

Calvin Christian Collegiate Athletics Program Policy

Calvin Christian Collegiate's Interscholastic Athletic program strives to glorify God and be developmentally appropriate. It is an avenue for students to develop Christian character and display athletic gifts given by God.

Regardless of grade level, participation in this program will shape Christian character. This includes developing a positive self-image, fostering respect for rules, officials, opponents, facilities, reinforcing sportsmanship (gracious winners and losers) and enhance ownership of effort and attitude (hard work, self control). Athletes will build a sense of community by encouraging each other and working together as a team. They will utilize leadership skills as they demonstrate God given athletic gifts and talents.

Varsity Sports

Varsity athletics is the highest level offered by our school. The students who are pursuing athletics at this level have worked hard to attain the skills required to compete in their sport. The success of a team depends upon the skills of each player on that team. As such, the most skilled players will be selected for the team. Attitude, work ethic, etc., would also be considerations.

In team sports such as volleyball, the coach could decide to play some key players significantly more than others so that the team could compete at its highest level. It is still our expectation that the other athletes would receive meaningful playing time during the course of the season. That might not occur in a championship or a playoff game.

The coach needs to make the role of each athlete very clear at the beginning of the season so that the student can decide whether this is a role that he/she is willing to fulfill.

Upon occasion, an athlete from grade 9 or 10 might be asked to play for the varsity team if their superior skills warrant it. This would only take place if the performance of the varsity team, as well as the skills of the student, would be improved as a result. That decision would be made by the P.E. staff and coaches involved. The student would have to desire to play at that level. Parents/guardians of the student would be consulted in the decision making process.

Junior Varsity Sports

The JV teams are also competitive in nature but should be seen as being more developmental than varsity teams. This could also vary somewhat from year to year, particularly if grade 9 and 10 students are both playing JV.

While the coach may not be expected to follow the rigid playing time guidelines of the RETSD constitution for grade 9, it is the expectation that each player will receive significant game time during league and tournament play. That might not occur in a championship or a playoff game.

The coach needs to make the role of each athlete very clear at the beginning of the season so that the student can decide whether that role is one that he/she is willing to fulfil. The coach will also select the team and make cuts based on skill, attitude, work ethic, etc.

Gr. 9 (Senior) Sports

The Senior teams are also competitive but should be considered an introduction to competition and therefore focus more on development. These teams adhere to the RETSD constitution. These guidelines outline playing time and rule changes to enhance development. There will be selections made by the coach based on skill, attitude, work ethic, etc.; not every athlete will make the team.

Gr. 8 (Junior) Sports

The Junior teams are sometimes comprised of gr. 7 and 8's and sometimes simply gr. 8's. Again, these teams are governed by the guidelines listed in the RETSD constitution. There will be selections made by the coach based on potential, skill, attitude, work ethic, etc.; and not every athlete will make the team.

Gr. 7 Sports

Gr. 7 teams are purely developmental and follow the guidelines listed in the RETSD constitution. The coach should strive to keep as many players as possible at this level.