



## **2021-2022 ACS Athletics Policies and Procedures**

All student-athletes and their families must read and understand the Athletic Policies and Procedures which outlines expectations for all athletic activities.

### Participation Requirements

Before participating in athletics, every student must follow specific procedures and complete the necessary forms in order to participate in the ACS athletic program. Students must:

1. Have an annual physical examination
2. Complete a pre-participation evaluation form
3. Submit signed consent forms
4. Pay necessary fees to play specific sport. This fee must be paid for every sport played.

Varsity- \$275

JV- \$250

MS- \$200

Elementary- \$100

### **NCAA Eligibility**

All student-athletes interested in participating in athletics in college, must go to the NCAA Clearinghouse Website and register.

### **Levels of Competition**

Depending on student enrollment and the size of the team, ACS offers up to three levels of competition in its athletic program. No player will be cut from our teams. Players who don't meet our academic standards will not be able to participate.

1. **Middle School-** For our young Lions, MS team play is designed to introduce students to the demands of interscholastic competition, the need to create a balance between academics and athletics, and the general philosophy of ACS athletics. The developmental nature of both the middle school and junior varsity levels make the opportunities for participation in practice and games a top priority of these programs.
2. **Junior Varsity.** This level is designed to be more developmental in order to preparing athletes for varsity competition. It is considerably more demanding with respect to practice time, off-season training, and possible specialization. Coaches encourage more dedication at this level to maximize the potential of the athlete. The purpose of this maximization is two-fold: First, it gives the athlete a better opportunity to participate; and, second, the athlete will be able to contribute more to the success of the team. The developmental nature of junior varsity level make the opportunities for participation in practice and games a top priority of these programs.
3. **Varsity.** Varsity level play is highly specialized, highly competitive, and demands the greatest level of commitment and dedication by both coach and athlete. Varsity competition is designed to be the culmination of ACS athletic program both in the performance of our teams and the manner in which our athletes display and promote the philosophy and values of our school and athletic program.

### **Transfer Students**

Athletes transferring to Anderson Christian School must comply with all SCISA eligibility requirements in order to compete their first year after transferring.

### **Travel**

ACS will provide transportation for athletic events through our 28 passenger bus to and from away games. If students choose not to travel on the bus, they must travel both to and from games with parents/guardians

providing transportation. Athletes may be released to their own parent(s) at the conclusion of the contest. If students are to ride home with anyone other than their own parent(s), they must have their parent(s) request permission before the day of the contest from the Principal or Athletic Director and their coach. At no time should student/athletes drive themselves or teammates to away games.

### **Early Dismissal**

Although coaches make every attempt to schedule afternoon contests late enough to ensure a full day of school for its athletes, sometimes travel and special scheduling needs require early dismissal. It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform the teacher, discuss the procedure for make-up work, and obtain the evening's or weekend's homework assignment. Communication on the part of the athlete is essential to limiting the academic disruption of early dismissals.

### **Equipment Care and Obligations**

Athletes are responsible for the proper care of all equipment they are issued for their respective sport(s). All uniforms should be washed separately in cold water and dried at a very low temperature to ensure minimal shrinkage and fading. Replacement of any equipment damaged by improper care, lost, or stolen, is the financial responsibility of the athlete. Because most team athletic apparel is custom made, replacement value can be up to twice as much as its original cost. All uniforms must be washed and turned in at the conclusion of the season. A fee will be applied for failure to adhere to this.

### **Process for Addressing Concerns**

Because complaints can best be handled closest to the source, coaches immediately involved in the area of concern should first be contacted by the athlete or parent. This contact **should not** take place **during or immediately after** an athletic contest, but during regular school hours. If after talking with the coach, the complainant still does not think that the policies and procedures outlined are being followed, he/she may take the matter to the Athletic Director. If the procedural dispute is still not resolved at the initial administrative level, the complainant may take the issue to the Principal.

## Injuries

1. Immediate procedure - Examine the player for seriousness of injury
2. Seek available professionals (trainer/doctor) - If none are available, call ER
3. Emergency procedure- could be first aid, CPR or AED procedures.
4. Document all data
5. Treatment & rehab- Follow up with athletes
6. Media releases- Make sure guidelines are followed about releasing injury information to media

## Coaching Evaluations

Like teachers and activity moderators, coaches are observed and evaluated by the Athletic Director and Principal. These observations are based not strictly on wins and losses, but on the relationships that are built with the players, parents, school and community. All coaches will adhere to the Coaches Code of Ethics.

## SCISA- South Carolina Independent School Athletic Association

As a member of SCISA, ACS Athletic program will comply with **all** SCISA Rules and Regulations according to the 2021-2022 Blue Book. All coaches need to be knowledgeable. You can obtain access to the Blue Book through [www.scisa.org](http://www.scisa.org) .

### Questions/Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these policies, **feel free to email** [donpeppers@andersonchristian.net](mailto:donpeppers@andersonchristian.net) or call (864) 209-5632. Athletic Director, Don Peppers.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Athlete \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13