

Upper Bucks Christian School Athletic Department

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PLAYER-PARENT CONTRACT

Parental Charge

Thank you for involving your child in UBCS Athletics and for supporting our coaching staff. Our dedicated staff spends hours of preparation for each sport season. This staff is comprised of coaches that sacrifice their time in order to fill your student athlete with physical training and knowledge. Most importantly, they guide students in the truth of God's word. I would ask that you treat our coaching staff in such a way that conveys your thankfulness for the sacrifice they are making for your child. Please remember that athletes respond to teaching in different ways. Some spend hours training in the off-season and others do not. Some have naturally higher skill levels than others. Due to these differences, players are not all given equal amounts of playing time. We are asking you to encourage and motivate your student, and to be a team parent. We would also ask that you please guard what you say in front of your child and other parents. If you have any concerns please address them immediately with the coach or myself. Please know that your positive actions as a parent can help create success for your child's team.

We look forward to a great season.

Academic Expectations

Each student athlete's academic performance will be monitored on a weekly basis in accordance with Upper Bucks Christian School guidelines.

- a) If an athlete/manager fails to meet this academic requirement, the athlete/manager will lose his/her eligibility for 1 week.
- b) If academically ineligible, athletes/managers may not practice or play in any scheduled event.
- c) After school academic help is encouraged for those who are struggling with a particular subject.

School Expectations

- a) Athletes/managers are expected to be:
 - cooperative in class
 - respectful to teachers, staff, coaches, teammates, classmates and opponents
 - demonstrate self-control at any event representing UBCS
 - respectful to all school property (home and away)
 - helpful to coaches in cleaning up after practice
 - Any athlete missing practices/games (except for sickness) must turn in a written note prior to the event. Except for sickness players must realize that there may be a consequence (coaches' discretion.)
 - a godly example on and off the court
 - studying or remaining quiet and controlled in the gym lobby or classroom until practice begins
- b) If a problem occurs related to school, the Athletic Director and Administrator will determine the disciplinary actions needed and will inform the coach immediately.

Parental Expectations

- a) Athletes appreciate parental support. Please encourage your athlete by attending sporting events and activities.
- b) Athletes must be in school by 11:30 a.m. to practice or participate in athletic events.
- c) Parents must provide transportation for their athlete after practices and games. Parents must be prompt and considerate of the coaches' time. Athletes must be picked up immediately at completion of practice/games.
- d) Please inform the coach by way of a phone call or provide a signed note for the coach if your athlete is not returning on the team bus from an "away" game.

Uniform Expectations

- a) Athletes are to bring the correct uniform and warm ups to each game (team shirt and black athletic pants).
- b) If an athlete forgets a uniform, please inform the Athletic Director and coach immediately. If an extra uniform is available, the athlete will be permitted to borrow it.
- c) Athletes are to be in warm ups after the game.
- d) All uniforms must be turned in within 1 week of the end of the season. A fee may be charged if a jersey is turned in past the due date, lost or damaged.

UPPER BUCKS SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

THE CHRISTIAN WINNER'S CREED

I believe that a true winner always does his best, never to the glory of self but always to the glory of God. With the Lord's help, I will strive to be a true winner today.—Colossians 3:23; Philipians 4:13

WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN SPORTSMANSHIP LOOK LIKE?

Dr. Paul A. Kienel entitled, "It's Only a Game".

“Athletics are certainly not worth doing anything which might damage the testimony of the school. Players, coaches, and spectators must remember that when our opponents and their fans are Christians, they are our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and they should be treated as such. When our opponents and their fans are not Christians, they need to know our Savior, and our testimony for the Lord becomes all the more important.

The athletic philosophy of our school flows naturally out of our educational philosophy. Therefore, the primary goal of our athletic program is to bring glory to God through encouraging our teams to perform to the best of the ability the Lord has given them. There are a number of goals based on Biblical principles which flow naturally out of this primary goal. First of all, we want to teach respect for authority. Players need to respect coaches, while coaches, players, and fans need to respect officials. Second, we want to teach the principle of putting aside individual desires and goals for the good of the team. Third, we want to teach players to realize that often their true character will come out in the heat of competition, and that there are valuable lessons to be learned and adjustments to be made. If winning comes about as a result of aiming at these goals, that is great. If we lose, it is not the end of the world, and there is likely a valuable lesson to learn through it. Winning must never be allowed to become our primary goal.”

What a great excerpt on where our focus should be. What makes a Christian athlete or fan different than others? How does yelling at a teammate, coach or official show Christian character? Just because it is “normal secular practice” does not make it correct for a Christian. Is every action showing Christ's love? Is every action pointing others to Christ? If we miss this concept we are failing, but we are thankful for a God who loves us unconditionally when we fail! Are we displaying this love within our athletic program?

WHAT UBCS EXPECTS OF OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- RESPECT FOR ALL OFFICIALS, TEAMMATES, OPPONENTS AND FANS
- RESPECT THE RULES AND HOW THE GAME SHOULD BE PLAYED
- GRACIOUSNESS IN VICTORY AND DEFEAT
- PRAISE VS. CRITICIZE
- WISH OUR OPPONENTS GOOD LUCK BEFORE A GAME AND CONGRATULATE THEM IN A SINCERE MANNER FOLLOWING EITHER VICTORY OR DEFEAT
- COACHES AND TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN A MANNER TO AVOID HUMILIATING OR EMBARRASSING THE OPPONENT
- LEND A HAND TO A FALLEN PLAYER WHETHER THEY BE A TEAMMATE OR OPPONENT

----- (Detach and return bottom portion to your coach.) -----

PLAYER CONTRACT AGREEMENT FORM

Each athlete and his/her parents/guardian are asked to sign below. Your signature indicates that you understand and are committed to the **Player Contract**, and have read and agree to our **Sportsmanship Code**.

Player Signature: _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____