

ANCHORAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ATHLETIC STANDARDS

1. The Purpose of Athletics – An athletic program should contribute to sound educational and spiritual objectives when properly organized and conducted. Winning is a major objective in athletics but more important than winning are the changes that take place in the participant's character including loyalty, a commitment to excellence, developing a healthy, purposeful approach to life, respect for others, personal discipline, and most importantly, following the Lord to the best of one's potential. (I Corinthians 6:19, 20: 10:31; Colossians 3:23)

2. The Athletes' Standard of Conduct - Athletes hold a unique place in the eyes and hearts of our younger students. Athletes, being role models for our elementary counterparts, must display a 24-hour-a-day testimony that honors the Lord Jesus Christ. Athletes are required to uphold ACS policies and standards while following the rules set forth in the ACS Student Handbook and Standard of Conduct form. This especially includes regular church attendance. Establishments such as bars, dance clubs and other places unbefitting Christian ladies and gentlemen are considered strictly off-limits to an ACS team member.

3. Attendance - Regular attendance is required at scheduled practice sessions. If an athlete misses three practices in one week or misses school the day of a sports event or the day prior to a weekend sports event, they may not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled sports activity. Unexcused absences from practice sessions will not be tolerated and will constitute grounds for expulsion at the discretion of the head coach. Excuses must be obtained in person from the head coach.

4. Athletic Fees - The athletic fee per sport, which covers the use of the uniform and equipment, is \$70 for junior high, \$80 for senior high. (Uniforms remain the property of ACS with the exception of cheerleading uniforms.) There is also a travel fee of \$275 for junior high and \$300 for senior high sports.

5. Equipment - School owned equipment will be issued to each athlete. Each athlete will be financially responsible for loss or damage of the particular piece of equipment assigned to them. Gym lockers are available for the students' use. Uniforms and equipment must be returned within one week after the close of the season.

6. Road Trips – Parents are expected to monitor what kinds of electronic devices their child has and what content those devices contain. If there is disagreement about the appropriateness of certain content on school sponsored trips or activities, the coach in charge will make the final decision. All students involved with extracurricular activities must travel with the respective groups to and from events and are expected to pay the round trip transportation expenses. However, after the event they may be released to the custody of their parents or their designee.

7. Hazing - Hazing, "initiations", or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Students involved in such incidents will be dismissed from the team immediately and may be subject to other disciplinary actions including suspension from school.

8. Support of Parent and Athlete - ACS expects parents and students to fully support the administration, staff and programs in which the athlete participates. If at any time the school feels that the support or the cooperation from the parents and/or student is lacking, the student may be dismissed from the activity or asked to withdraw from school. If the school feels that the behavior of the student indicates an uncooperative spirit, he/she may be dismissed from the activity or asked to withdraw from school.

9. Eligibility - Anchorage Christian Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in admissions or in the administration of any of its policies or programs. Before a student will be allowed to participate in sports he/she must have a current physical, signed medical release form, athletic application, and must have paid his/her athletic and travel fees. In order for a student maintain his/her eligibility he/she must meet the following standards:

A. Academic - A student cannot participate in any interscholastic sport if his/her academic progress fails to meet the approval of the administration and ASAA guidelines. Each athlete must successfully pass and complete a minimum of four subjects each quarter. These subjects must lead to the granting of credits to meet graduation requirements. A student will be ineligible to participate in athletic activities when he/she has failed to maintain a 2.0 GPA or has one D and one F or has two F's on his/her report card.

B. Attendance - Students participating in extracurricular activities are required to be in attendance at school by 11:00 the day their activity is to take place or by 11:00 the day before if that activity occurs on Saturday. This includes practices.

C. Conduct - The administration may, upon recommendation of a teacher, deem an athlete ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities due to unacceptable classroom conduct. The Conduct Ineligibility will be for a specified period of time or a specified number of events to be determined by the administration.

(See the ACS Student Handbook for more information regarding eligibility.)

**ANCHORAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC APPLICATION**

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Birth Date _____ Church Attending _____

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand and agree to maintain the rules and regulations which will govern me as a member of an athletic team of Anchorage Christian Schools. I further realize I will be dismissed from the team if I violate any standard of conduct item in this agreement.

I pledge to support the administration, staff and programs in which I participate. I understand that if at any time the school feels the support or cooperation from the parents and/or student is lacking, the student may be dismissed from the activity or asked to withdraw from school. I further understand that if the school feels the behavior of the student indicates an uncooperative spirit, he/she may be dismissed from the activity or asked to withdraw from school.

Athlete's Signature _____ Date _____

I, the parent or guardian of the above named athlete, have read and fully understand the rules and regulations which will govern my son/daughter as a member of an athletic team at ACS. I further agree to support the coaches and realize that my son or daughter will be dismissed from the team if he/she violates any standard of conduct item in this agreement.

I pledge to support the administration, staff and programs in which my child participates. I understand that if at any time the school feels the support or cooperation from the parents and/or student is lacking, the student may be dismissed from the activity or asked to withdraw from school. I further understand that if the school feels the behavior of the student indicates an uncooperative spirit, he/she may be dismissed from the activity or asked to withdraw from school.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

AFTER READING AND SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT THE ATHLETIC APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECONDARY OFFICE FOR PLACEMENT IN EACH STUDENT'S FILE.