



Prestonwood Christian Academy

A Ministry of Prestonwood Baptist Church

Athletic Department Athlete Code of Conduct

Our Speech:

Colossians 4:6 *"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt..."*

1. Questionable language or "slang" words will not be tolerated. The athlete will never engage in any language that can be termed "trash talking" or use profanity or questionable slang.
Example: In basketball, chanting "air-ball" or screaming while the opponent is on the free-throw line shows poor sportsmanship. In baseball, making noise while an opponent is at bat shows poor sportsmanship.
2. The athlete will address the coaches and officials with respect. The athlete will address the coach as "Coach" or "Mr., Miss or Mrs." and will take concerns or complaints directly to him or her. Insubordination and divisive speech or behavior will not be tolerated. The athlete will address officials as "Sir" or "Ma'am".
3. Never criticize the officials or coaches. These people represent the authority figure, "boss", parent, teacher and "Law". Obedience to authority is not optional and is not predicated on whether or not you agree with it. All authority is God-given and disobedience to authority is disobedience to God.

Our Relationships:

John 15:12 *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*

1. Develop relationships and a good rapport with teammates and coaches. God has placed you in this situation for a purpose. You have an opportunity to develop life-long friendships. If sports becomes all about you, you need not participate.
2. Develop relationships and a good rapport with classmates. Do not attempt to set yourself upon a pedestal. Your classmates will not respect or support you.
3. Develop relationships and a good rapport with students from other schools. Never miss an opportunity to share Jesus Christ with others.

Our Unity:

I Corinthians 12:12-13 *"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."*

1. Develop unity within your team. *"It is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit." John Wooden*
2. Develop unity within our school family. God has called each one of us to this school. Each of us has different abilities and, therefore, different roles. Never be jealous or envious of someone else's role. Be busy fulfilling your role.
3. Develop unity within the Kingdom. We must establish our philosophy with other schools in order for our ultimate purpose to be met – to further the Kingdom of God. It will take other Christian schools being successful. Pray for them as you pray for PCA.

Our Motives:

I Corinthians 10:31 "...do all to the Glory of God."

1. Be motivated by the love of God. Living for Him because He died for us.
2. Strive for victory in order to glorify God. Athletics is just a means to an end and not an end unto itself.
3. Demonstrating Christ in our lives by abiding by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit. Tactics that promote unfair "gamesmanship" will not be tolerated.
4. Committed to excellence. In all areas – faith, practice, academics and game preparation.
5. Play and act like a CHAMPION!

Our Behavior:

I John 2:6 "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

1. The athlete will maintain a good reputation. The athlete's character will be in good standing with the administration, faculty, staff and church.
2. The athlete will meet all eligibility requirements.
3. The athlete will know and understand all requirements. The athlete will know all of the expectations of their team and will follow them both in action and in spirit.
4. The athlete will show respect for all coaches, trainers and all staff personnel. This includes the game plans, methods and philosophies.
5. The athlete will show respect for their teammates. The athlete will respect the seriousness of their commitment by attending all practices, meetings and games as prescribed at the beginning of the season and by working together to accomplish a common goal. Help to hold your teammates accountable for their actions.
6. The athlete will maintain a high standard of appearance. Both in and out of the arena adhering to the strictest interpretations of the school dress code and the team dress and uniform code.
7. The athlete will demonstrate Christ-like character. Both in and out of the arena showing respect in speech and actions for game officials, opponents and all those associated with our opponents.
8. The athlete will never engage in fighting. The athlete will maintain self control at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct penalties will not be tolerated and will be penalized. Penalties include, but are not limited to, suspensions or dismissal from the team.
9. The athlete will know and understand our philosophy. The athlete will respect the eternal effects of their speech and actions as they represent themselves, their families, their school, their church and ultimately their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I have read and understand the Athlete's Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its principles and guidelines at all PCA sporting events. I fully understand I may not participate without a signed copy of this document on file in the athletic office.

Student's Name

Student's Signature

Date