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CCC EAGLES

Athlete & Parent/Guardian Agreement

Congratulations! You are representing Calvin Christian Collegiate as an athlete. With this honor come many responsibilities for you and your family. Please find the following information regarding our expectations for student athletes.

General Behaviour:

The Student's Rights and Responsibilities Covenant and the Calvin Christian Human Dignity Covenant (as outlined in the Student Handbook) apply to all student athletes at all competitions, practices, and during travel.

A Calvin athlete should be distinct in the way they carry themselves. While competition and the pursuit of excellence should be sought after, a Calvin athlete should be characterized by grace and humility. As such, students should treat their teammates, coaches, referees, opponents, and fans as the image-bearers that they all are. They should be grounded in the commandments of Jesus that we are to "love our neighbor as ourselves". We can still pursue excellence while upholding the dignity of those with whom we interact in the sporting arena.

Bullying (verbal, physical, emotional, cyber) is not tolerated and will be disciplined according to school rules.

Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and/or vapes possession and/or use are prohibited.

Athletes who have an online presence (social media, etc.) will be held accountable for inappropriate pictures, videos and/or comments that are posted on their accounts or on the accounts of others. Players are reminded that no one in our program should put anything online that does not embody the values of themselves, their families, their school, or their faith.

An athlete who is suspended from school shall not play or practice until the suspension period is complete. An athlete suspended for a second time during their sports season will be removed from the team.

Academic Expectations:

1. Students must meet outcomes in each subject at school in order to participate in a school-related extracurricular activity.
2. Teachers will notify the student when progress is poor or slipping.
3. Students may be removed from extracurricular activities until sufficient progress and achievement is made.
4. Athletes are responsible for completing any and all school work missed due to missed classes related to extracurricular activities.
5. Athletes must be present for the school day in order to participate in games, practices, or tournaments that evening.

Athletic Program Expectations:

Specific details of our athletics programs at different levels (gr. 7 & 8, Junior Varsity, Varsity) can be found in the Calvin Christian Collegiate Athletics Program Policy found on our website.

At the JV and Varsity Level, there are no guarantees about playing time or players position. These decisions are at the discretion of the coaching staff. Coaches spend a lot of time considering both what is best for the team and what is best for each individual athlete. Please trust that our coaches care about each and every athlete.

24 Hour guideline - any questions about something that has taken place during a competition or during a moment of heightened emotion should be discussed only after 24 hours has elapsed. This allows a window of time when all parties can step back from the issue. After this time, it is the ***players responsibility*** to initiate a conversation with a coach. If the issue remains unresolved, parents may reach out to schedule a meeting/phone call after 48 hours (see 48 hour guideline).

Players will communicate with coaches regarding any absences via TeamSnap or email. This should be done in a timely manner so that coaches can plan appropriately. *Note, we ask that players communicate for themselves, as we see this as an opportunity to teach our athletes responsibility and accountability.

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Parent Expectations:

A Calvin parent should be distinct in the way they carry themselves. While competition and the pursuit of excellence is a desire most parents have for their student athlete, a Calvin parent should be characterized by grace and humility. As such, parents should treat the whole team, coaches, referees, opponents, and fans as the image-bearers that they all are. They should be grounded in the commandments of Jesus that we are to "love our neighbor as ourselves". We can still pursue excellence while upholding the dignity of those with whom we interact in the sporting arena. Cheering on strong play from both teams is encouraged. Taunting/jeering of opponents, referees or coaches is unbecoming of our Calvin family.

48 hour guideline - after an emotionally charged issue, parents should wait 48 hours before addressing the issue with the coach privately. This should only be done after the athlete has first approached the coach after the first 24 hours. If the issue is not resolved after the conversation with the player and their coach and 48 hours has passed, parents may reach out to schedule a meeting time. Any requested meetings by families will be accompanied by the athlete. If the athlete is unable to be present, our Collegiate Principal, Shannon Smith, will be present.

The coaching staff will not engage with conversations with parents regarding:

1. How much playing time their child or any other student athlete is receiving.
2. Team strategy or line-ups

Expectations of Coaches

Coaches will strive to have each player reach their full potential throughout the season. Near the beginning of the season, the coach will have a conversation with each athlete about the role they see them playing on the team, their strengths, and their next steps. Note that roles can change throughout the season for a variety of reasons (athlete growth and improvement, injury, commitment to practice, buy-in to coaches values, etc.). When this happens, the coach will have those conversations with the athlete as well.

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Players will be treated with respect and fairness by coaches and their teammates. Every player on the team has value. A player who doesn't see as much playing time can work hard in practice improving their skills and pushing starting line players to be their best. Similarly, a starting line player can help teach and encourage a player who is still developing their skills. This is why teams are so great!

Student Athlete Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____