



# **CURTIS BAPTIST SCHOOL CRUSADERS**

**Athletic Handbook**

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## ***INTRODUCTION AND PHILOSOPHY***

CBS involves its student-athletes in interscholastic sports in order to glorify and honor God with the talents He has given us. We also believe that athletics is a great tool to build Christian character, teach discipline and to learn to face adversity and challenges. Student-athletes are to display Christ-like character throughout their participation in athletics. We encourage student-athletes to keep the priorities of life and school in order.

1. Student-athletes are taught that in everything they do their relationship with Christ should always be their first priority. 1 Corinthians 10:31 – “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (NIV)
2. Student-athletes are taught the importance of having a good relationship with their family. Ephesians 6:1-2 – “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’- which is the first commandment with a promise.” (NIV)
3. Student-athletes are reminded their academics come before athletics. Proverbs 18:15 – “The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.” (NIV)
4. Student-athletes are taught that in practice and in games they are to give 100% of their effort 100% of the time. Ecclesiastes 9:10a – “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...” (NIV)

Curtis athletics will strive to be competitive, but the goal is excellence in all we do. The Curtis coaching staff will teach the highest ideals of Christianity by setting a good example in sportsmanship, by showing integrity, and by showing respect for everyone involved in athletic competition.

Our core values that we teach will help prepare our student-athletes for life after high-school. We want all of our student-athletes to follow the **C.U.R.T.I.S** values in everything that they do.

**C – Christ Like**

**U - Unity**

**R - Respect**

**T - Truth**

**I – Integrity**

**S - Service**



***ATHLETIC AFFILIATION***

Curtis Baptist School is a member of the South Carolina Independent Schools Association (SCISA). We operate on a three-season schedule at the middle school and high school levels. All rules set forth by SCISA must be followed and are enforced by the athletic staff of Curtis Baptist School to ensure compliance with the league standards. Any questions regarding rules and regulations concerning the athletic program can be directed to the athletic director and he/she will be able to refer to the SCISA handbook for any clarifications.

## ***ATHLETICS OFFERED***

Curtis Baptist School offers participation in athletics to both male and female students in the middle school and high school levels. During the fall season scholastic shooting is offered to grades 6 – 12 and Cross-country is offered to students in grades 6- 12 and volleyball is offered to students in grades 5 – 12. There are three (2) levels of volleyball offered – middle school and varsity. During the winter season, bowling and basketball is offered to both girls and boys in grades 5 – 12. There will be a Middle School Boys team (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and a Varsity Boys team (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). There will also be a Middle School Girls basketball team (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and a Varsity Girls team (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade). 8<sup>th</sup> graders could be pulled up to the Varsity team by the Varsity coach. During the spring season softball is offered to girls in grades 6 – 12 and soccer is offered to both Middle School and High School boys and girls, and Track & Field is offered to grades 5 – 12, and Baseball for grades 6 – 12.

## ***OBJECTIVES OF ATHLETICS***

Character Qualities:

1. Student-athletes will be able to identify with the team members and the school
2. Student-athletes will learn self-discipline that will not only help in athletics but in the classroom as well.
3. Student-athletes will develop leadership skills that they can use in life after high school and be leaders in our community.
4. Student-athletes will learn to develop good sportsmanship whether they win or lose.
5. Student-athletes will develop traits such as respect, responsibility, fairness, and trustworthiness.

6. Student-athletes will learn how to work as within a team which is important to learn in today's workforce.

#### Physical Fitness:

Participating in athletics will improve the student-athletes health both physically and emotionally by learning various activities to work at a high level of physical fitness.

