



2025-2026 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

For Students & Parents

Our Commitment to Each Other



VISION AND MISSION



Mission

The mission of the Athletic Department of Kissimmee Christian Academy is to provide a successful athletic program that helps develop the students through education and competition, to stimulate a lasting attitude of discipline, sportsmanship, integrity, leadership, and social responsibility, to promote Kissimmee Christian Academy's values by providing a Christian foundation for student athletes, and to make the athletic programs an enduring source of confidence for the student body, alumni, and community.

Vision

The vision of the Athletic Department of Kissimmee Christian Academy is to provide student athletes an environment that promotes and supports Christian, academic, athletic, and personal achievement, to field athletic teams to perform at competitive levels in competition, to utilize highly-qualified coaches, dedicated support staff, and administrative personnel to help individuals become better students, athletes, and citizens, and to prepare student athletes to make transitions to the next level of participation academically and athletically.

Values

We want our students to reflect on faith, learning, and success. We want our students to be surrounded by friendly staff, teachers, and coaches who are steeped in their faith values and genuinely care about their students. They are passionate, positive, and faith-filled.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

- We believe that glorifying God through Athletics is the primary goal of the KCA Athletic Program.
- We believe that Athletics is an avenue of reaching people for Jesus Christ.
- We believe that Athletics is a microcosm of life, and that lessons learned on the playing field can be applied to life.
- We believe in striving to do our best to succeed; to that end, every athletic game is played to succeed.
- We believe that Athletics builds a sense of loyalty to the school.
- We believe that Athletics promotes physical fitness, which aids in body growth and development.
- We believe that the KCA Academic Program takes precedence over the KCA Athletic Program.
- We believe that the KCA Coaching Staff will teach our athletes to develop Christ-like attitudes, leadership skills, and physical skills.
- We believe that Athletics helps develop sportsmanship in our athletes.
- We believe that it takes tremendous commitment on the parts of our athletes, coaches, parents, and administrators and we expect steady commitment from everyone.

GOALS FOR ATHLETES

- To honor God and exalt Jesus Christ through athletics.
- To produce disciplined, high level and high achieving teams at all levels and in all sports.
- To be ambassadors for Christ and Kissimmee Christian Academy, at home and away.
- To model humility in winning and grace in losing.
- To graduate student athletes committed to Christianity, prayer, and servant leadership.
- Be an Athletic Department recognized as an ethical leader and a model of excellence in conduct, management, and performance.
- Create an enjoyable and valuable experience for all participants, providing them with the opportunities for meaningful growth combined with the challenge of competing at their highest level.
- Place significance on the setting and achieving of goals.

GUIDELINES

Eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Must legally be a student at Kissimmee Christian Academy.
- Students must have a cumulative un-weighted GPA of at least 2.0 from the beginning of their 5th grade year.
- A student who falls under a 2.0 GPA is ineligible for the next semester.
- Grades will be checked by the Athletic Director at the end of each semester.
- A student who is not eligible at the beginning of the academic year cannot become eligible until the beginning of the second semester.
- Any questions or concerns related to eligibility are to be directed to the Athletic Director.
- In addition to the academic requirements, KCA requires athletes to have no F's in any subject at the end of each nine-week grading period in order to participate in any extracurricular activity.
- At the beginning of the school year, grades will be checked at the six-week period to determine the athletes' eligibility of that sport. For the remainder of the school year, grades will be checked at the nine-week period.
- If an athlete is declared ineligible, the student may sit with the team at home games, but may not dress out. They may not travel with the team to away games. If a student is declared academically ineligible, the student will be informed by the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will notify the Head Coach of the ineligible athlete. Ineligible students will be allowed to practice with the team at the coaches' discretion.

Transportation

All athletes must ride the school bus to off-campus activities, unless approval is granted by the school administration. Non-KCA students are not permitted to ride the bus. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner when traveling to and from away games. Athletes that are riding home with their parents after an away game must inform their coach before they leave.

Tryouts

Tryouts for each sport will be conducted over a period of time deemed necessary by the Head Coach. Athletes must be at tryouts to be eligible to make the team. In a case where an athlete is out of town or sick while tryouts occur, a coach may make arrangements for a separate tryout for that athlete. Tryout dates and times will be emailed, and in the school newsletter. Any parent who has a question about the final team roster must first direct their questions to the Athletic Director.

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Practices

In a case where practice has been cancelled, parents will be notified by phone or e-mail. It will be the responsibility of the parent to pick their child up from practice on time. Any athletes that will miss practice for any reason must notify their coach at least one day in advance. Practices are mandatory and if missed the athlete will not participate in the following game unless excused with the coach.

