress for the awards night is business casual.

ATHLETIC CAMP POLICY

We encourage our varsity head coaches to create and direct camps for our community. Camps benefit our athletic programs and school through added exposure in the community. All monies that are given towards an athletic camp should be made to and initially received by the CCS Athletic Boosters. All camp expenses should be invoiced to CCS Athletic Boosters and paid from that account with camp revenue. With any remaining money, 75% will be paid to the camp director as a fee for directing the camp and 25% will be kept in Athletic Boosters to be used solely for the team that sponsored the camp.

ATHLETIC TEAMS

Calvary offers a well-rounded sports program. Calvary is proud to offer the following teams.

Fall

Co-ed Soccer- Varsity, JV and Middle School
Volleyball- Varsity, JV and Middle School
Golf- High School

Cross County- High School and Middle School

Winter

Boys Basketball- Varsity, JV, Middle School
Girls Basketball- Varsity, JV, Middle School

Spring

Track- High School and Middle School

As God continues to bless Calvary and we continue to grow, we will add additional sports dependent upon student interest.

Calvary High School is a member of the OHSA (Ohio High School Athletic Association), and soccer is a member of the WOSL (Western Ohio Soccer League).

ATTENDANCE

For an athlete to participate in any practice or athletic contest, he/she must be in school that day a minimum of 3 hours. Exceptions are made for verified medical appointments or at the discretion of the Administrator and/or Athletic Director.

CODE OF CONDUCT

At Calvary, we strive for our sports program to glorify God. We also view athletics as an opportunity to display true Christianity towards opponents. Our sportsmanship as players, coaches and fans should be above reproach.

Athletics serve as a complement to both the spiritual and educational programs at Calvary.

Athletic participation is an honor and privilege.

We expect all athletes to fully commit to both their spiritual and athletic development.

We say nothing negative to each other, the other teams, coaches, or referees. We shake hands with the opposing teams and coaches after the game, regardless of the outcome.

We desire to function as a unified team. This should be reflected in our attitude, effort, and attire.

Calvary Coaches have authority to stop our participation in a game if they feel it is damaging to the reputation and image of the school and our Lord.

We understand that we serve as an ‘advertisement’ for Christianity at all athletic events, and we will always strive to maintain a positive testimony. In order to participate in athletics, a student must understand and abide by the Code of Conduct and rules and regulations in the Athletic Handbook. A student’s intent to abide by this covenant and code will be evidenced in an agreement that shall be signed by the student and her or his parent(s)/guardian(s) before a student may begin to practice with his or her team. All athletes involved with athletics at Calvary are responsible for abiding by the Athletic Code of Conduct and Calvary’s rules and regulations. The very nature of this agreement implies that it will always provide a guideline for our lives (including vacation and non-school hours, and in all our modes of communication). A student who violates this Code will serve the consequences during an athletic season/school year under said code.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

1st Offense: Meeting with Head Coach and Athletic Director

2nd Offense: Parent Meeting with Head Coach, Athletic Director, and Administrator required before return to participation

3rd Offense: Loss of privilege to participate in that sport for remainder of the season

Any Alcohol, Tobacco/Other Drug Use Zero Tolerance: Loss of privilege to participate in that sport for remainder of the season.

DRESS

With the understanding that our athletes represent Christ and our school, each team should strive to dress appropriately. The appearance of a team communicates a great deal about our values. All athletes must follow CCS dress code while a member of any Calvary Christian team. Due to the nature of athletic uniforms, there are occasions where some will not meet all requirements in the CCS dress code. In these cases, the Athletic Department will strive to obtain athletic uniforms as close to dress code as possible. Calvary’s dress code can be found in our Student Handbook.

HOMESCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

Homeschool students are required to complete all necessary forms through the CCS online admissions process. Homeschool students are required to adhere to the standards explained in the CCS handbook. High School athletes are required to take one core class at Calvary per year in order to participate in the athletic program.

INJURIES

Athlete Care and Injury Reporting Guidelines

1. Athletes are to report practice injuries to the coach.

2. The Athletic Trainer, if available, will initiate early first aid care. The coach will notify the parents of all injuries.

3. Injured athletes are expected to continue treatment through the recovery period and attend practices/games unless other arrangements are made.

4. Parents are encouraged to contact the coach or Athletic Director regarding any questions or concerns relating to their child's injury.

5. All athletes missing practices or games due to injury must notify the coach directly, prior to that practice or game.

Medical Referral for Injuries

Any athletic care service provided by a coach is not designated to replace the family physician or to dictate medical care. The choice of health care provider and initiation of medical referral always remains at the discretion of the parents. Your family physician should be contacted if problems develop with an injury, the condition worsens, or if the condition persists for an extended period.

Procedures Involving Injuries

All athletes removed from activity by the coach and referred for physician evaluation must provide a note from the consulting physician before returning. In addition, all athletes who have been removed from activity by a physician must present a note from the physician clearing the athlete to reenter activity. Injured players' continued attendance at all team events is mandatory unless there is an agreement between the athlete and head coach.

VARSITY LETTERING

An athlete must be a member of the varsity team at the close of the season to receive an award or varsity letter. An athlete may receive a Varsity Letter if they play in at least half of the scheduled Varsity games.