#### Skills and Mental Alertness:

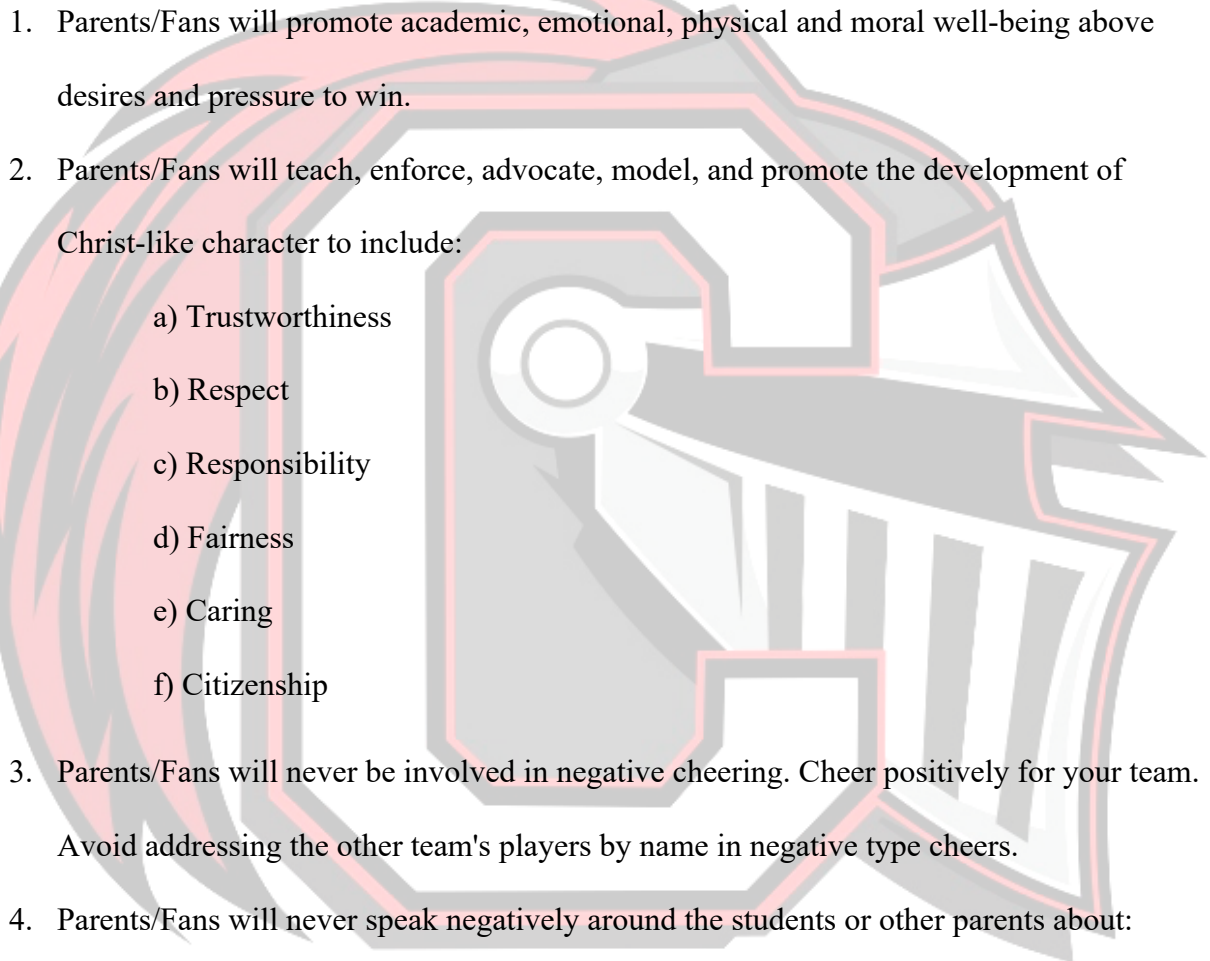
Since sport is a learning activity, the rules, skills, team effort, and learning to make decisions under stress and to think quickly to changes are a part of the sport experience that helps prepare the student-athlete for future success.

### ***ASSUMPTION AND CONSENT OF ATHLETIC RISK***

Parents and athletes at Curtis Baptist must recognize the risks in participating in sports. There is a potential for a catastrophic injury, but such injuries are rare. Catastrophic injuries range from the following: life threatening injuries that may lead to death, neck, head, or back injuries that may lead to paralysis, fractures/dislocations that may result in lifelong problems, injuries that could lead to the loss of an organ, limb, or sight, and injuries, infections, or situations that may require medical attention and/or hospitalization. It is important that both the parents and athletes understand that it is the athlete's responsibility to follow rules and procedures during practices and games. Student-athletes should always wear and maintain proper equipment for the sport that they are participating in. Student-athletes must understand that proper technique can minimize injury but cannot completely eliminate injury. This is why attending practice is very important. At practice athletes are taught the proper fundamentals and skills that are needed to participate. Using proper technique minimizes the risk of injury.

## ***ROLE OF THE PARENTS***

Curtis Baptist School believes that sportsmanship and Godly character are core values and their promotion and practice are essential. This code of conduct applies to all parents/fans involved in interscholastic athletics and activities.

