

## Eastern Hills Christian Academy Athletics

Some of the goals behind EHCAA:

1. We will not be shamed of Christ (Mk. 8:38), nor of the fact that Christians are called to be evangelists for Him. Our program will emphasize that the most important victory is winning souls to Jesus Christ. There will be prayer and before athletic practice sessions. There will be prayer before each athletic event. This is a concept that is not offered in the secular athletic programs.
2. We believe that competition and the desire to win is good and healthy as long as we stay focused on glorifying Jesus Christ. Our program will not teach that competition is evil, rather it will focus on the fact that all of us should strive for excellence (Phil. 1:10). Our goal is to enlist coaches that teach our youth the importance of relying upon God to enable us to control our passions so that our emotions about winning and losing will reflect a desire to please Jesus Christ (Heb. 12:1). Flaunting, ridiculing, swearing, using God's name in vain, using improper gestures, etc., are things which will be discouraged.
3. We believe our coaches, parents, and participants ought to be treated in accord with the Bible (Mt. 18:15). Our program will provide quality coaching. Coaches will receive support from the administration of EHCA in that parents and players will be encouraged to directly communicate their concerns to their coach. Gossip from the parents will not be tolerated.

Teams will be selected so that they are competitive. The youth will not have to endure a line-up selection process which leaves the last one selected embarrassed. All youth will be required to maintain appropriate grades and behavior while on the campus of Eastern Hills Christian Academy. Lack of appropriate grades and behavior issues will result in the expulsion from the team. Only those students currently enrolled in EHCA Middle School are eligible for participation in the athletics programs.

We hope and pray that you will consider joining in this opportunity for us as Bible-believing (those who believe that the Bible is inerrant and infallible) leaders to unite and provide a service for our school.

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**I have read and agree to the above goals and the EHCAA Code of Conduct. I understand that if either myself, as the parent/guardian, or my child violates the Code of Conduct or the Goals of the EHCAA, the administration of Eastern Hills Christian Academy has the right to remove my child from the team for a determined amount of time until a meeting can be called to resolve said violations.**

Parent _____	Date _____
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Athlete _____	Date _____

## **EHCAA Sports Code of Conduct**

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember children participate to have fun, and the game is for the children, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the ACAA league.
5. I (and my guests) will be positive role models for my child, and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy – and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices, and how they benefit my child, over winning. I understand that practice participation is necessary for the team as a whole.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed-upon time and place
15. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am the official head coach.

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