

Goals and Objectives for Athletics at NCCS

Athletics at NCCS must support our Mission Statement: “We exist to glorify God by assisting parents in training their children to be Biblically-minded servant-leaders through a Reformed, Christ-centered, classical education.” In order to do so, our athletics must be focused on training the child and must be Christ-centered and God-glorifying. Therefore, we have established the following goals and objectives for all of our athletics:

1. Honoring the Lord:

- a. Student athletes will learn to honor the Lord by honoring His name and His holy day. They will refrain from using the Lord’s name in vain, from cursing, and from dishonoring the Lord’s Day by participating in sports practices or games on Sundays.
- b. Coaches will set the example for their athletes in their speech and behavior.

2. Self-Control:

- a. Student athletes will learn the discipline of self-control in stressful situations by maintaining their composure and Christian character at all times.
- b. Coaches will model this kind of Christian character for their players.

3. Respect for Authority:

- a. Student athletes will learn respect for authority by joyfully submitting to the guidance and instruction of their coaches and honoring the decisions made by referees.
- b. Coaches will likewise model respect for authority by respecting referees’ decisions, as well as those of the school’s administration and of the parents of their athletes.

4. Discipline and Work Ethic:

- a. Student athletes will learn discipline and hard work by attending all practices whenever possible and by giving full effort in all practices and games.
- b. Coaches will reinforce this behavior by rewarding and encouraging those players who demonstrate discipline and hard work in practice and by penalizing those who do not.

5. Reverence and Thankfulness:

- a. Student athletes will learn reverence and thankfulness in all things by praying before and after each game and regularly in practice.
- b. Coaches will lead their teams in prayer regularly, both seeking the Lord’s guidance and provision as well as thanking Him for His good gifts to the team.

6. Teamwork and Sacrificial Love:

- a. Student athletes will learn teamwork and sacrificial love (agape) by supporting and encouraging one another and serving one another on and off the court or field of play.

- b. Coaches will support the development of teamwork both in practices and in games.

7. Commitment to Excellence:

- a. Student athletes will learn to honor the Lord by giving their best effort in all they do by working to improve their skills, their game play and their physical conditioning.
- b. Coaches will model this by seeking to improve their coaching ability and knowledge of the game.

8. Biblical Priorities:

- a. Student athletes will learn to have Biblical priorities in the midst of competing demands by placing God, their family, their church life, and their school life ahead of athletics.
- b. Coaches will honor and support students in making keeping these priorities and will model these priorities in their own lives.