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1. Parents/Fans will promote academic, emotional, physical and moral well-being above desires and pressure to win.
  2. Parents/Fans will teach, enforce, advocate, model, and promote the development of Christ-like character to include:
    - a) Trustworthiness
    - b) Respect
    - c) Responsibility
    - d) Fairness
    - e) Caring
    - f) Citizenship
  3. Parents/Fans will never be involved in negative cheering. Cheer positively for your team. Avoid addressing the other team's players by name in negative type cheers.
  4. Parents/Fans will never speak negatively around the students or other parents about:
    - The School. Negativity can be contagious. Instead, create an atmosphere of gratitude.
    - Other students or parents. Speak to parents only about your students and their students. Speak to other students only in an encouraging manner.

5. Parents will never criticize your child's teammates. Remember to teach your child team attitude.
6. Parents/Fans will remain in the stands. Never attempt to approach the field, court, bench area, score table or the officials before, during or after a ballgame.
7. Any complaints about a coach, athletic director, or school administrator will be aired in a respectful manner by scheduling an appointment. **No coach, athletic director, or school administrator should be approached immediately following a contest, win or lose, to discuss an issue or controversy when emotions are high and possibly heated. Parents are not to contact the coach, athletic director, or school administrator via phone, email, or text within 24 hours of a contest.** Instead, the matter should be written down and discussed at the next available opportunity with the coach. If the issue cannot be resolved with the coach, then a parent may contact the athletic director.
8. All parents are expected to volunteer a total of at least 10 hours within the Curtis Crusaders sports program for each sport their child plays.

Parents may be forbidden from attending games or practices if these provisions are violated.

**Failure to comply with these provisions could also risk the privilege of the student from participating in athletics at CBS.**



## ***COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES***

Curtis Baptist School is committed to communicating the goals and objectives of the athletic program, eligibility rules, and expectations of our athletes to the athletes and their parents. When a sports season begins if there are any issues that arise parents are encouraged to go directly to the head coach to discuss any issue. Parents are urged to wait until 24 hours after a game to discuss issues with a coach. Emotions tend to be high at the completion of a game and it is best if everyone has time to calm down to discuss issues with no emotions involved.

If the issue is not resolved the parent is encouraged to set up a meeting with the athletic director to discuss the issue and come to a resolution.

The athletic program is also committed to communicating any changes in practice or game schedules in a timely manner. In some cases there may be last minutes changes made. In those rare cases communication will be sent through email as well as communicated on the Curtis Baptist School Facebook page.

The parent/coach relationship is very important in continuing the partnership with Curtis Baptist School.

Communication you will expect from the coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for the team members.
3. Locations and times of all games and practices.
4. Approximate return times for all away games.
5. Team requirements such as fees and special equipment not provided by the school.
6. Procedure to follow for injuries.

7. Discipline that would affect playing time.

Communication coaches expect from parents:

1. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
2. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

Appropriate issues to discuss with a coach:

1. The treatment of your student-athlete, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help the student-athlete improve.
3. Concerns about the student-athletes behavior (the child of that parent – not another student).

Issues not appropriate to discuss with a coach:

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student-athletes

## ***ELIGIBILITY RULES***

To participate in the sports program at Curtis Baptist School the student-athlete must:

- A. Be enrolled at Curtis Baptist School according to the SCISA rules. This means that the student/athlete must have been enrolled at Curtis Baptist School in the fall, attended CBS for all of the current year, or transferred from another school.
- B. Have an updated physical examination on file in the athletic department prior to any participation (conditioning, including tryouts, practices, and games)
- C. High-School and Middle School students must have a GPA of 2.0 for the previous semester. A GPA below 2.0 will cause the student-athlete to be declared ineligible for a full semester.
- D. By turning in all assigned schoolwork. Student-athletes that receives a zero (0) for work that has not been turned in will receive an eligibility warning from the athletic director. If the work is not completed at the end of a week after the warning the student will be suspended until all work has been completed.
- E. Have no discipline issues within the school that could cause an athlete to be ineligible.

## ***GENERAL ATHLETIC POLICIES***

- A. Student-athletes that play for a team are making a commitment to the team for the entire season. Athletes should be at every practice and game unless prior permission is given by the coach or athletic director. Coaches will give the student-athletes a practice schedule and a game schedule. Game dates will also be provided on the school calendar that is on the school website. Athletic contest are scheduled so they do not interfere with the majority of other school activities so there should minimal issues with conflicts with

other school activities. Any changes that are made to practices schedules must be communicated to parents prior to any changes to ensure that it will not cause any issues with student-athletes or parents schedules.

