



## **Collegedale Academy Athletics Policy**

### **CA Mission Statement**

Collegedale Academy is a Seventh-day Adventist school that will educate, equip, and inspire students to be critical thinkers who serve others and reflect Christ's character.

### **Goal of Athletics**

Our role as a school is to provide a setting that develops a Christ-like character in all student-athletes.

### **Philosophy**

We believe that an extra-curricular activities program enhances the atmosphere of the Collegedale Academy student body, providing students and parents with an opportunity to express positive school spirit.

We believe that participation in extracurricular activities provides opportunities for our students to be witnesses for Jesus Christ in their interaction with the surrounding community. We expect our Collegedale Academy family to lead in a positive manner as we come in contact with visiting fans as this may be their first interaction with a Christian/Adventist group.

Athletics is a real-world experience, under proper mentorship, where students are given the opportunity to develop character and physical giftedness. Athletics is to only be one piece of a student's extra-curricular experience at Collegedale Academy.

### **Proper Scope of Athletics**

The spiritual and academic welfare of our student-athletes is our first priority (see Eligibility Requirements). Athletics must fit within the context of growing students spiritually, intellectually, and physically as noted in Luke 2:52.

1. Athletic director reports to the CA principal and Leadership Team.
2. Athletic director will ensure that scheduling practices and games will uphold the high standards CA places on our spiritual and academic program.
3. Athletic sports will be funded through players, booster club, and additional fundraisers/donors.
4. CA will have job descriptions for coaches.
5. Athletic director, in consultation with CA principal will carefully screen coaches and other support staff.



6. Any TSSAA district, region, or state game that requires CA student-athletes to compete on Sabbath (sundown Friday night to sundown Saturday night) will be forfeited.
7. Athletic director and coaches will provide opportunities for spiritual development.

### **Sports Physical**

Every student-athlete must have a sports physical at the beginning of every school year before they can participate in any sport unless the sports physical was done after April 15.

### **Eligibility**

Student-athletes must be a full-time student of CA and/or meet TSSAA requirements for eligibility. As CA believe in academic achievement, a student-athlete must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have no F's. Grades will be checked by AD every Monday morning. A student-athlete on any type of suspension and/or probation, will not be eligible for that week of ineligibility.

If a student-athlete becomes ineligible while on a sports team, see the following process:

1. Will attend practices.
2. NO participation in games.
3. Will NOT attend away games.
4. Can become eligible when AD checks grades the following week.
5. Once student has four ineligible periods, they WILL BE removed from team.

### **Leadership structure and concerns**

If there are any questions, concerns, or incidents involving our athletic program, the appropriate person in charge should be contacted. CA follows the Matthew 18 principle. The following chain of command needs to be followed:

1. Principal
2. Athletic Director
3. Head Coach
4. Assistant Coach
5. Players

When expressing a concern to a coach refrain from approaching immediately following a game. **Instead, after an appropriate time has passed**, state your concern in a manner-of- fact



way and listen to the coach's response. If a parent and/or student-athlete does not feel a situation has been resolved with appropriate personnel, then they may go to the AD. The principal will only be contacted if the AD has been involved in a situation. **Parents may not ask about or discuss playing time.** A parent can, however, ask a coach what they can do to help their child improve in order to help the team.

### **Student-Athlete Responsibilities**

Since interscholastic sports should foster Christian character and personal growth, student-athletes will be given the opportunity to develop these areas as they represent their school with honor and integrity.

Expectations for the student-athlete on the court or field include the following:

1. Exhibit positive sportsmanship (never refuse to shake hands or recognize opponents for outstanding performances).
2. Respect God, others, and yourself (no performing undermining cheers, blaming loss of game on officials, coaches, or teammates).
3. Exercise self-control in all circumstances (no taunting, name calling, or profanity in adversity).
4. Live and compete honorably.
5. Meet commitments to practice and games.
6. Treat other players the way you want to be treated.
7. Help promote a team spirit (team's goals, welfare and success before individual).
8. Observe the spirit and the letter of rules.
9. Display humility in victory and graciousness in defeat.
10. Demonstrate Christian behavior in all aspects of the game.

