

# Athletics



## Philosophy of Athletics

The main purpose of CBA's athletic program is to train young men and women to build on their character and not on their reputation. Students are taught to trust in the Lord in all things, (for both physical and spiritual strengths), realizing that all things are possible with Christ. In this manner our players will be "beacons" no matter what the arena is in life. Both in training and in game play, the team member will be challenged to practice team loyalty, to be responsible for fulfilling commitments, to show graciousness whether winning or losing, and to be respectful of all team trainers, teammates as well as anyone affiliated with an opposing team. A Christian philosophy of athletics must stem directly from the school's Christian philosophy of education. The ultimate goal must be "to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ" (Rom. 8:29) and to "develop the spiritual part of the athlete so that the Holy Spirit is in control and directing his mind and body" (I Thes. 5:23).

It is the goal that the athletes develop positive, Christ-like character qualities and express them through the medium of athletics. Athletics is a microcosm of life. The program should provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn and practice teamwork, cooperation, self-discipline and sportsmanship as athletes learn to make proper decisions and accept responsibility. Students will be taught important skills specific to their sport. They will be taught that a person's

value as a human being is not based on performance, but on their relationship to God – stressing that success is more important than winning. Success is doing everything to the best of one's ability while bringing glory to God. There should be a commitment to excellence in each particular sport. "Do heartily as unto the Lord" (Col. 3:23).

Athletics are a means to an end, not an end in itself, in that athletics represent an aspect of the educational program, not the main focus of the program. It is the goal that athletes become well-rounded individuals, striving toward their God-given potential. The athletic program shall be planned so as to present a minimal amount of interference with the academic program and shall function so as to involve not only the participants, but also the student body and school community.

CBA's athletic program shall provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships between parents and friends of the school as fans are encouraged to be "beacons" that point others to the Light, which is Christ himself. They will be encouraged to use their unique platform to show positive leadership for the Lord.

It shall be a goal to win the contest. This winning attitude encompasses both spiritual and physical victory. "Do you know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown of laurel that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore, I do not run like a man running aimlessly, I do not fight like a man shadow boxing. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" (I Cor. 9:24-27).

The athletic program will strive to be above reproach in all

areas of operation. Members will seek to follow all the rules and regulations of whatever association it is a member of. We will act as representatives of Christ, whether it's on the fields and courts or off.