- B. Athletes are to be at school by 11:30am on the day of a game or practice in order to be permitted to attend the game or practice, unless excused by the administration. Student-athletes must attend school a minimum half day in order to participate in games on that day.
- C. Athletes are required to be on time school the day after a contest. If a student-athletes repeatedly misses the day after a contest or repeatedly comes in late the day after a contest may be suspended from participating in athletics.
- D. At the beginning of a season a meeting with all of the players and parents may be held. Team policies, goals, and objectives will be discussed at this meeting. If a meeting is not held the coaches will provide information to parents and athletes via handout and via email.
- E. Athletes will be allowed to wear game jerseys to school on the day of a game. Proper practice clothes should be worn during practice at all times. Female athletes should wear normal t-shirts (no V-neck) with proper length shorts and male athletes should wear shorts and a t-shirt at all times.
- F. Curtis Baptist School will provide uniforms for all sports. School-owned uniforms must be returned at the end of the season in acceptable condition.
- G. Curtis Baptist School will make every attempt to not schedule games the day before semester exams, on holidays, or during any school breaks. Coaches will be expected, if

practices are scheduled, to make practices voluntary during Thanksgiving break, Christmas break, and spring break.

- H. Athletes should accept their responsibility for the cleanliness of Curtis Baptist School's gymnasium. This includes helping in cleaning the gym after volleyball and basketball games, making sure the locker rooms are clear and clean, and that the restrooms are clean.
- I. Working athletes are encouraged not to work during the season. The reason is because of the demanding academic standards along with the demanding schedule of the athletic teams. Student-athletes will not be excused from practice due to outside work responsibilities.
- J. Multi-Sport Athletes: In a school our size, our student-athletes participate on more than one athletic team. We encourage multi-sport athletes as this develops a more rounded individual. When a sports season overlaps, a student will always be given the opportunity to tryout with no penalty. Student-athletes may not begin practice in one sport until their current season has completed. In very rare cases a student-athlete may compete on two consecutive teams. These will only be approved by both coaches and the Athletic Director.
- K. Club and Travel Sports: Our athletics mission at CBS are different than most pay to play teams. While players work very hard to develop their skills, we feel that specialization in a specific sport is not in the best interest of the student-athlete. Playing on a pay to play team is not a requirement for playing a CBS sport. CBS coaches are not expected to make the same accommodations to balance out of school activities with their Crusader team responsibilities as they would for school related activities. Any schedule adjustments

would be made at the discretion of the team coach and may vary based on individual circumstances.

- L. Use of Athletic Facilities/Supervision: CBS athletic facilities are for our teams and students only. Students MAY NOT use our facilities without adult supervision.
- M. Dropping of Changing Sports: Athletics teaches perseverance and working towards a goal. Quitting a team is strongly discouraged and this may be taken into account in roster decisions the following seasons. Any athlete who quits a sport after the first 2 weeks of participation may not join another team until the completion of the season of the sport they have left. (i.e. a volleyball player that quits cannot begin basketball practice until volleyball has concluded.) Any exceptions must be approved by the coaches of both teams and the Athletic Director.
- N. Return to Play Protocol: In the event of an injury or illness the coach shall provide immediate first aid and contact the student's parent. In an emergency, call 911. When the athlete is ready to return, the athlete must have a release from his/her physician and kept on file with the coach and the Athletic Director. Once cleared, the athlete must be gradually returned to practice and not brought back to full participation immediately.
- O. Athletic fees must be paid in full prior to the first regular season contest. The athletic fee is a one-time fee of \$125 for the school year.

