

# SUMMIT

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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*“REPRESENTING CHRIST ON AND OFF THE FIELD”*



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# Summit Christian Academy

## **SCA Mission, Vision, and Core Values**

The mission of SCA is to inspire students to achieve their God-given potential through excellent academics and Christian training in a compassionate environment.

The vision of SCA is to be the school of choice for Christian families whose priority is excellence.

The core values of SCA are to be:

***Christ-centered*** – Our belief in God and His Word is central to SCA. Through a faculty who practice a personal and active faith, we foster a thoroughly Christian environment where God’s Word is the standard for decision making. Placing Christ at the center of all enables us to educate the whole student, spiritually, emotionally, mentally, socially, and physically.

***Pursuing grace and truth*** – SCA seeks to model the life Christ demonstrated on earth, a life full of grace and truth that rejected legalism for the higher priority of focusing on the inner man. We recognize that Christ looks inward at the motivations of the heart and pursues a relationship with us. We exercise spiritual discernment, speaking the truth in love in order to promote the spiritual growth of the individual without compromising the student body as a whole.

***Inspiring excellence in learning*** – The SCA faculty inspires students to discover and develop their God-given gifts and talents. We nurture an enthusiasm for learning, providing an atmosphere wherein students may express creativity, discern truth, think critically, and choose wisely. In academics, the arts, and athletics, we uphold a standard of excellence to encourage students to achieve their individual best.

***Encouraging spiritual growth*** – We desire that each student know Christ personally and grow in His grace and knowledge, so he/she may impact their world for Him. We understand the importance of godly staff and faculty who model the Christian walk and mentor students to pursue their personal relationship with the Lord.

***Cultivating community*** – We recognize that the SCA community extends beyond the walls of our school. Coming from diverse backgrounds, we unify around a simple statement of faith that binds us together. We acknowledge the responsibility of the parent, the role of the church, and the authority of the Holy Spirit in training students.

***Igniting Leadership*** – SCA embodies a culture of servant leadership that is sparked by a sense of individual purpose. With competency, credibility, and compassion, we add value to others and influence the marketplace of ideas.

# Athletic Department

## **Athletic Program Mission**

Teaching uncompromising precepts of Christianity, coupled with stellar academic standards, are two of the major priorities at Summit Christian Academy (SCA). We believe that an extra-curricular athletics program is also helpful in developing the complete student. We believe that the principles and lessons, learned in the classroom, at home, and through the local church, can be put into practice through athletics. For this reason, SCA provides an athletic program not only to allow the student to develop and use his or her God-given ability to glorify God, but to help develop our students mentally, emotionally, socially, spiritually, and physically.

***Mentally*** – A student is challenged in many ways, including self-discipline the learning of offensive and defensive plays, creative play making, team strategies, and through other mentally stimulating exercises.

***Emotionally*** – A student will learn how to successfully handle stressful situations, how to better cope with losing and winning, and how a Christian controls and deals with competitive pressures and his or her feelings.

***Socially*** – The interaction with team members, opponents, coaches, and fans helps the student learn how to work with, cooperate with, and encourage all those involved. Team spirit and individual friendships are cultivated through participation in sports.

***Spiritually*** – The athletic program encourages strong spiritual character and qualities that will help the athlete to be a better servant of our Lord. Reliance on the Lord for strength, safety, and guidance along with the proper motives are to be done for the glory of God and with the whole heart.

***Physically*** – A Christian's body is a living temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, a student can honor God through increasing their physical conditioning and improving their coordination.

## **Goals**

The SCA Athletic Department's goals are to see our students:

- Know Christ as their personal Savior and grow in their desire to serve Him.
- Honor Christ through their preparation, effort, and execution in every area of their performance.
- Represent Christ and SCA as they reach the highest capable level of accomplishment.
- Develop community and school spirit through the promotion of the school's mission.
- Enjoy, understand, develop, and compete in the sport of their gifting.
- Pushed to excel by coaches who care for them and model Christ in their daily walk.

## **Philosophy**

Represent Christ on and off the field.

This is a simple phrase that most assume refers to sportsmanship. While sportsmanship is a vital part of what we are about, this phrase means more. The following three points define what it truly means to represent Christ as an SCA athlete...

- 1: Christ was a great teammate...He sacrificed for the team.
- 2: Christ was coachable...He did the job His "Coach" assigned Him.
- 3: Christ gave His all...He would not accept anything less than total victory!

