

SCS Athletic Handbook



SCS Athletic Philosophy

Statesville Christian School believes that all should be done with excellence and with motivation to bring glory and honor to God, including athletics! Athlete, coach, and team are to strive to build a solid core of fundamentals that lead to their best performance and product to display. There is a saying in athletics that sports can not only build character, but even more importantly reveal it! We want our athletes and coaches to be continually building into one another's lives so that our character and testimony can be shown every day.

Theme Verse

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

SCS Athletic Purpose

The purpose of Statesville Christian Athletics is two-fold.

- 1. Excellent in Performance***
- 2. Eternity in Perspective***

The purpose is accomplished by...

- a. Effort that is All In- Honor God***
- b. Elevating Others- Lead by Serving***
- c. Enjoying Each Moment- Have Fun***

SCS School Philosophy

The mission of Statesville Christian School is to train students, in partnership with families, to think, live, love, and lead as Christians through programs of academic excellence based upon a biblical worldview.

Simply put, SCS seeks to send out a generation of Christians who are armed with academic knowledge and Biblical truth to face a world that has become increasingly antagonistic to the teachings of the Bible and our Lord Jesus Christ. Where compromise is the mantra of the day, we seek to send out students unashamed of the gospel and armed to not only survive but thrive in our world through the Lord's grace and wisdom.

Affiliations

NCISAA (North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association)

FAC (Foothills Athletic Conference)- High School Programs

FAMA (Foothills Association of Middle School Athletics)- Middle School Programs

Websites of Interest

NCISAA- <https://www.ncisaa.org/>

MaxPreps- <http://www.maxpreps.com/>

Statesville Christian School- <https://www.statesvillechristian.org/>

rSchoolToday (Schedules)- <https://scslionssports.com/> /

TeamSnap- <https://www.teamsnap.com/>

Schedules

The Athletic Director will do his/her best to balance game schedules so that teams have opportunities for learning and growing.

Schedules will be posted on the school website.

We will also use TeamSnap for schedules and communication within a team. Please download the app and subscribe to receive emails and messages through your phone.

Expectations

Eligibility:

Forms

Before students can participate, they must have three forms on file with the athletic department.

- NCISAA Sports Physical
- Concussion Form
- NCISAA Consent Form

Until they have turned their forms in, they may not participate in either practice or competition.

Academics

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege at Statesville Christian School. All student's grades will be checked twice per semester, on the 9th week of the semester and at the end of the semester. Students participating in extracurricular activities must be passing all of their classes in order to participate in athletics.

Students failing to meet this criterion at the mid-semester check will be ineligible for 3 weeks, at which time the grades will be rechecked. Students failing to meet the required criterion on the second check (12th week) will be ineligible for the remainder of the semester.

Students failing to meet this criterion at the end of the semester (fall or spring) will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the following semester. Students ineligible at the end of the spring semester may complete summer school courses to gain eligibility for the upcoming fall season.

Attendance

Students must be in attendance for a full school day in order to participate in that day's event. Exceptions: funeral attendance, routine medical appointments, or driver's license appointments. Students arriving at school after the beginning of 2nd block will be considered ineligible to play.

Communication

Do your best to attend the coach's meeting for each sport. This is an important time to get to know the coach, understand the expectations of the coach, and ask any questions.

Parents and Athletes should expect communication on the following from their coach:

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations, including rules and policies
- Schedule of team events

Coaches should expect communication on the following from parents and athletes:

- Any concerns that arise during the season.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific issues regarding the philosophy and expectations of the coach.

If concerns arise during the season, the guidelines listed below should be followed:

- Please allow 24 hours after a game before meeting with a coach about an issue.
- The athlete should first talk to the coach.
- If not resolved, the parent should contact the coach to discuss the situation.

The coach may have additional information from practice and from other contact with the student and the parent may have information about their child unknown by the coach. This discussion should be beneficial to both parents and the coach, keeping the welfare of both the student and the team in mind.

Please refrain from approaching a coach directly before, during or after a game or practice. Contact the coach and set up a time to talk or meet personally.

If the conflict is not resolved, you may contact the athletic director to discuss your concerns. Items for parents not to discuss with the coach:

- Your child's playing time
- Coaching strategy or play calling.
- Other student-athletes.

Items appropriate to discuss with the coach:

- The treatment of your child.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your child, i.e., health, behavioral or academic issues

Playing Time

- Not equal in time
- Earned through practice, communication, attitude

Transportation

We will try to find bus transportation for the away games but will not always be able to have a bus for the teams. For the games we do not have a bus we will need parent drivers.

In order to transport a child other than your own you must have completed a Volunteer Driver Application (attached) and have a copy of your driver's license and insurance on file.

Sportsmanship

Fans and student athletes of Statesville Christian School are expected to abide by rules and standards set forth by SCS at home athletic events and host schools at away athletic events. As a fan and/or student athlete you will be expected to show respect to all athletes, coaches and faculty members. Show respect to those in charge of game operation including the following: referees, clock/scoreboard keeper, statisticians, emcee, security, etc. Disorderly conduct from fans and/or student athletes that is inappropriate in word or deed or that interrupts or negatively impacts the operation of an athletic contest is unacceptable and may result in ejection from school grounds for the rest of the day. Future disciplinary actions such as suspension from participation in athletic events for student athletes or suspension of the right to attend athletic events for fans may also be taken.

