

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

“Developing Christ-like character in young men and women through athletic competition.”

Claremore Christian School is a member of the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA). All secondary activities, policy, and procedures will fall under the jurisdiction of OSSAA by-laws. Questions involving rule interpretations and term definitions will default to OSSAA rules and policies.

Sport Opportunities will vary each year according to interest-

Softball- is offered for girls only in grades 6th-12th. The season runs August through October

Volleyball-is offered for girls only in grades 7th-12th. The season runs August through October- not offered 2007

Football-is offered for boys in grades 9th-12th. The season runs August through November.

Soccer-is offered for girls only in grades 7th-12th. The season runs February through April. Not offered 2007

Basketball- is offered for both boys and girls on separate teams. The season runs November through February. Girls and boys teams- 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9-12.

Baseball-is offered for boys in grades 7th – 12th. The season runs February through April.

Cheerleading- 7th-12th

Archery – 6th- 12th

OBJECTIVES

Elementary

CCS philosophy at the elementary level is to enhance the team concept regardless of individual skills. Each student is to be played as equally as possible with a minimum of one quarter to be played by each student.

Create a basic understanding of the game.

Give each student a positive experience.

Create a healthy competitive attitude.

Junior High

CCS philosophy at the junior high level is to enhance the team concept along with developing the individual skills of each athlete. At this level many are just developing physically and in personal skills. With this in mind, those skills will be enhanced with each competitive game. Our goal is 100% participation during the regular season while recognizing playing time will not be equal. During tournaments we understand our goal of 100% participation may not work. This philosophy has been instrumental in achieving numerous state championships. If a 6th grade student is needed to fill an upper division position in order to field a competitive team they are considered an equal member of the team. All such decisions will be approved by the Athletic Director.

Continue to establish fundamental skills of the game.

Build good character and sportsmanship

Build a team concept.

Give each student a positive experience.

Create a healthy competitive attitude.

High School

While promoting team concepts, we recognize individual skill levels will determine playing time in varsity sports. Our goal is to help each student recognize his or her contribution to the team. That contribution may come in practice or during competition, neither can be minimized. All such decisions will be approved by the Athletic Director.

Continue to establish fundamental skills of the game.

Build good character and sportsmanship.

Build a team concept.

Give each student a positive experience.

Achieve goals set by each team.

FEES

Elementary: \$30.00 PER Sport

Jr. High/ High School; \$40 Per Sport, Football \$60

Fees pay for officials, facility rental, transportation to games, awards, and first aid equipment. Athletic fees are due the **first** practice. An athlete may not play in a game until all fees are paid.

PHYSICALS

No student shall be eligible to represent his/her school in athletics until there is on file with the principal a physical examination and parental consent certificate. The form used shall contain the information on the standard OSSAA form. These forms may be printed off the OSSAA website or can be picked up at the school office. All physicals must be given no earlier than May 1 of the preceding year in which the students are to participate and before the first day of practice in that student's particular sport. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must sign the parental consent form each year before the student participates in any organized athletic practice session including content participation.

TEAM DRESS

In order to promote team unity, all teams will dress uniformly at all times.

Elementary- Students are asked to wear field trip shirt.

Junior High- Students are asked to wear field trip shirt.

High School- Coaches and CCS administration will approve all team dress prior to the beginning of the season. Each coach will be responsible for his/her athletes dress to and from games, including tournaments.

TRANSPORTATION

High school players must report to the school and ride to the games with the team for all

athletic events. (See #4 under Student Athlete.) When CCS vans are not available for Jr. High and Elementary games, players must provide their own transportation to and from all athletic events. Jr. High and elementary players need not report to the school prior to athletic events unless specifically instructed to do so by coaches or athletic department personnel. Notice of game sites will be made available through school office. Coaches will be responsible for personally driving their team's van. This develops off the field/court rapport relationship with student athletes necessary for team unity. **Please be prompt in picking up your child after a game.**

CONCESSIONS / GATE

Profits of concession and gate go to facility rental and a varsity uniform fund. The concession stand and gate are covered by the volunteer program.

If needed, parents of players in sports activities may be asked to serve at the gate during the season their child is participating.

On your assigned date, you are asked to report 30 minutes prior to game time.

ADMISSION PRICE

As set by the OSSAA otherwise, games: Adults \$3, Children under 18- \$2, Children under 5 are free

LETTER JACKETS

High School student-athletes who participate in at least 50% of matches, quarters, or innings in a varsity sport will be awarded a letter for that sport. Seniors who continuously participate in a sport during all four years of high school will be awarded a letter in that sport. Letter jackets can be purchased through Player's Sporting Goods. Letters and emblems will be awarded by CCS. Graduation year, sports numbers, special honors, can be ordered at the expense of the athlete.

STUDENT ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Student athletes will adhere to the Standard of Conduct for Claremore Christian School, as found in the Student handbook. Coaches will have authority over all student athletes from the time the student athlete reports to the coach until the coach dismisses the student athlete.