## **Screamin' Eagle Booster Club**

A working arm of the SCA Athletic Department is the Screamin' Eagle Athletic Booster Club. The booster club is a club sponsored by parents, grandparents, and friends of athletes. The purpose of the booster club is to help the SCA Athletic Department provide our student with the best possible athletic program available and to show support, build morale, encourage school spirit, and display pride in our students. Parent participation is vital to the accomplishment of this purpose.

Parents may connect and help with:

1. Admissions and concessions at home competitions
2. Large athletic events
3. Screamin' Eagle Booster Club passes
4. Eagles fan merchandise at events

## **Individual Athletic Programs**

SCA believes each individual sport should be developed into a program that builds pride among the participants and support among the student body. All activities within an individual sports program should exemplify the school's commitment to a Christ-like witness, and reflect the school's policies, procedures, and philosophy.

Currently, secondary athletics offers the following sports programs:

### **FALL**

Cheer (JH, V)  
Cross Country (JH, V)  
Dance (V)  
Football (JH, JV, V)  
Golf (Girls; V)  
Soccer (Boys; JH, JV, V)  
Softball (JV, V)  
Volleyball (JH, JV, V)

### **WINTER**

Basketball (Boys; JH, C, JV, V)  
Basketball (Girls; JH, JV, V)  
Cheer (JH, V)  
Dance (V)  
Wrestling (JH, JV, V)

### **SPRING**

Baseball (JV, V)  
Golf (Boys; V)  
Soccer (Girls; JH, JV, V)  
Track & Field (Boys; JH, JV, V)  
Track & Field (Girls; JH, JV, V)

## **Organizational Affiliation**

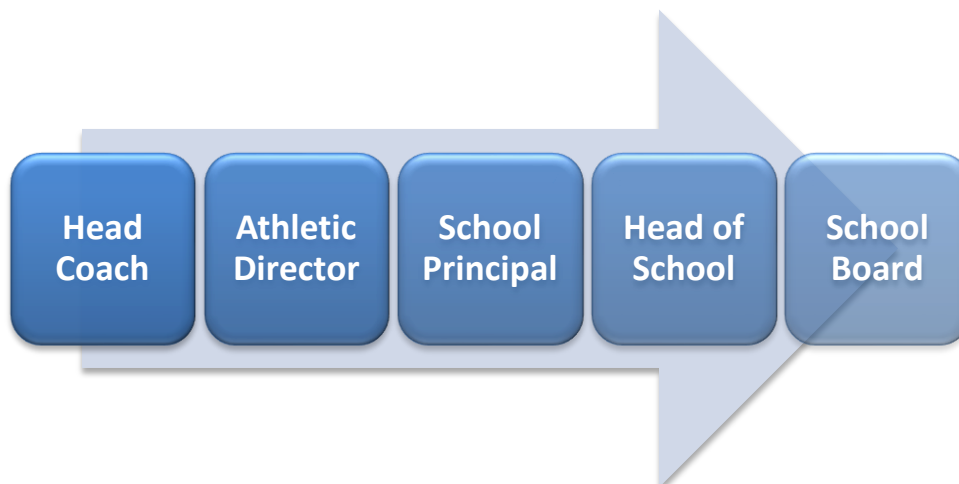
At the junior high and high school level, SCA is a member and one of the founding schools of the Crossroads Conference. SCA is also a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) competing at the state level of competition. At the junior high level, SCA is an affiliate member of MSHSAA meaning we can compete with all MSHSAA member schools but also gives us the opportunity to compete with schools who are not MSHSAA members.

## **Conflict Resolution within the Organizational Structure**

The parties ascribing to an enrollment agreement for SCA believe the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in conformity with the biblical injunctions of 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:23-24, and Matthew 18:15-20. Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising out of or related to the agreement, including any claim or statutory claims, shall be settled by biblically-based mediation.

