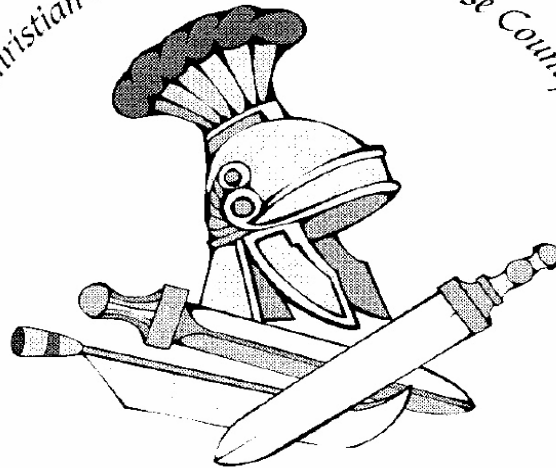


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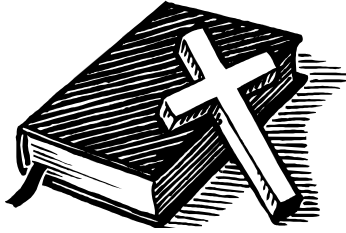
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# CHECC Sports General Information

Policies and Procedures

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## **Gadsden Purchase Christian Sports League**

CHECC participates in the Gadsden Purchase Christian Sports League; a high school league, with students ages eleven-and-up allowed to participate so that small schools have enough players to field a team.

The Gadsden Purchase Christian Sports League is a group of like-minded Christian schools and organizations in southern Arizona that enjoy fellowship with one another through sports activities. The organizations compete with each other in a fall volleyball season, a spring basketball season, and a late spring abbreviated soccer season.

GPCSL PURPOSE STATEMENT: The purpose of the Gadsden Purchase Christian Sports League shall be to provide members with interscholastic athletic competition in an atmosphere that fosters excellence in Christian character, fellowship, and sportsmanship.

## **CHECC SPORTS PROGRAM**

The *purpose* of CHECC Sports is to create a safe environment for our students to participate in *competitive sports*. It is our hope that athletes will learn to work as a team, develop a habit of physical fitness, pursue excellence within the sport, improve their character, make friends, and in general -- have fun.

Because we participate in a competitive sports league our coaches will be putting their most experienced players on the court/field, playing the younger, less experienced players as much as possible. It is often difficult for the younger, less experienced players to sit the bench. As parents, please help them understand delayed gratification and that as their skills improve they may have more playing time at the coach's discretion.

Although we are playing to win, when discipline/character issues arise, athletes will not be left in the game simply to help the team win. Shaping character is the higher priority. Character means to demonstrate a Christ-like attitude, be a team player, obedient to coaches, respect authority, punctual, and commitment to practices. An athlete should always consult his/her coach before missing practice. Missing practices may result in reduced playing time and that decision will be made at the Coach's discretion.

## CHECC SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Christian Home Educators of Cochise County established the following standards for all CHECC Sports activities, practices and games.

Before any Sports activity with CHECC, I agree to instruct my children in the following behavior: Galatians 6:10b- "Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

- ❖ I will come to each Sports activity, committed to play to the best of my ability.
- ❖ I will comply with the coaches' and leaders' guidance and direction.
- ❖ I will support my teammates in each Sports Activity and not be critical of any players, including myself, but rather encourage Christ like sportsmanship.
- ❖ I will come to each Sports activity with patience and kindness, upholding one another, being non-argumentative; all concerns will be directed to my coach.
- ❖ I will come to each Sports Activity demonstrating a positive attitude and showing respect to all coaches, players and spectators.
- ❖ I will remember that as I participate I am representing Jesus to the world, and that I need to maintain a Christ like attitude in both word and deed.

I agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct and the Sports policies and procedures. I will strive to set an example for Christ.

As the Parents/Guardian of my children, we agree to immediately correct and enforce any behavior that is not consistent with the Code of Conduct and the Sports policies and procedures.

**This document is signed by both the student-athlete and the parents and kept on file with the team coach.**

### Dress Code

Please strive to honor the Lord in what you wear. Respect your brothers and sisters in Christ by not causing them to stumble by how you dress.

The following team standards for dress apply on and off the court and include all sports related functions.

- Under garments are not to be seen through or peeking out of outer garments
- Shorts should be long enough to be modest, we will use the "fingertip test" and "well fitting" so that the waist of the shorts fit properly at the waist of the person and does not sag to reveal any undergarments or the person underneath.
- Tops shall be long enough to hang over the top of shorts and not reveal the person underneath. No tank-tops for girls, sleeveless is OK.

Those in inappropriate clothing will not be allowed to practice.

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Sports Director**

Each year, the CHECC Board will accept application from and select persons by vote recommended for the Sports Director position.

The Sports Director is the point-of-contact for all league interaction. Responsibilities include:

- Secures practice and game facilities.
- Coordinates all necessary activities and ensures proper communication with parents, the league, coaches, and CHECC.
- The Sports Director works to resolve any sports related concerns.
- The Sports Director is responsible for enforcing CHECC Policy and is accountable to the High School Coordinator and ultimately the CHECC Board.