Infractions to the CA Athletic Behavior standard will be:

1. Meet with athletic director and parents (potentially principal).
2. May do a report on the area of infraction (bullying, benefit of a positive attitude, etc.).
3. Apologize to anyone affected by infraction.
4. Student-athlete will be placed on probation for the remainder of season.
5. If a student-athlete is ejected from a game/match, there may be a one game suspension. A second ejection, will lead to removal from the team.
6. The CA Handbook will apply to all athletic extra-curricular events (see eligibility).

Positive behavior is also required off the court/field for all CA student athletes. CA student athletes should:

1. Make academics a priority.



2. Represent the school, coach, and teammates with honor.
3. Be loyal to the school and team.
4. Avoid using any illegal or harmful substances.
5. Demonstrate Christian values in life.

### **Disciplinary Action**

We understand that during life, situations may arise where we must deal with incidents when they take place. We want to hold our students to a standard that reflects our core values and our philosophy. We will deal with those situations if they arise. Consequences will be discussed but can range from a discussion, sitting out for a certain length of time or asked to no longer be on the team. We will deal with these situations as they come up.

### **Coaches responsibilities**

At Collegedale Academy, all coaches will be selected by Athletic Director and approved by principal. Each coach must have the following qualities:

1. Coach must be a Seventh-day Adventist church member in good standing.
2. Model Christian ethics at all times.
3. Encourage a healthy lifestyle.
4. Encourage an atmosphere of camaraderie and team play.
5. Model respect for all people and teams (do not run up scores, help up opponents who have fallen, etc.).
6. Promote loyalty to school and team.
7. Use positive coaching methods to improve the self-esteem of student-athletes.
8. Place the spiritual, intellectual, and physical well-being of student-athletes above the desire to win.
9. Insist that student-athletes observe the letter and spirit of the rules.
10. Communicate and enforce codes of conduct.
11. Be willing and able to provide spiritual growth and direction

Each coach has the following responsibilities:

1. Embrace divine opportunities that God has given to mentor student-athletes.
2. Begin all activities with prayer and, if applicable, a short worship.
3. Oversee all aspects of sport.
4. Create a stats based try-out for team selection
5. Running appropriate practice sessions.
6. Determining starters, positions, minutes played for players.
7. Establish team contract with rules
8. Select how team captains are chosen
9. Report scores to athletic director.
10. Take required TSSAA coaching classes.



11. Help ensure equipment and facility is left in clean and safe order.
12. Keep accurate stats.
13. Develop an off-season program for players.
14. Understand TSSAA and CA rules governing sport.
15. Assign duties to assistant coaches/managers.
16. Exit interviews with players.
17. Exit interview with AD.

### **Spectator responsibilities**

A code of conduct should include all of the following, but not limited to:

1. Support all players, teams, and visitors in a positive way.
2. Be respectful by avoiding the use of profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or any other demeaning actions.
3. Do not show excessive displays of anger or frustration.
4. Do not use noisemakers during a contest.
5. Treat officials with respect at all times by not complaining or arguing calls or decisions made during game.
6. Cheer appropriately and in a way that is representative of our school.
7. Compliment extraordinary performances.
8. Represent the school with dignity in victory or defeat.
9. Exhibit Christian behavior at all times.
10. Should not approach the team bench or sideline for any reason unless summoned by a Coach or Athletic Trainer

### **Team Help**

Parents are a huge help in making our season a success. We rely on parent help when it comes to doing gate, concessions, doing scorebook, clock, etc. We are asking a requirement to help out during the season. We will look at each season and require about 40% participation. This will be determined based on the home games and tournaments that are scheduled during the season.