As we seek to resolve problems, let us always remember that it is God's reputation, not our own, that we are seeking to promote. We do that best when we seek to do things His way. Guidelines to consider as we seek to do this are as follows:

1. Seek to gain knowledge of all sides of a problem before passing judgment on the matter.
2. Go to the source of the problem (i.e., teacher, coach, etc.) and seek to resolve the problem at this level before going any further. Go with the assumption that everyone has your child's best interest at heart. Issues should not be discussed immediately prior to or after a competition
3. If the problem cannot be resolved with the initial source, present your concerns to the next person in the chain of command. (See chart below.)
4. Inability to resolve at the administrative level should lead to a request to be put on the board's agenda through the Head of School's secretary. The following procedure is to be followed: (a) Fill out Grievance Resolution form from administrative secretary and (b) return completed form at least two days prior to board meeting.
5. The board will have final say in resolving the issue at hand.



## Individual Program Information

### **Communication**

Good communication between coaches, players, parents, and the Athletic Department staff is vital to the success of our programs. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the coaching staff regularly through email, texting, and telephone.

#### ***Communication regarding Changes in Competition Schedule***

1. The coach and/or athletic department will send an email to parents regarding changes in the competition schedule.
2. The Athletic Department will post changes and announcements on Facebook (*Summit Christian Academy Eagle Zone*), Instagram (*SCA.Eagle.Zone*), and Twitter (*@SCA\_Athletics*).
3. The coach will notify the team through the communication method he/she has established for that team.

### **Financial Considerations**

Participation in an SCA athletic program warrants certain financial considerations. These include but are not limited to the following:

1. *Participation fee.* A minimal participation fee is required for all athletic teams. This amount is charged through the students' FACTS accounts at the beginning of the athletic season.
2. *Apparel.* Certain teams require the purchase of apparel items that remain the property of the student. These might include socks, shoes, hair bows, and other items. Many of the teams also have the optional opportunity to purchase additional apparel, such as team jackets, practice or warm-up clothes, team t-shirts, and other items.
3. *Travel expenses.* Many teams choose to make an overnight trip during their season of competition. Expenses related to these trips may include travel costs, lodging, and food.
4. *Medical care.* If a student requires medical, dental, or hospital care or treatment as a result of participating in athletics, parents are responsible for all charges related to said care or treatment.

Coaches are encouraged to run all apparel, shoes, fees, travel charges, etc., through the student's FACTS account. Parents will be notified by email before a charge is assessed on their account.

### **Athlete Conduct**

SCA believes all athletes should be diligent in preparation, relentless in effort, disciplined by nature, respectful in actions, self-controlled with words, humble in spirit, and aggressive in pursuit of excellence, without regard to the score, opponent, time, or referee. To that end, the following is expected of all SCA students:



1. To attend and be on time for all practices, meetings, and competitions. This includes any and all awards events, team parties, team pictures, and all other team functions. Though students may have outside activities, they will not allow them to interfere with their SCA commitment.
2. To be an example to other students in the classroom and halls at school.
3. To personally gain prior permission from the coach if extenuating circumstances arise where he/she must be late or miss a team function (i.e. academic help, family emergency, etc.). This does not excuse vacation or out of school activities.
4. To give 100% effort during practices and competitions.
5. To inform the coach of an illness or injury that may affect playing ability. Students recognize that lack of practice due to an injury may limit playing time and that they are responsible to attend practices and competitions when injured unless excused by the coach.
6. To inform the coach of transportation problems as soon as they arise.
7. To keep an attitude of encouragement toward teammates in every situation.
8. To perform any function that the coach, in his/her best judgment, determines is best for the team's overall success.
9. To refrain from smoking, drinking, and profanity at anytime and anywhere. According to the scriptural mandate to flee from even the appearance of evil, students agree to avoid situations (parties, informal gatherings, etc.) where the illegal use of alcohol and drugs may be present.
10. To avoid actions/attitudes that may lead to detention and recognize that being late due to detention WILL NOT be tolerated.
11. To remember who they represent as they wear the name CHRISTIAN on their uniform.
12. To maintain their commitment to their teammates, coaches, and SCA by not quitting the team, recognizing that if they do quit the team, they will not be allowed to try-out for any other teams during the school year. This rule will go into effect seven days after the first practice of the season.

### ***Social Media***

Parents are encouraged to monitor their athletes on social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.). If the Athletic Department becomes aware of a post which is inconsistent with the values of SCA or the SCA Technology Use Student Contract, the school administration may be required to take disciplinary action. Inappropriate posts would include but not be limited to the use of social media to harm another student or the posting of inappropriate or offensive language, images, or messages. Students are responsible to display behavior that reflects godly digital citizenship.

