

TYNDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ATHLETICS POLICY

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to define the policies for the Tyndale Christian School Athletics Program. The intent of having an athletics program at TCS is to develop the athletic abilities of our students in a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. A high priority will be placed on ensuring the students display the reformed character of our school both on and off the court. Through this athletics program, students will gain skills in leadership and teamwork as is defined in 1 Corinthians 12: 12–26.

2. OBJECTIVES

In order to ensure that the athletics program is successful and in line with the TCS mission statement, we have the following objectives:

- 2.1. To develop a program of extracurricular activities as an integral part of the school curriculum.
- 2.2. To ensure these activities meets the needs, interests, and capacities of the students.
- 2.3. To assist the student in developing sportsmanship, leadership, and teamwork that is in accordance with the word of God.
- 2.4. To assist the parent in making an informed decision about whether or not they want their child to participate in the athletics program.
- 2.5. To assist the school in developing a high standard of school loyalty, student morale, and wholesome school spirit.

3. ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

The Athletics Director will be a staff member at TCS, and will be responsible for administration and coordination of the athletics program, including:

- 3.1. Coach selection and oversight,
- 3.2. Financial aspects of the athletics program, including budgeting, and collecting and disbursing funds related to the athletics program,
- 3.3. Ensuring that the proper consent forms and appropriate information packages are distributed to the coaches and students,
- 3.4. Ensuring compliance by students and coaches with the athletics policy,
- 3.5. Development of the athletics program, including sports/league selection.



4. STUDENTS

- 4.1. For a student to be eligible to participate in the athletics program, he/she must adhere to the following:
 - 4.1.1. The student must currently be enrolled in TCS.
 - 4.1.2. The student must have approval from his/her parents. Parents must agree to the athletics policy and consent to having their children participate in the athletics program. A parental consent form must be submitted before a child may participate. *Please refer to the end of this document for consent form.*
- 4.2. Students are considered ineligible participate in the athletics program for the following reasons:
 - 4.2.1. Their academic performance is suffering, and efforts by the school to correct the issue, including communications with the parents have not worked. The student must maintain grades and a level of academic performance corresponding to their gifts and abilities, as determined by the teachers and principal. Students may rejoin the team, once the teachers, parents, and principal agree that the student's academic performance has sufficiently improved. (Note: The principal will make the ultimate decision and inform the coach/athletics director of the decision to suspend athletics privileges of the student.)
 - 4.2.2. They did not attend school on the day of the match. The Athletics Director can make exceptions for valid reasons.
 - 4.2.3. They do not regularly attend class. The Athletics Director can make exceptions for valid reasons.
 - 4.2.4. As a result of other disciplinary actions given to them by the Principal
- 4.3. The student must show dedication to the athletics program by attending all practices and games unless reasonable circumstances prevent attendance. It is the student's responsibility to inform the coach well in advance if they cannot make it to a game or practice.
- 4.4. The student must strive to learn the rules of the sport and adhere to them.
- 4.5. The student is expected to always be courteous, make no excuses, and be respectful to teammates, opponents, officials, coaches and spectators.
- 4.6. The student will be held to the school dress code when representing the school, even if the event is outside of school hours.



5. COACHES

- 5.1. The coach must be a member in good standing of the Canadian Reformed Church or a sister church.
- 5.2. The coach must work with the TCS staff and board to ensure that students are meeting their educational requirements in school prior to and during their participation in the athletics program.
- 5.3. The coach will report any issue that may call for discipline to the Athletics Director, who will then deal with it according to TCS policy.
- 5.4. The coach will achieve a proper understanding of the sport and the rules associated with it, and to ensure the students adhere to these rules.
- 5.5. The coach has the most important role in the development of the students and must recognize that they have the duty to lead the students, not only in the development of their athletic ability, but in the development of Christian attitudes and actions in competition. As such, the following is behaviour is expected of the coach:
 - 5.5.1. Be a worthy role model. Always be mindful of the high visibility and great influence you have as a coach. By demonstrating repeated patterns of expected behaviors, the coach helps set the tone for the importance of integrity, honesty, reliability, and loyalty. Do not engage in or permit dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - 5.5.2. Train students to think and play as a team. Direct them to care for and encourage one another, both on and off the field. Be alert to situations where peer/team pressure could make a student uncomfortable. Hazing of a team or individuals will not be tolerated.
 - 5.5.3. Consistently demonstrate concern for students as individuals. Use positive coaching methods. These methods will increase self-esteem as well as foster a love and appreciation for the sport. Refrain from physical or psychological intimidation, verbal abuse, and conduct that are demeaning to the student. Do not show favouritism among the students.
 - 5.5.4. Consistently treat all players, coaches, officials, fans, parents and others with respect, and require the same of students.
 - 5.5.5. Handle good faith disputes with the officials in a respectful way. Model professional behavior. Control your ego and emotions. Avoid displays of anger and frustration. Never retaliate.
 - 5.5.6. Promote good sportsmanship; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity. Don't engage in or allow trash talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.



- 5.5.7. Maintain appropriate professional relationships with students and respect proper coach-student boundaries.

6. TEAMS

Team selection and fielding will be based on the following criteria:

- 6.1. In the event that the team is not large enough to accommodate all the students who want to participate, the team will be selected by means of tryouts.
 - 6.1.1. Coaches will prepare a score card or checklist to measure and compare the students' performance.
 - 6.1.2. Player evaluation and selection will be done by both the coach and the Athletics Director (or designate appointed by the Athletics Director).
- 6.2. The coach will decide what role each student will play, and the amount of playing time that the student will have. The coach will strive toward equitable distribution of playing time with a view to the development of teamwork among the students. However, the competitive nature of sport must be considered, and the coach is trusted to use judgement. Therefore it shall be understood that in key games down the stretch or in key moments of certain games, stronger players may be called on to carry the load and receive the bulk of playing time.

If students or parents have questions regarding this, they will be addressed directly to the coach in a mutually acceptable timeframe and in an appropriate, professional manner. If this does not lead to a resolution, the parent can contact the Athletic Director to discuss the matter further.

7. COMMUNITY

- 7.1. Family members and other members of the community can assist in the athletics program by:
 - 7.1.1. Attending matches and supporting the students by cheering them on in a Christ-like and respectful manner. However, please refrain from 'coaching' from the stands.
 - 7.1.2. Working with the coach/staff to promote unity among the team members.
 - 7.1.3. Volunteering to drive to games and tournaments.



8. COSTS

Students may be asked to bear the costs associated with participating in the athletics program for items like equipment, zone fees, tournaments, refs, etc. Actual costs will be made known to the students prior to participating in an event/team.

Sources:

Parkland Immanuel Christian School Coaches Code of Conduct
Parkland Immanuel Christian School Athletics Department Academic Eligibility Policy
Dufferin Christian High School Sports Policy



PARENTAL CONSENT FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN TYNDALE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

I have read and understand the TCS Athletics Policy. I give permission for my child

_____ to participate in the athletics program during the current school year, and will encourage and reinforce the expectations laid out in the policy.

Parent's Signature

Date

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TYNDALE ATHLETICS POLICY

I, _____ have read and understand the TCS Athletics Policy.

Signature

Date