## ***ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT***

All athletes should agree to the following rules as set forth by the Curtis Baptist School athletic department and will turn in a signed copy of this agreement:

- A. Athletes must commit to showing up on time to all practices and games throughout the entire season.
- B. Athletes commit to practicing sport specific skills outside of the time allotted at team practices.
- C. Athletes commit to following the team dress code to and from games.
- D. Athletes commit to Christ-like behavior at school, home, and in their chosen sport.
- E. Athletes commit to prioritizing time with God, family, school work, and athletics in that order.
- F. Athletes commit to supporting the team and cheering loudly regardless of whether they play or not.
- G. Athletes will strive to be mentally and physically prepared for all practices and games.
- H. Athletes will focus on changing habits that do not help them excel as an athlete
- I. Athletes will ask a parent, teacher, or coach for help spiritually, academically, or athletically as needed.
- J. Athletes will volunteer to assist with vital tasks that make the Curtis athletic program a success.
- K. Athletes will give 100%, 100% of the time.
- L. Athletes will make no excuses for mistakes, errors, laziness, or losses.
- M. Athletes recognize that playing athletics is a privilege. Thus, any student may be removed from a team or suspended for a number of contests at any time for a poor

attitude or misbehavior that displays a poor Christian testimony or misrepresent the core values of the ministry of CBS. This suspension can be initiated at the full discretion of the coach, athletic director, or school administration.

## ***CONDUCT POLICY***

To represent Curtis Baptist School in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Student-athletes are to represent Curtis Baptist School in a way that others in the school, opposing schools, and in the community see a reflection of Christ and are a witness for His glory. The student-athlete must adhere to the conduct policies set forth in the Curtis Baptist School Student Handbook. An athlete that is found breaking the policies of conduct will face a suspension and possible removal from a team. An athlete that is found cheating in the classroom will receive a minimum three (3) game suspension. A second violation will result in being removed from the team.

## ***EJECTIONS***

An ejection is when a student-athlete or coach is removed from participation in a contest for violations of the conduct rules, fighting, or unsportsmanlike conduct. A player removed by an official is ineligible based on the rules set forth by the SCISA handbook. This includes any contest at any level. A coach that is ejected must follow the suspension, fine, and required courses to be completed as stated in the SCISA handbook. Student-athletes that are ejected for fighting will be held financially responsible for any fines that are assessed to the school by the SCISA. If a student-athlete or coach that receive an ejection on the last regular season game will receive the suspension required in the next season. Student-athletes that receive multiple ejections will be penalized by not being able to participate in the athletic program for the remainder of the school year and will be placed on probation for the next year. A coach that



receives multiple ejections in a season will not be allowed to continue representing Curtis Baptist School as a coach.

### ***TRANSPORTATION POLICY***

We will do our best to provide transportation to and from games that are away by using the school bus. Students may ride to and from the games with their parents with permission from the coach. Any parent that helps by transporting athletes other than their own child must have a copy of their driver's license and insurance card turned in to the front office to be placed on file. Students are not allowed to drive to away games unless the game is located in Richmond County. Students that do drive within the county are not permitted to drive other students unless written consent is given by both sets of parents. Coaches are to never drive a student-athlete to and from an away game alone. There should always be a minimum of two (2) student-athletes present with an adult or coach at all times.

### ***COACHES EXPECTATIONS***

Coaches that are hired by Curtis Baptist School must understand and follow the expectations of the athletic director and school administration. Coaches must have a personal relationship with the Lord by being in the Word on a daily basis and spending time prayer on a daily basis. Coaches are to be obedient in their walk with Christ. Coaches must have a strong relationship with their spouse and children. Coaches must recognize that they are teachers first then coaches and that athletes are students first and then athletes and reiterate with the athletes that academics comes first. Coaches must teach the fundamentals of the game by explaining why different drills are being done and how they will help in games so that the athlete understands and works to be in shape to reach their full potential. Coaches must live and teach integrity and discipline to the

athletes. **Coaches should never use profanity, obscene language, or poor actions such as tobacco or e-cigarettes use and the consumption of alcohol in public or in private with the team.** Athletes tend to imitate coaches in their actions. Coaches should use Godly principles when teaching sport and take time to minister to athletes through a short devotion. Coaches are to teach athletes that sport is a team effort. Coaches should teach athletes to be focused on giving 100%, 100% of the time. Coaches should show an attitude to be reflected by the athletes to win with dignity and lose with dignity. Coaches should have a detailed practice schedule. Coaches should set goals for their team and come up with a plan to meet those goals. When running practice, coaches should use all time to teach aspects of the game by using drills to condition. Coaches should not use exercise as a punishment – rather use drills to improve the skills needed for the sport. Coaches should always demand full effort from each player and continuously challenge the athletes to improve. All athletes are expected to commit to every practice and game during a season coaches are also required to commit to every practice and game. It is understood at times there may be instances that a coach may not be able to attend a practice or game. If this is the case a request must be submitted to the athletic director well in advance to receive permission to be excused from an event. If permission is granted the head coach must have the assistant coach fully prepared to fill in for that particular event.