### ***Bullying and Hazing***

SCA believes each person is made in the image of God and is worthy of respect as an esteemed member of the school community. SCA does not tolerate any form of hazing or bullying in any classroom, sport, or activity of the school whether on or off campus, or over the Internet or digital devices (Cyberbullying).  
Definitions:

- *Hazing*: The practice of rituals and other activities involving harassment, abuse, humiliation, or use of intimidation as a way of initiating a person into a group. Hazing may occur even when all students involved are willing participants.
- *Bullying*: Intentional, repeated, aggressive behavior involving an imbalance of power when physical or verbal harassment is used to frighten, hurt, threaten, or intimidate. Bullying behavior can include repeated teasing, insulting, shoving, hitting, excluding someone, or gossiping, whether in person or over the Internet or other digital devices (cyberbullying).

Consequences of bullying and hazing will be administered in accordance with the school's overall discipline policy.

- *Luke 6:31* – Do to others as you would have them do to you.
- *Leviticus 19:18b* – Love your neighbor as yourself.
- *Proverbs 6:16-19* – There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

## **Discipline**

Coaches will establish a discipline plan for handling the daily operation of their program. Academic and behavioral issues will be handled according to the guidelines in the student handbooks.

## **Out of School Suspensions**

If students engage in behavior which leads to an out of school suspension (OSS), they will also receive an athletic suspension. During an athletic suspension, a student cannot participate in competition or practice.

For teams with a high number of competitions in their season, one day of school suspension equals suspension from one athletic competition. Teams affected by this method are baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, softball, and volleyball.

- 1 day OSS = Suspension from 1 athletic competition
- 2 day OSS = Suspension from 2 athletic competitions
- 3 day OSS = Suspension from 3 athletic competitions

For teams with a lower number of competitions in their season, an OSS of 1-3 days equals suspension from one athletic competition. If a student in this category has more than one competition during their OSS, they will be suspended from all competitions during that time period. Teams affected by this method include cheer, cross country, dance, football, boys and girls golf, track & field, and wrestling.

## **Conduct for Fans**

Fans – both students and adults – are an important and integral part of all athletic events. They serve to validate the positive values learned through athletics and to support the personal efforts and successes of individual players. Fans are to refrain from negative comments toward officials, coaches, or players.

Parents should be positive supporters of their student. Likewise, athletes should be able to value and appreciate their parent's behavior as spectators and their parent's level of involvement. Positive encouragement offered to both the athlete and the team will contribute toward the team reaching their fullest potential. Supporting the athlete in the pursuit of improved skills is the appropriate role of the parent.

## **Summer Procedures**

### ***Participation***

Students must have completed the enrollment process and been approved to attend SCA before they may participate in any summer athletic activities.

### ***Contact***

A limit of 20 contact days per sport is allowed during the summer. Sports contact between any coach for a particular sport and any student will count as one day of contact toward the limit of 20 days for that sport.

### ***Dead Period***

The dead period is a MSHSAA required time in the summer during which no contact takes place between coaches/directors and students. Additionally, during the dead period, students do not utilize facilities in connection with any sport or activity, including but not limited to open gyms, competitions, practices, conditioning, weight training, fundraisers, camps, and clinics.

The dates for dead period will be set by April 1 of each calendar year.

## **Procedures for Beginning of Season**

### ***Athlete Paperwork***

Each athlete is required to establish a Privit account at [www.Privit.com](http://www.Privit.com) to submit a Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form (Physical) as well as complete the online athletic registration process. A physical received after February 1<sup>st</sup> in any calendar year shall cover the entirety of the next school year.

### ***ImPACT Concussion Testing***

The Athletic Department, along with the athletic trainer, administers the ImPACT test every fall. If an athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury during competition, the baseline established by the ImPACT test helps determine the severity of the injury and when the injury has fully healed. All athletes who participate in football at the junior high or high school level are required to take the test every two

years. The test is also highly recommended for all high school athletes who participate in impact sports including soccer, volleyball, softball, cheer, basketball, wrestling, track & field, and baseball.

### ***No Contact***

Per MSHSAA requirements, the seven days prior to the first allowable practice date for each season will be a seasonal no-contact period. MSHSAA defines “contact” as any date on which coaching or instruction in the skills and techniques of any sport takes place. No camp, clinic, or group sport lesson are permitted during No Contact period.