Attendance

A student must attend school on practice or game days in order to be eligible to practice or play that day. All athletes must be at school no later 11:00am (with doctor note) on a school day in order to participate in any kind of athletic activity on that day. Any student athlete who is suspended or is a behavior problem in the classroom will not be eligible to participate.

Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship plays a vital role in the Athletic Program at KCA. Other parents, fans, schools, coaches, and officials judge a school by their sportsmanship during an athletic contest. All KCA athletes, parents, students, and coaches are to display behavior that will uphold the name of Jesus Christ and Kissimmee Christian Academy. The following policies established by the FHSAA concerning sportsmanship should be followed:

- Cheering should be done in support of our team and no athlete or parent may publicly criticize or berate an athlete, coach, or official prior to, during, or after any athletic contest
- Under no circumstance will an athlete or parent confront, question, challenge, rebuke, or threaten any coach, athlete, or officials.
- Under no circumstances will a parent confront a coach about playing time, coaching decisions, etc. after a game. The parent must schedule a meeting with the coach in private.
- Spectators will be asked to restrain themselves, or leave the premises if their conduct interferes in any way.
- Do not applaud errors by opponents or penalties inflicted on them.
- Understand that you are an ambassador for your school. Others will base their impressions of your school on your attitude and behavior.
- Respect the game and learn the rules.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision is unacceptable.
- Only display behavior that will model The Lord Jesus Christ.

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Playing Time

The Administration and coaches realize the importance of playing time for the student athlete and all coaches see each individual as an important member of their team. However, it is the goal of KCA to provide a quality athletic program that pursues excellence. Hence, there is no mandate for playing time and playing time is at the discretion of the coach. **No parent should ever confront a coach about playing time during or immediately after the game.**

24 Hour Rule

If a parent would like to discuss any aspect of a practice or game, the parent must wait 24 hours after the situation. It is not appropriate to approach the coach immediately after a game. The coach has additional responsibilities immediately after a game and it also allows for a time of reflection for both the coach and the parent with a practice or game concern. On the other end, please make sure that you address any concern within a reasonable amount of time (between 24-48 hours) concerning any issue.

Chain of Command

Follow this chain in the administration of your sport:

1. Head Coach
2. Athletic Director
3. School Administrator

Athletic Director

The Athletic Director serves under the direction of, and has a direct reporting relationship with the School Administrator. The Athletic Director oversees the total operations of the Athletic Department and supervision of all athletic coaches. The AD oversees all facilities and game management.

Head Coaches

The Head Coach informs student athletes of rules and regulations before the season and adheres to all student athlete eligibility guidelines. The Head Coach plans practice & training sessions, game strategies, etc. and maintains a complete and updated roster at all times to ensure proper compliance and record keeping. The Head Coach is responsible to coordinate and communicate expectations for players and parents and inform them of calendar and schedule changes.

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Quit Policy

When a student athlete is selected for a team often times another student athlete may have been cut. Therefore, a student needs to make a strong commitment before trying out for a team. If a student athlete is selected for a team then decides to quit the team it may jeopardize that student's eligibility to try out and/or participate in another sport. In the event the student quits the team the participation fee and any other applicable team fees will still be due.

Supervision

Student athletes must be supervised at all times. Supervision includes but is not limited to practices, games, travel, and prior to and after practices and games. Students will be sent to After Care when not picked up in a timely manner. Parents that consistently fail to pick up their student athlete from practices or games at the appropriate time may cause their student to be removed from the team. Coaches are not permitted to personally transport a student athlete without Administration approval.

Physical Examination

Student athletes must provide a completed physical examination form by their primary care doctor BEFORE participating in any sport at KCA.

This handbook is designed to provide general guidance and direction for the players, parents and coaches. The school administration, at its discretion, has the final authority concerning policies and practices that are in the best interest of the Academy, its philosophy, mission and vision.

I have read and understand the Athletic Handbook and commit myself to follow the guidelines and policies laid out before me. I also understand I must provide a completed physical examination for my student athlete before participation.

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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I understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from class in which my child will be responsible to make up all work missed.

I am the legal parent/legal guardian of this child and hereby grant my permission for him/her to participate fully in said athletic program. ***I state that I have no knowledge of any physical condition that would prohibit my child's full participation in said athletic program and fully state and understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my child is physically fit to participate in said athletic program.*** I hereby give permission to take my child to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize any medical treatment including but not limited to emergency surgery, and assume the responsibility of all medical bills, if any.

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