Coaches make an incredible impact in the lives of athletes and in some cases more than teachers. With that in mind coaches should always remember to model Christ example. Coaches should be professional with the team at all times.

## ***COACHES CODE OF ETHICS***

***(NFHS – [www.nfhs.org/nfhs-for-you/coaches/coaches-code-of-ethics](http://www.nfhs.org/nfhs-for-you/coaches/coaches-code-of-ethics))***

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the NFHS Board of Directors.

**The coach** shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

**The coach** shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

**The coach** shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco use.

**The coach** shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.

**The coach** shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

**The coach** shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with pep club members, booster club, and administrators.

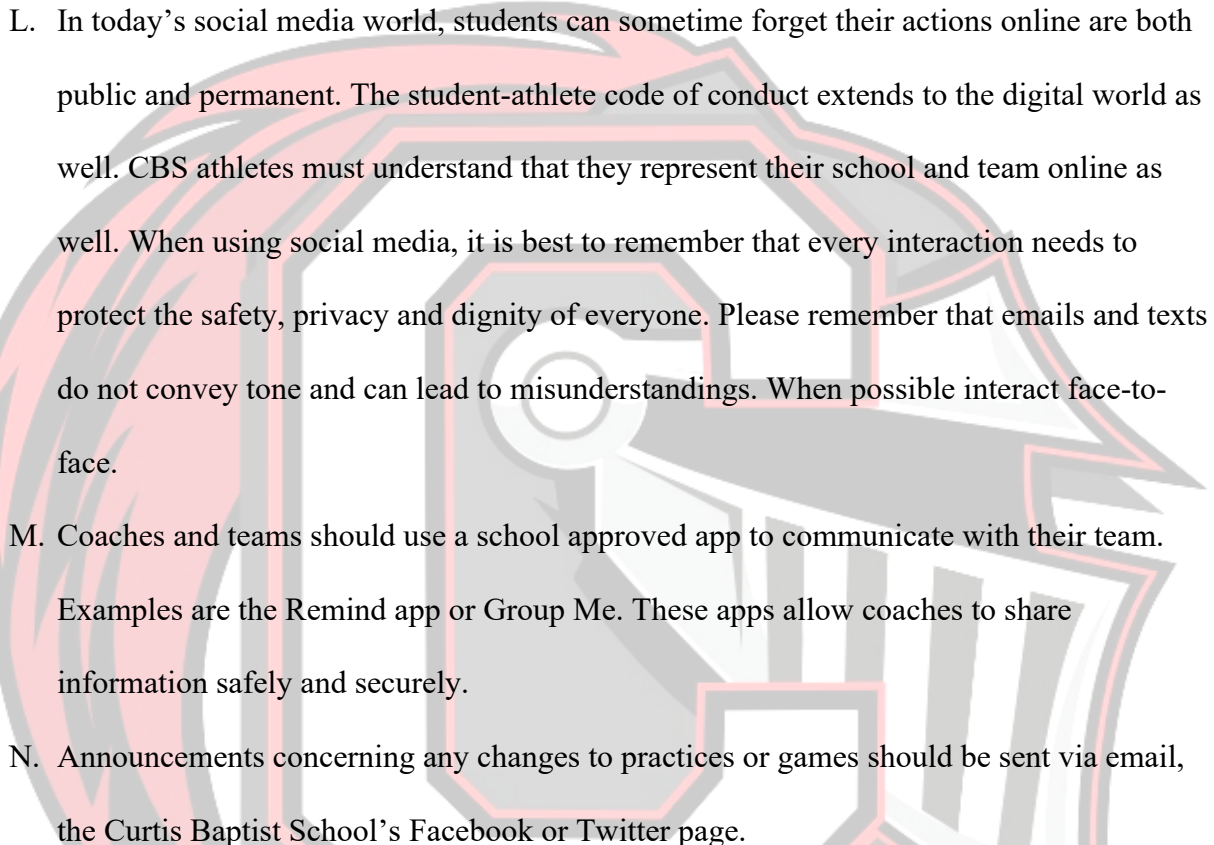
**The coach** should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