### ***Practice Requirements***

For all teams, fourteen separate practice dates are required prior to the first regular season contest. Two practices on a single day only count as one practice date. An athlete is exempt from this requirement if no more than seven calendar days have passed since their participation in a previous MSHSAA approved sport.

## **Facilities & Uniforms**

### ***Facilities***

SCA expects each athlete to show utmost respect and care for both SCA and any host school’s property and facilities.

1. Athletes should take an active role in maintaining the cleanliness of the facilities.
2. Athletes are to use all equipment only for its intended purpose.
3. Athletes must report lost, broken, or defective equipment to the coach immediately.

### ***Uniforms***

Families are expected to take proper care of their athlete’s uniform.

1. The family should properly clean their athlete’s uniform after each competition.
2. Athletes must not exchange their uniforms with other athletes.
3. The athlete will be responsible for any damage done to the uniform apart from its intended use.
4. The athlete must report any lost uniform to the coach immediately.

At the end of the season, athletes are to return the clean uniform to their coach at the time and/or event designated by the coach. If the athlete is unable to return the uniform at the designated time, then the family should coordinate a time with the coach in order to return the uniform. As a last resort, clean uniforms may be placed in a bag clearly marked with the athlete’s name and returned to the Athletic Department Administrative Assistant. Families should not return uniforms to either the elementary or the secondary receptionists.

Uniforms that are not returned within a timely manner will be charged to the athletes’ FACTS account.

## **Eligibility**

Before a student can participate in a competitive sport at SCA, he/she must meet the following requirements:

1. The student must be academically eligible (see academic requirements listed below).
2. The parent or guardian must set up a Privit account and complete the online registration process.
3. The Athletic Fee per competitive sport must be submitted by the deadline established by the Athletic Department. This fee helps supplement the athletic budget for such things as uniforms, officials, equipment, awards, and transportation.
4. The parents must attend the preseason parents' meeting or make arrangements with the individual coach for their sport.

## ***MSHSAA Academic Eligibility***

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in sports, MSHSAA has established the following requirements.

1. If a student does not earn 3.0 units of credit or earn credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, the student would be ineligible for the entire following semester. At SCA, this means a student must pass 7 out of 8 classes in the previous semester.
2. If a student is not enrolled in and regularly attending classes that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned in that semester, then the student would be ineligible for that semester. At SCA, this means a student must be enrolled in at least 7 out of 8 classes in the semester of participation.
3. Special education students must be making standard progress for his/her level the preceding semester in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education. He/she must also be enrolled in a full course at his/her level in that said special education program.

If a student is ineligible due to MSHSAA regulations, then he/she may not continue to be a part of an athletic team at SCA until they have met the MSHSAA eligibility requirements.

## ***Exemption for students earning college credit***

A student who is dual enrolled in college classes being taken off campus with credit being placed on the high school transcript and high school classes may only count up to one full credit earned from the college classes toward academic eligibility and must be enrolled in and regularly attending the remainder of classes at the high school. Coaches may contact the Academic Advisor if they have any questions regarding this policy.

### ***SCA Academic Eligibility***

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in sports at SCA he/she must remain eligible. In addition to those established by MSHSAA (see above), the following circumstances would make a student ineligible.

1. If at any grade check a student has a cumulative semester grade of 59% or below in any class, he/she would be ineligible for two weeks, and then meet all eligibility requirements at that time.
2. If at any grade check a student has a cumulative semester grade of 69%-60% in any two classes, he/she would be ineligible for two weeks, and then meet all eligibility requirements at that time.
3. All grades reset at the end of each semester. Students must meet all MSHSAA requirements as stated earlier at the beginning of each semester in order to participate.

If a student is ineligible due to #1 or #2 listed above, then he/she may continue to practice and attend home competitions at the discretion of the coach, parents, and Athletic Director. A re-check will be done at the end of each two week period, at which time the student must meet all eligibility requirements.

### ***Grade Check Dates***

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| September 17 | February 4 |
| October 15   | March 4    |
| November 12  | April 15   |
| December 20  | May 21     |

### ***School Attendance***

Per MSHSAA requirements, athletes who are enrolled full time (5-8 credit hours) are required to be in school for at least half of the regularly scheduled classes that day in order to practice or play that day. Athletes who are enrolled part time (2-4 credit hours) are required to be in school for all classes in which they are enrolled in order to practice or play that day. Participation in Saturday competitions will be based on attendance during the previous school day. For competitions on a half day, student must be in attendance for the entire half day.