Athletes and spectators are to be good representatives of Christ and Statesville Christian School. Failure to do so may result in suspension or dismissal from the team. Parents and students are asked to observe the following guidelines during sporting events:

1. Kindness should be shown to opposing players, coaches, spectators, and officials.
2. Christian conduct from our fans is important to the testimony of SCS.
3. We desire our students, as players or spectators, to model Christ. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).
4. The use of profanity, taunting, disrespect, heckling or other verbal abuse towards officials, other players, or guests will not be tolerated and will be grounds for removal from premises and potential suspension. Fighting during athletic events will also result removal from premises and suspension. These actions will be reviewed with potential for other consequences as deemed appropriate by the coach and athletic director.

5. Any ejection will result in at least a one game suspension with potential for other consequences as deemed appropriate by the coach and athletic director.
6. Any action that poorly represents the player, team and school can be reviewed for disciplinary action from the coach and the AD.
7. Any spectator who is ejected from a game will be suspended for at least the next game and must take the NFHS Sportsmanship Course (<https://www.nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2>) before attending any future events. A spectator who is ejected a second time will be banned from attending athletic events for 365 days.

SCS reserves the right to ask anyone (player or spectator) to leave the gym or the school premises if their conduct is deemed inappropriate by school personnel or if any of the preceding guidelines are not observed.

Ways to show good sportsmanship...

- Cheer in a positive way
- Cheer for everyone on the team
- Remember that no one is perfect. Please allow the coaches to coach, players to play, and officials to officiate.

Partnership

We cannot be successful without the support and help of parents. Parents can help make the athletic experience a positive one by being supportive of the team and by assisting with concessions and/or gate duties for sporting events. Sign-ups will take place prior to the start of the season. Parents are responsible for working assigned times or finding their own replacements.

Some of the ways to serve include...

- Concession
- Gate
- Clock
- Scorebook
- Transportation
- Boosters
- Other

Uniforms

All uniforms must be returned to the coach or athletic director within two weeks of your season ending. Failure to return uniforms will result in a fee for a replacement uniform. All Uniforms will be purchased by the Athletic Director when funds allow and according to the Athletics Uniform Cycle.

Development

Varsity coaches will help in the development of a program within their sport. This will happen with investment in the younger teams (coaches and players) by supporting them with drills and philosophies to be incorporated within the program.

Middle School (Grades 5 & 6)

Through our elementary programs, we seek to lay a foundation for success by teaching the fundamental skills and techniques student-athletes will need to master as they grow and develop in their chosen sports. For many students at this level, this is their initial step into competitive athletics, so we also emphasize the key concepts of commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship. We believe that every player should be given an equal opportunity to develop their talents and compete for playing time in practice. Because we compete against other schools, our goal is to try to win every game; however, we recognize the importance and confidence-building nature of game experience. This does not mean equal playing time, but coaches are encouraged to ensure that each player has an opportunity to play in every game, whenever possible. Elementary teams may include 4th grade students as need dictates.

Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Through our junior high and middle school sports programs, our goal is to continue to develop and enhance the solid, fundamental skills that are vital to becoming a knowledgeable, capable and successful student-athlete. We strive to create a team-oriented environment where focus, commitment, maximum effort, a Christ-like attitude, and resilience are expected and embraced.

Junior Varsity / Varsity (Grades 9 – 12)

At the varsity and junior varsity levels, we intend to put our best teams on the court or field, at all times, with the goal and expectation of winning games and competing for championships. Commitment, hard work, discipline, preparation, teamwork and sportsmanship are primary cornerstones of the Christ-centered framework upon which we build our pursuit of excellence. Because our high school student-athletes are among the most visible representatives of our school, we also expect them to win without the scoreboard, both in the classroom and as godly role models in the halls and in the community.

The program goals for athletics includes the following:

- Provide opportunities for students to learn the value of teamwork, effort, and persistence.
- Provide for the development of athletic skills and life-long healthy habits.
- Provide Christian Coaches who lead by example and serve as role models.
- Create a lasting sense of endearment to SCS, adding to the tradition of excellent athletics.
- Provide opportunity for students to experience multiple sports that leads to a discovery of individual gifts and talents.
- Provide other life lessons including how to deal with adversity and loss, compassion for others, and how to win with class and honor.
- Create student leaders who influence the student body to honor Christ in everything.
- Provide a regular “spiritual touch point” from God’s Word and/or through prayer.

The SCS Athletic Handbook's purpose is to provide guidelines and information for all parties involved. The Athletic Handbook cannot possibly address every specific circumstance. Every situation is unique in the people involved, surrounding circumstances and the resulting consequences. Should an unaddressed issue arrive, the Athletic Director and administration has the authority to make changes and/or corrections as needed.

Thank you for partnering with SCS Athletics. This is a team effort to help our student-athletes learn and grow academically, athletically, mentally, and most importantly spiritually. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask at any time.

Thank you.



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By signing this I am stating I have read the handbook above and I agree to abide by the policies and guidelines that are in outlined.

Player Name(Printed): _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____