### **Coaches**

Potential coaches must submit an annual Coach's Application for review. Coaches must agree to, abide by, and be willing to enforce the CHECC policy for sports according to the Sports Booklet.

- Coaches must be at least 21 years of age.
- Must be current CHECC members and have children involved in CHECC unless approved by the board.
- Must be a known Christian of Biblical character as per written testimony on Coaching Application.
- Must agree with the CHECC Statement of Faith in all aspects.
- Must be actively worshipping in an evangelical body as indicated on the Coaching Application.
- Must not have any felonies.
- Must be willing to submit to a background check.

It is the responsibility of the coaches to encourage each player to play to the best of his/her ability, be respectful of authority, have a Christ-like attitude, and be an example of good character. Coaches will be equipped with everything needed, including a Sports Booklet, CHECC Policy for Coaches, sport rulebooks, and all equipment to perform their coaching duties.

### **Parents**

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. As parents, when your children become involved in the CHECC Athletic Program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. Clear communication is vital to this. Coaches make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. Parents are expected to support and encourage coaches. If there ever is a concern, the parent should approach the coach with a humble and Christ-like attitude. As a parent, allow yourself some cooling off time and do not approach the coach immediately before or after a game.

Since the CHECC sports program is *parent driven* it is important that we all help out. The opportunities are numerous and varied during the regular season. Please consider

taking on one or more of these jobs; Coach, Assistant Coach, Scorekeeper - Scorebook, Scorekeeper - Scoreboard, Snack Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator, Fundraiser Coordinator, etc. Also, if CHECC hosts a tournament, there will be additional needs for parents to help make that event a success for our student athletes.

## **Players**

Student Athletes must be homeschooled members of CHECC to participate on the CHECC sports teams. Competition in athletics is a privilege and not a right. Accompanying this privilege is the responsibility to conform to standards established for the CHECC Athletic Program. This privilege may be revoked if the athlete refuses to comply with the rules. Athletes are expected to demonstrate proper respect for each other, coaches, opponents, opposing coaches, officials, and spectators. Student athletes are expected to exhibit the highest level of conduct, Christ-like character, respect and obedience to coaches, be a team player, be punctual to all practices and games, and to accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing CHECC and their families.

## **Team Captains**

Coaches will select Team Captains based on the following criteria:

- The players will consistently display a Christ-like character
- Possess leadership skills
- Be respectful of authority
- Be encouraging to team mates
- Be punctual and maintain consistent attendance
- Must possess a knowledge of the game.

## **Eligibility**

### **Age:**

*Volleyball & Soccer*- at least age 11 by Sept 1 and in 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade.

*Basketball*- at least age 12 by Sept 1 and in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

CHECC sports teams will be made up of NOT more than 2X's the number of players on the court at any one time. For volleyball this is 12, for basketball/soccer it is 10. The only exception will be when there are more than the specified number of high school students wanting to play. In this case, the team may add two players to the above specified limit. High school players and returning high school players will always have first priority on our teams. If there are more players than the allowable amount, tryouts will be held and coaches will determine who will be on the team based upon attitude and ability. Tryouts will be held within 1 week of the first practice. If a student does not make the team, the initial Sports Fee will not be deposited.

## **Academics**

Parents may be asked to certify the academic eligibility of their student-athlete during the course of the season. Academic standards are set by the student-athlete's parents.

## **Commitment**

Players are expected to attend all practices and games. The head coach should always be called in advance when the athlete cannot be at practice. Unexcused and excessive absences will have game time repercussions at the discretion of the coach.

Practices are normally held Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings when there is not a game scheduled on those days. Practices will not be held from December 23rd through January 1st.

## **REGISTRATION & FEES**

Sports Fees are required for each sport. All forms (see list below) must be completed, notarized (as specified), and initial Sports Fee of \$45 paid on or before the first practice for each sport. For Volleyball and Basketball, the total Sports Fee required from each athlete to participate in each season is \$135. \$10 of this fee is for the athlete's uniform rental. The initial Sports Fee is \$45 per athlete. A fundraiser is held each season to give each student athlete the opportunity to earn the remainder of his/her unpaid fee to total \$135. Students are encouraged to raise as much as they can; however, a minimum of \$90 is required. The fundraiser will be completed prior to the 1st game of the season. If the athlete's remaining \$90 fee has not been received by the fundraising deadline, the athlete will be required to sit on the bench and not play in any games until the funds are received. Any funds over and above the \$90 per student raised will go first toward the uniform replacement fund and then to any other sports operating expenses. Additional fundraisers may be required of the student athletes as necessary for uniform purchase or other operating expenses.

All Sports Fees collected and Sports Fundraiser proceeds are designated to sports operating expenses directly connected to carrying on the CHECC sports program such as: equipment, uniforms, referee fees, gym rentals, tournament fees, etc. All purchases made with CHECC Sports funds belong to CHECC and if not a consumable item or admission for a field trip or similar, must remain in CHECC's possession. The parents of the participants may contribute their own personal monies for end of season gifts and parties.