The following reasons will be accepted as valid exceptions:

1. Valid medical or dental appointment with a note from the doctor,
2. Observance of religious holiday,
3. School sponsored field trip or academic related experience, or
4. Family related emergency.

## **Participation**

SCA expects participants to attend all practices and competitions unless approved by the head coach in advance. Failure to do so may result in less playing time in competitions and in cases where absenteeism is more regular and frequent, suspension from competitions and even dismissal from the team may result.

### ***Club or Competitive Teams***

SCA will follow MSHSAA By-Law 3.13.2-b2 regarding a student's participation in club or competitive teams that are not SCA-sponsored. This by-law states, "The student shall not practice for or compete in the non-school competition on the same date the school team practices or competes, without the approval of the school administrator." If a conflict is brought to the administrative level, SCA administrators will not give approval to attend the non-SCA competition over the SCA competition or practice. The penalty for violation is "ineligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days in the sport in which the violation occurred."

In addition, a student who wishes to compete on a club or competitive team and an SCA team simultaneously, the family, head coach, and Athletic Director will need to meet prior to the beginning of the season with the student.

### ***Dual Activities within SCA***

Students are permitted to participate in two sports and/or activities in the same season. However, prior to the beginning of the season, the family shall complete the Dual Activity/Sport Participation Agreement with the coaches and/or directors. The form will then be reviewed and approved by the Activities/Athletic Director. The form may be obtained from the Athletics Administrative Assistant.

The following levels are a suggested guide for coaches, directors, and administrators to use in resolving student participation conflicts. Activities have been tiered into three levels and events are ranked within each level. Level 1 events take priority over Level 2 and 3 events, and Level 2 events take priority over Level 3 events.

If the events in conflict are of the same priority level, the coach and director should meet with the Activities/Athletic Director to discuss the conflicting events and reach a decision that is best for the student.

#### **Level 1 Events**

1. National Competitions and/or participation.
2. State Competitions/Festivals/Performances sponsored by MSHSAA or recognized state professional organizations.
3. Quarterfinal/Sectional/District Competitions/Festivals/Performances sponsored by MSHSAA, Major annual events within the school (i.e. School Play).

#### **Level 2 Events**

1. Individual School Concerts, Show Week Dress Rehearsal, Conference events, Tournaments, Multi-School events of four or more.

2. Multi-school events of three or less, Regular Season Contest, School Play Practice 1 week before Show.

### **Level 3 Events**

1. Regular Practices and/or Rehearsals outside regular school hours, School Play Practice 2 weeks before show.
2. Festivals/Performances for participation only.

## **Guidelines for Establishing Teams**

### ***Team Selection***

The Athletic Director and school administration will determine the number and level of teams within each program. The makeup of each individual team is at the discretion of the head coach.

Junior high teams will consist of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, unless elementary students are needed to establish a full team.

JV and varsity teams will consist of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

### ***Try-Outs & Team Cuts***

*Junior High, JV, and Varsity* – The Athletic Director and the coaches will determine a maximum number of players for each team at each level of play. Coaches determine which players will make up a particular team. “Cuts” will occur when more players than the maximum number try out for a team. It is the responsibility of each coach to meet individually with players who are cut, explain the reason why they were cut, answer any questions the athlete might have, and offer suggestions to help the athlete improve.

### ***Playing Time***

Playing time is a privilege and should be earned. Determining how much playing time each player earns is at the discretion of the Head Coach. Below are some general goals for which we strive.

*Junior High* – Junior high athletics are designed to teach the concepts of competition and the various roles within a team setting. These factors affect the decision making process and may result in some athletes not playing in some contests. Coaches are encouraged to play all eligible players in each competition during the regular season.

*JV/Varsity* – Coaches should play as many players as feasible. Playing time at this level is based on coaching decisions made during practices and competitions.

### ***Student Managers and Statisticians***

It is highly recommended that student managers and statisticians be of the same gender as the team which they are assisting.



## **Dress**

### ***Practices***

Athletes are expected to dress appropriately for all practices.

1. Athletes may not wear ripped or cut t-shirts.
2. Male athletes are required to wear a shirt.
3. Female athletes are required to wear t-shirts or tank tops with 1" or wider straps.
4. For all practices in the gym, non-scuffing athletic shoes must be worn on the gym floor at all times.

