



## CUSSD Coaching Standards

### Coaching Priorities:

1. Student Safety & Health
  - Discourage and disallow all forms of hazing.
  - Supervise athletes at all times.
2. Student Christian Character
3. Student Athlete Performance

Note: Notice that none of the above priorities involves building the coaches ego. Everything in sports must honor God and be in the best interest of the student.

### Coaching Examples:

1. Demonstrate civil and Christian behavior at ALL times.
2. Dress appropriately for games (minimum: collared shirts and coaching shorts)
3. Never berate or embarrass a student.
4. Motivate by example not position.
5. Teach spiritual maturity and character.

Note: Just as children reflect their parents, athletes emulate coaches.

### Coaching Personnel:

1. The Athletic Director must approve all coaching positions in each sport.
2. All coaches and volunteers must be professing Christians and live lives appropriate to their confessions.
3. All coaches and volunteers must complete a criminal background check.
4. All coaches and volunteers must complete a TB test and required forms from the Athletic Office.
5. All coaches must comply with all CIF standards and policies.

### Coaching Evaluation:

1. The Athletic Director shall evaluate and submit in writing a report on all head coaches at the end of the season in the following areas:
  - Coaching strategies and game plans.
  - Coaching behavior and deportment.
  - Parental support of coaches.
  - Team success.
  - Suggestions for professional growth and coaching improvement.
  - Building Christian character in athletes.
2. The Athletic Director shall have the authority to make coaching changes (before, during, or after the season) as he sees fit in order to carry out the above standards.



## COACH & PARENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult and rewarding vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to students. This begins with clear communication.

### **Communications you should expect from your child's coach:**

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your student and the team.
3. Location and times of all practice and games.
4. Team requirement, i.e., practices, special equipment, out-of-season training.
5. Procedures to follow should your student be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that may result in the denial of your student's participation.

### **Communications coaches expect from parents:**

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Specific concerns with regard to a coaches philosophy and/or expectations.
3. Notification of any illness or injuries or missed practices or games.

### **Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:**

1. Treatment of your student, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your student improve.
3. Concerns about your student's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your student not playing as much as you may hope. **Coaches are professionals.** They make judgement decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the above list, certain things can be discussed with the coach. Other things, such as the ones listed below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

### **Issues not appropriate to discuss with the coach:**

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

If you have a concern please make an appointment to meet with the coach. This can be done through the athletic office. Please do not approach the coach before the game, during the game, or after the game. It is our desire to be as helpful as possible through their athletic activities at CHS. Your cooperation in these areas listed above are very much appreciated.

Best,

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