2. Student athletes who desire to participate in school-sponsored athletics must commit to attend practices and games whether during school holiday, weekends, or during the school week. Any absence will result in discipline decided by athletic director and school administration except for excused absences. Excused absences are defined herein as sickness resulting in absence from school, family emergencies, and accidents.
3. Any student athlete who becomes ineligible for participation in school-sponsored athletics, according to published athletic guidelines, will be ineligible to participate in games until the ineligibility is cured and certified by school administration. The athlete will still practice with the team and sit with the team during games. The athlete will wear team dress on the bench.
4. Varsity and Jr. Varsity student athletes are required to report to the school and leave with the team for all school-sponsored athletic trips. If parents are in attendance at an away event, student athletes may be given permission to leave with their parents, guardian, or others who have been designated by the parent or guardian by verbal notice (no note) to the athletic department personnel prior to departure for the event. In no case will any student athlete be allowed to leave an away event outside the supervision of athletic department personnel, coach, guardian, formally designated temporary guardian , or parents.
5. Only individuals approved by the athletic director, school administration, and coaches will be allowed to assist with events, games, and practices.
6. A student athlete must meet the following eligibility requirements to participate in any athletic practices, meetings, games or events:

Academic eligibility requirements of Claremore Christian School are consistent with those stipulation dictated by our activities association (OSSAA) and managed by the site administrator. All questions concerning academic eligibility will defer to OSSAA policy and must meet published standards. Student eligibility is measured during a two prong time period, at the end of each semester and during the course of each semester. Minimum standards include:

1.) Semester Grades

- a. A student must have received a passing grade in all subjects enrolled in during the semester. A passing grade is defined as a grade equivalent in which the student has earned .5 of a Carnegie Unit.
- b. If a student does not meet the stipulation stated in 1-a, he/she will not be eligible to participate during the first six weeks of the next semester.
- c. A student may regain semester eligibility by achieving passing grades

in all subjects he/she is enrolled in at the end of the six week period.

- d. Pupils enrolled for the first time must meet the same semester scholastic stipulations. The passing grades required for the preceding semester will be obtained from the scholastic records from the student's last school attended.

2.) Student Eligibility During a Semester

- a. Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked after three weeks (during the fourth week) of a semester and each succeeding week thereafter. Eligibility checks are done on Friday of each week. The period and ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked.
- b. A student must be passing in all subjects he/she is enrolled in during a semester. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in on the day of the grade check, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes during the next week on the grade check day, he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period.
- c. A Student who has lost eligibility must be passing all subjects in order to regain eligibility. A student regains eligibility with the first class of the new one-week period
- d. "Passing Grades" refers to work of such character that credit would be entered on the records were the semester to close at that time.

* Maintain amateur status

In order to maintain amateur status, a student should not use his/her knowledge or skill of athletics or reputation as an athlete for financial gain. A student should not participate in physical activities with professionals or where professionalism is practiced-that is, where individuals are being compensated directly or indirectly for their participation; or where teams or their sponsors are compensated or reimbursed on a win or lose basis; or where cash or merchandise prize other than medals or trophies are offered, given, or paid to individuals or to teams. A prize is any article that is to be given as an inducement to participate or an article competed for.

A student is not eligible to participate in interscholastic contests in any sport in which he/she has used his/her knowledge or skill for financial gain. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:

- 1.) Competing for money or other monetary compensation
- 2.) Receiving any award or prize of monetary value which has not been approved by his/her state association.

- 3.) Capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value.
- 4.) Signing a professional playing contract in that sport.

- * Student athletes will attend classes on game days in order to participate in that day's game, practice, meeting, or event. The CCS excused absence policy applies in the event of an unavoidable absence. In case of an excused absence the coach and athletic director, will determine his/her participation.
 - * No student athlete under school suspension from CCS may participate in any athletic practices, games, meetings, or events.
 - * Elementary student eligibility will be based upon academic effort and/or behavior. The classroom teacher and elementary principal will determine eligibility. Eligibility will run Monday to Monday and be reviewed each week.
7. Student athletes are responsible for any and all homework assignments given while absent from class due to athletic events. It is NOT the teacher's, coach's or parents responsibility to make sure that all homework assignments are obtained by the student and turned in by the student as agreed with the individual teachers.
 8. There will be no individual electronic devices including stereos, radios, walkmans, ipods, CD players, XBoxes, ets. allowed on athletic trips. **CELL PHONES** are for emergencies and for contacting parents when necessary.
 9. Student athletes are to remain with the team they are traveling with at all times until the end of the event.
- * CCS student athletes are not permitted to leave the team during any event (including intermissions or waiting periods between contests) without the coach's expressed permission to visit or fraternize with the non-CCS visitors.
 - * While student athletes are under the supervision of coaches or athletic department personnel, coaches will seek to maintain team identity and not allow visitors to disrupt the team atmosphere or interfere with team functions.
 - * If a student athlete has a visitor approach them at an event, please introduce the coach or chaperone to the visitor and obtain permission from the coach or chaperone to invite the visitor into the team area or to leave the team area with the visitor.
 - * Coaches' and/or chaperones' decisions as to whether a student athlete will be allowed to entertain visitors in the team area or converse with the visitor away from the team area are final.