**The coach** shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student special consideration.

**The coach** shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.

### ***COACHING DUTIES***

- A. Establish and maintain goals that are consistent with the Curtis Baptist School's athletic department.
- B. Coaches are encouraged to hold meetings with parents and athletes at the beginning of the season to discuss goals, rules, etc.
- C. Must be willing to submit an application to Curtis Baptist School and complete a background check and a check of driving record.
- D. Coaches must provide a pastoral reference showing their involvement in a local church.
- E. Attend all Curtis Baptist School athletic meetings or SCISA meetings as required.
- F. Submit a complete roster to the athletic director after the first day of practice.
- G. Communicate with the athletic director if there are roster changes or any disciplinary actions that need to be enforced.
- H. Begin and end practice on time. Coaches are not to be late to practice. When practice is over, the coach cannot leave the practice facility until the last player has been picked up by their parent.

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- I. Collect all uniforms at the end of the season. Make sure that all athletes have turned in all uniforms used during the season.
  - J. Advise the athletic director of anything that will be needed for the upcoming season.
  - K. Be knowledgeable and follow the standards set by the SCISA as to practice times, sport rules, eligibility, and coaching ethics.
  - L. In today's social media world, students can sometime forget their actions online are both public and permanent. The student-athlete code of conduct extends to the digital world as well. CBS athletes must understand that they represent their school and team online as well. When using social media, it is best to remember that every interaction needs to protect the safety, privacy and dignity of everyone. Please remember that emails and texts do not convey tone and can lead to misunderstandings. When possible interact face-to-face.
  - M. Coaches and teams should use a school approved app to communicate with their team. Examples are the Remind app or Group Me. These apps allow coaches to share information safely and securely.
  - N. Announcements concerning any changes to practices or games should be sent via email, the Curtis Baptist School's Facebook or Twitter page.

## ***COACHING STAFF***

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>HEAD COACH</b>	<b>ASSISTANT COACH</b>
<b>JV Volleyball</b>	Shelley Glass	
<b>Varsity Volleyball</b>	Lisa Ingle	
<b>Cross-Country</b>	Alexa Harper	
<b>Middle School Boys Basketball</b>	Clint Lowery	
<b>Middle School Girls</b>	Yvette Goldman	
<b>Varsity Girls Basketball</b>	Shelley Glass	Lydia Ulrich
<b>Varsity Boys Basketball</b>	Daryl Hawthorne	David Salley Clint Lowery
<b>Softball</b>	Lisa Ingle	Matt Ingle
<b>Baseball</b>	Jason Cunningham	Noah Cunningham
<b>Soccer</b>	Alexa Harper	
<b>Track</b>	Shelley Glass	
<b>Bowling</b>	Beth Hensley	
<b>Scholastic Shooting</b>	Art Denney	
<b>Cheerleading</b>	Jessica Reed	
<b>Tennis</b>		
<b>Golf</b>		

## ***HEAD COACH***

The head coach is ultimately responsible for his or her program. The head coach determines the style of coaching, game plans, and other decisions that occur at all levels of a program. The head coach will help interview applicants for assistant coaching positions. The head coach will be responsible to the school administration and the athletic director. The head coach is responsible to collect uniforms at the end of the season and turn the completed inventory in to the athletic director with an inventory checklist showing that all uniforms are accounted for. Head coaches will communicate to the athletic director any changes that are need to be made to the practice schedule. The head coach will meet with the athletic director if there are any concerns over the goals and policies of the athletic department. The head coach will help the athletic director at the end of a season in evaluating the job of the assistant coaches.

## ***ASSISTANT COACHES***

Assistant coaches will be required to submit an application to Curtis Baptist School and be willing to do a background check and provide a driving record. An individual that is selected to be an assistant coach must remember that as an assistant coach they are to be a help to the head coach. If at any time an assistant coach undermines the head coach and tries to teach or instructs student-athletes to do anything contrary to the instruction of the head coach that assistant coach will be removed from coaching at Curtis Baptist School. The assistant coach should be in constant communication with the head coach, should understand and be in agreement with the head coach on the policies, teachings, game plans, selection of athletes for a particular sport.

At times an assistant coach may be required to fill in for the head coach. In this case the assistant coach should be given instructions from the head coach for the game plan rather than

making decisions that would be contrary to what the head coach would normally do.

Furthermore, assistant coaches should adhere to the coaching expectations as mentioned in the above section.