### ***Competitions***

Competitions are special events and for these special activities, athletes will be required to dress accordingly. Team members are to be examples to their peers and, as representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ and SCA, a neat and well-dressed appearance is asked of all athletes. Dress code will be required to and from competitions, providing that there is sufficient changing time and adequate changing facilities. All SCA athletes and students must be in modest dress when attending a home or away competition. Cheerleaders must wear their uniform. These dress regulations do not apply to away soccer, baseball, or softball games or track meets due to the lack of proper changing facilities and showers.

### ***School Attire on Game Days***

In order to preserve the longevity of our uniforms, SCA does not allow students to wear their uniform to school on the day of a competition. On competition day, the student must come to school with the appropriate dress, unless other arrangements have been established by the coach and approved by school administration.

## **Transportation**

At the high school level, SCA will utilize the following guidelines regarding transportation:

1. SCA will provide transportation to all away competitions and off-campus practices.
2. Use of school provided transportation is required unless parents have made other arrangements with the coach in advance.
3. Only team personnel and cheerleaders may ride on provided transportation.
4. It is required that at least one coach for each team be present on the bus at all times.
5. Students may ride home with their parent or an adult listed on their Travel Consent Form after the adult has confirmed with the coach.
6. Students may not ride with another student unless accompanied by their parent or an adult listed on their Travel Consent Form.
7. Unless prior arrangements are made with the coach, parents must pick up students no later than 10 minutes after a practice or competition.

At the junior high level, SCA will utilize the following guidelines regarding transportation:

1. Families are usually responsible for the transportation of their own students to and from competitions and practices. The athletic department and/or coach will communicate with the families when the school will be providing transportation for a specific event.
2. Students may ride with an adult listed on their Travel Consent Form after the adult has confirmed with the coach.

## **Overnight Travel**

### ***Regular Season –***

SCA supports a team's decision to take overnight trips as they are beneficial for team bonding and development. With that in mind, they should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Each team is restricted to one regular season overnight trip which should not extend past a one night duration.
2. It is the responsibility of the team to either raise the funds or pass along the costs of overnight trips to the families.
3. If costs are passed along to the families, coaches must clearly communicate the amount to each family. The Athletic Department will bill each student's FACTS account.
4. Proper adult supervision will be required throughout the duration of the trip.
5. Hotel reservations for the team will be setup through the athletic office. Parents are responsible to schedule their own travel and lodging accommodations.
6. Non-team members will not be allowed to stay in or enter team hotel rooms.
7. At no point should any student be in a room with a member of the opposite sex.
8. No adult may stay in the same hotel room as any of the students unless they are the student's parent.
9. Students are expected to stay with the team unless prior arrangements are made with the parents, coach, and Athletic Director.

### ***Postseason –***

1. The Athletic Department will be responsible for school bus transportation and hotel room costs associated with state-level competitions for athletes and coaches. Parents are responsible to schedule their own travel and lodging accommodations.
2. Lodging expenses related to district and sectional competitions will be at the expense of the students. The Athletic Department will bill each student's FACTS account.
3. All food costs are the responsibility of the students and their families.
4. Any costs relating to special recognition beyond MSHSAA state-level competition shall be the responsibility of the family or paid for through the team's holding account.
5. Numbers 4-9 under regular season travel apply to postseason travel as well.

## **Awards and Recognition**

Certificates will be given in a variety of areas for each sport; these areas may include a certificate of participation, Crossroads Conference postseason recognition, varsity letter, and other possible special honors.

### ***Scholar-Athlete Award***

At the end of the school year, the Athletic Department will award a certificate to those athletes who distinguished themselves in academics. This award will go to all athletes on the Principal's Honor Roll for both semesters. In order to be eligible, a student must maintain an A (90% or above) in all subjects for the semester. This award will be figured on current grades as of May 3.

### ***Awards Recognition Event***

Each team may possibly schedule an awards event at the completion of their season. This may be done at, but is not limited to, a restaurant, entertainment facility, someone's house, or at the school. The coach will be responsible to plan the awards event and have it approved by the Athletic Director.

### ***Athletic Letters***

SCA High School athletic letters will be given to all varsity level athletes who meet the required criteria during their season of participation.



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