

CSCA Athletic Code of Conduct

Purpose

To introduce and encourage the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship to CSCA students.

Value and Philosophy of Athletics for CSCA Students

Research shows that students who participate in sports and extra-curricular activities tend to have higher grade point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates, and fewer discipline problems than other students. Athletic competition can aid in the development of a work ethic, as well as foster teamwork, self-discipline, time-management skills, and self-confidence. Athletics help meet the physical development needs of students, while exposing them to the idea of lifelong fitness.

Athletics exist at CSCA to advance the mission and vision of Colorado Springs Charter Academy. Student character development underlies all aspects of the school's athletic programs, and we have the highest behavior and character expectations for student-athletes, parents, coaches, and spectators.

Expectations for Players/Team Members

1. Display sportsmanship in every situation, win or lose, whether during practices and games. Win with grace, lose with tact and head held high. Give nothing but the best effort in practices and games.
2. Meet all eligibility requirements
3. Take seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing the CSCA school community, and act always in ways that honor, not disgrace, that community.
4. Cooperate with officials, coaches, teammates, and opponents to ensure a fair competition.
5. Treat officials, coaches, teammates, and opponents with respect. Accept respectfully the judgements of contest officials, avoiding always argument and disrespectful facial expressions and physical gestures.
6. Play hard, fairly, honorably and always within the rules.
7. Attend all practices and games. Communicate to coaches in advance when practices and games must be missed.
8. Arrive at practices and games on time and prepared with the proper clothing and equipment. Students should notify the coach as soon as possible if they cannot attend a practice or game.
9. Return school-owned property, including uniforms, when the season ends.

Expectations for Parents and Spectators

It is our intent for the athletic programs here at CSCA to conduct all events with emphasis on good sportsmanship meaning that we need to abide by the following:

1. Understand that the purpose of athletics at CSCA is to advance the mission and vision of CSCA, introduce and encourage the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship to student-athletes, and aid the development of student-athletes' character.
2. Treat officials, coaches, and all participants with respect. Accept respectfully the judgements of contest official and coaches, avoiding always argument and disrespectful facial expressions and physical gestures.
3. Take seriously the responsibility of being a role model to all participants – officials, coaches, and most importantly student-athletes (from both teams). Win or lose, model sportsmanship. Though it should go without saying, do not use profane, obnoxious language and or engage in similarly obnoxious behavior.

4. Contact coaches outside of practices and games via email or phone; be respectful of their time with student-athletes before, during, and after practices and games.

5. Know that contest officials and school staff have the right to eject spectators and other contest participants whose conduct is detrimental to good sportsmanship. Misbehavior at CSCA sporting events may lead to prosecution and/or school disciplinary action.

Expectations for Coaches

1. Understand that the purpose of athletics at CSCA is to advance the mission and vision of CSCA, introduce and encourage the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship to student-athletes, and aid, first, the development of student-athletes' character and, second, the development of their athletic skills.

2. Treat officials, opposing coaches, and players (both your own and opposing) with respect. Accept respectfully the judgements of contest officials, avoiding always argument and disrespectful facial expressions and physical gestures.

3. Take seriously the responsibility of being a role model to all participants – officials, opposing coaches, spectators, and most importantly student-athletes (from both teams). Win or lose, model sportsmanship. Though it should go without saying, do not use profane, obnoxious language and or engage in similarly obnoxious behavior.

4. Hold student-athletes appropriately accountable when they fail to meet the highest sportsmanship and character standards.

5. Attend all practices and games, arrive on time, and give timely notice in advance if a practice or game is cancelled.

6. Ensure accurate and timely communications with parents; provide a calendar detailing practice and games times, as well as the location of practices and games.

Eligibility Requirements

In order for a student at CSCA to participate on any athletic team they must abide by the following:

1. Students must be in grades 6, 7 or 8 and enrolled at CSCA.

2. Students wishing to participate are required to meet standards of personal behavior and academic performance.

3. Students must maintain at least a 70% current quarterly grade average in all classes/subjects. Academic eligibility is determined by a check of students' grades every Friday during the season. The Friday grade check determines eligibility for all games occurring in the following week. The Athletic Director will notify parents or guardians that students are ineligible via email. Students who remain ineligible for two consecutive weeks will be suspended from the team, meaning that they cannot participate in practices or games. If in the two weeks following a suspension from a team students do not raise their grades, they will be dropped from the team. Students who are dropped will not be refunded any portion of their athletic fee.

4. Students who are determined to be ineligible are expected to practice with the team (at the discretion of coaches and parents or guardians) and attend games but will not be allowed to play in games. .

5. Students must be present at school for at least four hours on the day of a game in order to participate in the game that afternoon or evening.

6. Students will not be allowed to participate in practices or games until all required forms have been submitted to the school.

General Guidelines

CSCA encourages participation in athletics for all interested students and therefore supports a no cut policy.

Coaches are required to play each student-athlete for some portion of every contest (health permitting) as long as the student-athlete meets all eligibility and conduct requirements, regularly attends practice, and demonstrates a commitment to the team.

The amount of playing time is determined by several factors – effort, ability, practice attendance, and game situations. Generally, playing time for sixth-grade student-athletes will be roughly equal. Playing time for seventh- and eighth-grade students will likely not be equal, but all student-athletes will play some portion of a game as long as they have met all eligibility requirements, regularly attended practices, and demonstrated a commitment to the team.

Students who decided to end their participation in a sport during the season must notify coaches promptly. Students are responsible for returning all school-owned equipment and clearing all financial responsibilities owed to the school. Students are responsible for the replacement cost of school-owned equipment that is not returned to the school.

Misconduct Penalties

1. Students who fail to meet behavior expectations may be suspended from participating in practices and games. In some cases, students may be dismissed from the team. Consequences for students regarding the failure to meet behavior expectations will be determined by the coach, athletic director, and head of school, with final determination left to the head of school.
2. Students suspended from school for any reason may not practice or compete during the period of suspension.
3. Students ejected from a match or game will be disqualified for the remainder of that match or game and the students will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled contest.
4. Students ejected from a second match or game during the same season will be dismissed from the team and will only be allowed to participate in other sports with the approval of the head of school.

Statement of Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that we have read the CSCA Athletic Code of Conduct. We understand that it contains important information about expectations for students, parents and guardians, and coaches who participate in CSCA's athletic programs. As the parent or guardian, I further acknowledge that I have explained to my child the relevant information, including expectations around conduct and eligibility, as well as the consequences for my child should he/she fail to meet those expectations.

Parent/Guardians Name (please print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Student Name (please print)	Student Signature	Date
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Information

Student's Name _____

Grade/HR Teacher _____

Parent's/Guardian's Email _____

Parent's/Guardian's Phone Number _____

Volunteer

Helping our program out is a great way to use your volunteer hours. It takes a lot of effort and people in order to run a game efficiently. Each game we have a number of positions available and can use your help!

I am willing to volunteer during the basketball season. ___Boys ___Girls basketball season (please check)

I am willing to help with: ___Concession sales ___Admission ___Score/book keeper ___Clock___