### ***SCHEDULING OF GAMES***

Each year the SCISA will schedule meetings for the athletic director and/or coach to attend to schedule games for the next season. For the fall and winter seasons the schedules will be completed during the spring prior to the beginning of the next school year. For the spring season the schedules are completed during the fall of that academic year. When scheduling games the athletic staff will do its best to evenly schedule home and away games. Before the staff attends the SCISA meetings the staff must meet with the Curtis Baptist School administration to review the school calendar for the upcoming year. The athletic staff will strive to not schedule games that conflict with other school events. The athletic staff will also strive to schedule games with schools that are comparable in competition.



## ***PLAYING TIME***

It is the goal of Curtis Baptist School to allow all athletes playing time in every event especially at the Middle School level of play. Occasionally there may be games that an athlete does not get into a game and when this occurs the coach will make sure that athlete gets time in the next game. There will be tryouts for athletes at the JV and Varsity level. Playing time may be different when athletes get to the JV and Varsity level. As the school strives to be competitive there may be games that not every athlete sees playing time. Athletes should not become discouraged but rather work harder in practice to improve individually so that the coach takes notice and rewards with playing time. As student-athletes get older it is good for them to learn that they must work hard to obtain playing time as this will only help them in the long run when they are in a career and realize that hard work must be done to be successful.

## ***PRACTICE POLICY***

Practices should be schedule in accordance with Curtis Baptist School policies as well as the SCISA policies. CBS prohibits any team from practicing on Sundays. Teams may practice every day after school. Wednesday's, however, ALL practices must be finished by 4:45 pm. All practices will be supervised only by a member of the coaching staff and at the designated times set by the coaching staff. Coaches will provide students and parents a practice schedule at the beginning of the season. Parents please understand that athletics is a fluid system and sometimes times and dates may have to change throughout the year. Coaches will attempt to keep changes to a minimum but please understand when changes must occur.

Our coaches spend a tremendous amount of time away from their families throughout the year. Please respect the coaches and be prompt in picking your student up after practice. NO student

will ever be left alone to wait on a parent. Please contact your teams coach if there is a scheduling conflict or you see that you may be late in picking up your student from practice.

### ***UNIFORM POLICY***

Curtis Baptist School will provide uniforms for all sports except for swimming. These uniforms are the property of Curtis Baptist School. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to keep the uniform clean and in good condition during the season. When washing the uniforms **do not use** bleach and wash in cold water. **Do not** put the uniforms in the dryer. The shirts and shorts must air dry. If they are washed in bleach or put through the dryer the lettering and numbers will begin to fade and come off. When the uniforms are turned in at the end of the season they must be in excellent condition to be used again next year. If a uniform is ruined or lost it will need to be replaced at the cost of a single order uniform.

### ***AWARD POLICY***

Awards are determined by the head and assistant coaches and are given to the athletes that best represent Curtis Baptist School athletics throughout the sport season. In order for a student-athlete to be eligible for an award the athlete must complete the season in its entirety. The athlete must have received no suspension for disciplinary reasons and must have remained eligible the entire season. The athlete must also be a student of Curtis Baptist School at the time of the award banquet. If an athlete chooses to leave the school after a sports season that athlete forfeits any awards that may have been given.

## ***LETTERMAN REQUIREMENTS***

The Curtis Baptist School athletic department will reserve the right to letter an athlete based on injury or any special extenuating circumstances beyond a player's control. Any combination of 24 different high school game quarters. Any player who does not meet the 24 quarter requirement may also letter by completing one's second year in the program and completing every requirement during each of the two seasons.

- Letter requirement during a single season – all of the above.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grader – starter at the high school level; starts in a high school game
- 10<sup>th</sup> grader – starter at the high school level; starts in a high school game
- 11<sup>th</sup> grader – starter at the high school level; starts in a high school game; 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the program
- 12<sup>th</sup> grader – starter at the high school level; starts in a high school game; 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the program; special consideration by the coaching staff

Student-athletes that are declared academically ineligible by CBS or SCISA will not receive a letter.

Student-athletes that have behavioral issues during practice, games, or at school may lose eligibility to receive a letter.

## ***SEASON PASS INFORMATION***

ALL Sport Season Pass - \$90 (includes all MS and Varsity HOME games)

One Sport Season Pass - \$60 (includes all MS and Varsity HOME games of 1 sports of your choice)

*Season passes admit one and is valid only to the person the pass is issued to.*

*There will be a \$5 reprint charge for any season pass.*

*This pass is for regular season only and does not include any home playoff games.*

*SCISA away game gate fees may be up to \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.*