### **Try-out Process**

Try-outs will be conducted for all CA athletic teams by head coach for that team. CA students will be notified by the head coach as to the date and time of specific sport try-outs. Potential players must be at try-out, unless of an emergency situation. Team members are chosen by the coach, who has the final call on roster.



### **Athletic Fees**

There will be a mandatory fee per sport, per athlete. The fees will be determined by the costs of running the program. Student's fees will be added to their student's bill. If paying required fee presents a problem, please see AD as soon as possible.

When a student makes a team, they will have a schedule of games that can be checked on our [www.collegedaleacademy.com](http://www.collegedaleacademy.com) website or TeamSnap. Once a student has made a commitment to join a team, fees are non-refundable. Students will need to return all equipment at the end of the season. Parents will give their deposit to Athletic Director and will be returned once uniform is returned to the athletic director.

### **Team Travel**

As most games are within the Chattanooga area, parents will be responsible to transport student-athlete to game. There are a few longer trips and away tournaments where group transportation will be provided by CA.

### **Tournaments**

Some sports have an away tournament that requires an additional fee for student-athletes. If your child is on a team that travels for a tournament, they are required to attend that tournament. Attending a tournament will be an additional fee. We will have required study halls, and they will be mandatory during tournaments. A student-athlete that does not participate in mandatory study halls, will NOT be able to participate in games. Each student-athlete is responsible to arrange with their teacher the assignments that need to be completed while on their trip. Tournament travel is exhausting, but CA students are required to be at school upon their return (unless a doctor's note is presented).

### **Recruitment**

Recruiting and providing scholarships exclusively for athletic ability is not to be emphasized at CA. CA will not hold a signing for athletics at the school. We believe our focus is preparing our students for spiritual and academic success.

### **CA Booster Club**



The role of a booster club is to support the efforts of the athletic program. The booster club will be run jointly by the Athletic Director and parents. The booster program will provide support in two main ways:

1. Provide financial support through individual gifts, banner program, or fundraising activities (in particular reducing costs of away tournaments).
2. Serve as game support staff to run admissions, concessions, and help with scorer's table/line judges.

### **Assessment of the Athletic Program**

The athletic director and principal will meet at the end of the year to do a joint annual evaluation of the athletic program. Included in the process will be to review the year with CA Leadership Team (of which the AD is a member). This insures a healthy balance between spiritual, academic, and physical opportunities. The evaluation will include:

1. Report by AD summarizing the strengths and areas of growth of each sport, including coaches.
2. Report on booster club.
3. Report on budget.

### **Social Media Presence**

We have two social media platforms that we share pictures and information for the public to see. We have an Instagram and Facebook account. Both are CollegedaleAcademyAthletics. You can add them and see pictures and information regarding the athletic program here at Collegedale Academy.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Participation**

Collegedale Academy High School students have first priority to make either Varsity or Junior Varsity. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may only participate at the high school level if players are needed with spots available.



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### Parent and Student Agreement

I, (print student name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to maintain the high expectations of the Collegedale Academy Athletic Department. I will act with appropriate behavior and will model respectful sportsmanship. I agree to represent my school well and within the guidelines and expectations of Collegedale Academy. I understand that if I do not, there are consequences for my actions. I have read the CA Athletic Handbook and I understand I need to abide by it, understanding my responsibility and commitment to being a positive representative for Collegedale Academy.

(Student Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, (print parent name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to positively encourage and cheer on the student athletes. Just as the student athletes, I understand that parents' behaviors represent our school. I agree that I will be kind and positively supportive whether it is a home game or away game. I understand I am responsible to share this information with all spectators that come to support my child. I agree to allow the officials officiate the games, let the coaches coach the games, and I will let the players play the game. I have read the CA Athletic Handbook and I understand I need to abide by it, understanding my responsibility and commitment to being a positive representative for Collegedale Academy.

(Parent Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_