PAY TO PARTICIPATE FEES

Due to our school's size and the costs associated with running a quality sports program, Calvary does require a fee to participate in our athletic program. The following fees will apply beginning with the 2024-25 school year: Full Time Student Attending CCS: \$35 per student, per sport, capped at \$65 per family, per season.

Home School Student: \$85 per student, per sport, capped at \$160 per family, per season.

Golf Fee: Since the cost to provide a golf team is higher than other teams due to the course membership, the fee to participate in golf is \$100 (CCS + Homeschool)

Fees will be paid directly to Calvary through online registration and must be submitted before the first scheduled game.

There will be no athletic fee refunds for athletes who have registered but left the team later for any reason.

PLAYING TIME

Playing time is at the coach's discretion, unless otherwise directed by the Athletic Director. A coach prioritizes what is best for their program both in the short-term and long-term. Sometimes, this means playing time is limited in

competitive moments. However, coaches are always looking for opportunities to develop athletes through valuable playing time.

PHYSICALS/EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS

For an athlete to begin participation in a sport, he/she must have a current (within 1 year) OHSA physical examination packet on file at Calvary. Athletes are not permitted to participate in any practices or games until the appropriate OHSA paperwork is completed and turned into the school, no exceptions. Coaches will have current emergency information for each player at each contest.

Calvary is partnering with Mary Rutan Hospital to provide physicals each May at the Mary Rutan Health Center.

PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE

Scheduled practices and athletic contests are considered mandatory. The only exceptions are medical and family emergencies. Failure to attend practices or games without prior notice of absence will lead to decreased playing time. Coaches are encouraged to create and publish attendance policies.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACH

General

The coach is to demonstrate a life under the control of the Holy Spirit. Coaches should be actively involved in a Bible-teaching, fundamental church. The coach should not only strive to actively disciple athletes in his/her program but also lovingly present truth to opposing teams. Finally, the coach is to emphasize personal growth and character development. Coaches are to understand the primary purpose for athletics at Calvary is to glorify God. Therefore, all students should be treated fairly and with respect and be given an opportunity to participate and improve their skills once they are selected to be a member of the team.

Season Responsibilities

1. Coaches must obtain their Pupil Activity Permit from the Ohio Department of Education.
2. Coaches may compile a list of rules and procedures they want their athletes to follow in their sport. This list is to be approved by the Athletic Director before it is handed out.
3. Coaches should communicate with athletes and parents through ONE Call.
4. All coaches are always to have first-aid equipment and completed medical release forms available.
5. Coaches will submit a list of equipment and uniform needs to the Athletic Director before the beginning of their season.
6. Coaches will clean, store, and inventory all uniforms and equipment at the end of their season.

8. Coaches are expected to report game scores to local media outlets and the athletic director as soon as possible.

9. Coaches will be evaluated at the end of each season by the Athletic Director. Coaches will be paid at the end of each season once all uniforms and equipment have been inventoried and turned in and an evaluation of the season has taken place.

SOCIAL NETWORK COMMUNICATION POLICY

Student-athletes must be concerned with any behavior that might embarrass them, their teams, Calvary or our Lord. This includes any activities online. Student athletes should be aware they are responsible for the content of anything they post on social media platforms. Pictures and information posted on the internet are considered public information, and if brought to our attention, regardless of when the events occurred, the student will be subject to consequences.

SNOW DAY POLICY

If a snow day or emergency day is called on the day of an athletic contest or practice, the scheduled athletic event or practice is considered cancelled unless the Athletic Director or administration determines it is possible to play.

SUPERVISION

Coaches may choose to provide supervised study times for their players. Coaches have been instructed to make sure that all players have left the premises before the coaches themselves leave (practices and games).

TATTOOS AND BODY PIERCINGS

Visible tattoos and body piercings are not permitted at any team activity including games, practices, meals, travel, etc.

TRANSPORTATION TO GAMES

In order to keep our student athletes safe, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines when transporting to and from all games and practices.

1. The Athletic Director is responsible for scheduling ALL athletic transportation.
2. A coach is required to ride the bus to and from the event. If a coach is unable to ride the bus, there must be an adult approved by the Athletic Director on the bus.
3. Only members of the team may ride the bus.
4. Students are not permitted to transport themselves or any other students without parental and administrative approval (Administrator or Athletic Director)
5. When school provides transportation to away games, athletes are required to ride with the team. Exceptions must be authorized by the team coach.

THE 24-HOUR RULE

At Calvary, in accordance with who we are in Christ, we ask all parents to wait at least 24 hours before speaking to any coach about matters relating to game decisions. We ask parents to abide by the following procedure:

1. Wait at least 24 hours
2. Request an appointment with the coach.
3. If possible, meet face-to-face per Matthew 18:15
4. Be respectful and courteous.

If the need arises to have a discussion with the coach, the discussion must be limited to your student-athlete. In meeting with any coach, please understand that playing time as well as other student-athletes will never be topics open to discussion. You are the advocate for your student-athlete, conversations outside that realm can result in gossip and rumor, which Calvary takes a strong stance against.

WEDNESDAY PLAY POLICY

Wednesday is considered family and church night. Therefore, no regular season games will be scheduled on Wednesdays. Any practice that takes place must be finished by 4:30.