Soccer Fees will be based on the financial requirements from the league and uniform and equipment needs at the beginning of the soccer season. The fee will be announced to the parents by the Sports Director at the Soccer Parent Meeting. If the fee is less than or equal to \$45, the parents will be required to pay the amount in full by the first practice of the soccer season. If the fee needs to be higher than \$45, a fundraiser will be planned to help the athletes obtain the required funds.

The following is a checklist of all forms that must be turned in as specified above:

- Player Registration Form       Youth Waiver (Amateur Minor Athletic Waiver)
- Emergency Medical Information Release Form (*must be NOTARIZED*)
- Uniform Agreement       Code of Conduct/Statement of Faith
- Spectator Agreement (Gadsden Purchase Christian Sports League)

## **UNIFORMS**

Players are to wear White uniforms for Home games and Black uniforms for Away games.

Uniforms are the property of CHECC. A Uniform fee for each season is to be set aside to fund the purchase of new uniforms. If a uniform is damaged, the athlete is responsible to pay the replacement cost of the uniform. At the time of needing new uniforms, the monies set aside through the uniform fee will be used to purchase uniforms. The school year before new uniforms are needed, the sports teams will do fundraising to raise the remaining amount needed to purchase new uniforms. Uniforms are to be funded through sports funds.

Athletes are to be responsible for all uniforms and equipment issued. Lost or damaged equipment will be his/her expense. Awards will be held until all uniforms and equipment are returned.

## **LETTERING**

All student athletes have the opportunity to letter as a Junior Varsity Letter and/or a Varsity Letter.

### **Junior Varsity Letter Criteria**

Participating athletes that are in grades 6 - 8 are eligible to earn a Junior Varsity Letter. To earn a Junior Varsity Letter, the athlete must:

- Exhibit good sportsmanship towards players, coaches, officials and other schools.
- Demonstrate cooperation and teamwork.
- Must attend all practices and games with the exception of a coaching staff approved absence made in advance. Routine absences will not be approved.
- Must participate in 50% of games per sport per season.
- Follow established rules.
- Meet academic standards which are set, certified and approved by parents.
- Do additional tasks with a good attitude.
- Perform basic skills with accuracy.
- Have a testable, working knowledge of the game, court and rules.

One actual Junior Varsity letter is awarded for the entire sports career of each student. When a letter is awarded to an athlete, the athlete will also receive a representative pin for that sport. At the conclusion of additional qualifying seasons, the student-athlete will receive a pin to "add to" the Junior Varsity Letter; i.e. a volleyball, a basketball, a soccer ball. A Junior Varsity award certificate will be issued each qualifying season.

### **Varsity Letter Criteria**

Participating athletes that are in grades 9 - 12 are eligible to earn a Varsity Letter. An athlete can earn a Varsity Letter once he/she reaches 9th grade regardless of whether a Junior Varsity Letter has been earned. To earn a Varsity Letter, the athlete must:

- Exhibit good sportsmanship towards players, coaches, officials and other schools.
- Demonstrate cooperation and teamwork.
- Must attend all practices and games with the exception of a coaching staff approved absence made in advance. Routine absences will not be approved.
- Must participate in 50% of games per sport per season.
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Once a Varsity letter has been awarded, the athlete may at his or her own expense purchase a letter jacket. The letter jacket source and availability information will be given to the athlete at the time the Varsity letter is awarded.

## **TOURNAMENT**

The volleyball and basketball seasons end with a double elimination tournament. Placement in the tournament bracket is dictated by each team's record for the season. The tournament results are the final season standings.

## **GYM POLICY**

### **Closed Court**

For safety and liability reasons, practices and games are closed court, meaning that non-players are not allowed on the court or field during practices and/or games. The CHECC Code of Conduct applies to any spectators at practices and games.

### **Snacks & Beverages**

CHECC members will honor the water-only rule inside of the gym as per Huachuca City Schools' rules.

Every player will be responsible to provide a snack and a drink for each player on the team at one or more games during the year. Schedules will be handed out before the first game.

## **MATTERS OF CONCERN**

Any matters of concern should be addressed directly to the team coach. When a matter cannot be resolved, the Sports Director is available to meet with the coach, parents, and players to help resolve the issue. The High School Coordinator and the Board may also be called upon to help resolve the issue.

## **AWARDS BANQUET**

An awards banquet will be held each season in honor of the athletes. The Awards Banquet will be held at the practice facility on a regularly scheduled practice day 2 weeks after the last game or season tournament.

## **CHECC STATEMENT OF FAITH**

*For your records, we are including the CHECC statement of faith. Agreement with the statement of faith is part of the membership requirement for CHECC.*

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We believe the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes His completed and final revelation to man. The Bible, in its original autograph, is without error in whole and in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical and historical details.

God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is God who came in human flesh being fully God and fully man, except without sin.

All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and act, and are therefore under His wrath and just condemnation.

The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary death on the cross, the successful accomplishment of which was attested to by His subsequent visible, bodily resurrection.

Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.

We are here to help, encourage, and to provoke one another to love and good works.

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## **CONTACTS**

### Sports Director:

All Coaches will be listed for each season on the Sports pages of the CHECC website:  
<http://checc.info>

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