

CALVARY CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL



ATHLETIC

PARENT & STUDENT

HANDBOOK

# **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Calvary Christian School Board recognizes the importance of offering a comprehensive, balanced extracurricular program for all students attending Calvary Christian School. The Board approves the offering of such activities subject to reasonable rules and regulations concerning eligibility to participate and subject to the provision that participation does not interfere with the academic achievements of participating students.

Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities because this participation enhances the school experience and fosters school pride. A strong and successful athletics program offers a multitude of opportunities for all. Throughout the year student-athletes will learn through hard work what it means to be a team player and how to be successful. Please take every effort to show support for these young men and women by coming to cheer for them or getting involved in the Calvary Christian School Booster Club.

Extracurricular participation is subject to the policies of one or more of the following: **GAPPS**, Calvary Christian School Board, Calvary Christian School, Extracurricular program coach or sponsor. Any student participating in extracurricular activities must follow all policies established by the above policy-making organizations. Failure to follow any of these policies can result in disciplinary action by the coach/sponsor, the school, or other agencies.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege; therefore, all participants will be expected to demonstrate exemplary conduct on and off the school campus. Student/athletes who choose to be involved in illegal and inappropriate behavior or actions will be subject to disciplinary action, and could result in suspension or removal from the team or organization.

Calvary Christian School's goal in preparing this Athletic Handbook is to familiarize parent and students with the Calvary Athletic Department. The handbook identifies participation opportunities and provides valuable information in hopes both parent and student will become an integral part of Calvary Christian's programs.

We welcome suggestions as to additional information that we may include in future additions. Please visit Calvary Christian's website [www.family.calvaryknights.com/calvary-athletics](http://www.family.calvaryknights.com/calvary-athletics) for up-to-date news and current schedules for Knight Athletics, as well as future updates to this Handbook.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

Calvary Christian School exists to encourage students to accept Christ as Savior and Lord, develop a Biblical worldview, attain their individual academic excellence, and fulfill their God-given responsibilities in the home, church, and community.

The athletic program at Calvary Christian School is student-centered and an integral part of the student's total educational experience. The program is designed to provide positive learning opportunities for each student who participates. Students benefit from the development of physical fitness, leadership, teamwork, social skills, self-discipline, and integrity. Decision-making skills, good citizenship, good sportsmanship, and promotion of individual maturity should also result from athletic participation. These characteristics assist in the development of individual and team attitudes that are beneficial for a successful season and for future life.

Calvary Christian School provides a well-rounded program of extracurricular athletics for all its students. Opportunities for participation vary according to the sport and the level of competition.

At the middle school and junior varsity levels, the emphasis is on skill development and participation, as well as team success. However, the school does not adhere to an "all players get equal playing time" policy even at these levels. At the varsity level, team success and performance become more primary objectives.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of athletics at Calvary Christian School is:

- A. To provide Calvary Christian's students:
  - 1. An opportunity to seek, know, love, and to serve Jesus Christ.
  - 2. An opportunity to develop physical strength, endurance, and neuromuscular skills.
  - 3. An opportunity to develop skills of budgeting time to meet the demands of family, church, school, community, and social aspects of their lives.
  - 4. A desirable competitive experience.
  - 5. An opportunity to develop social patterns and group behavior to successfully live in today's society.
  
- B. To provide the school, church, and community:
  - 1. A program with which they can identify and of which they can be proud.
  - 2. An atmosphere of loyalty, good morale, and school spirit.

## **SUSPENSION**

Suspension from school may be assigned to be served on campus, in school suspension (ISS) or away from campus, out of school suspension (OSS).

Student-athletes may not participate in any extracurricular activities on the day either ISS or OSS is served. If out of school suspension (OSS) is assigned the student-athlete will miss an at least one (the next) additional athletic contest. Also, students who serve OSS may not attend school events either as a participant or spectator.

## **STUDENT-ATHLETES AND ACADEMIC PRIORITIES**

Student-athletes attend Calvary Christian School for a quality Christian education. Nothing should interfere with this objective. Athletics are a part of education, requiring student-athletes to use discipline and demonstrate good work habits in organizing a study schedule which will help lead to educational success.

A student's grades should not suffer because of athletics. However, academic difficulties can occur because of a student's inability to organize their workload adequately. Participation in athletics requires a great deal of personal commitment from the student-athlete. Each student-athlete is expected to organize and discipline him/herself so that educational and athletic endeavors do not conflict.

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY RULES**

The Athletic Department will abide by the same Academic Eligibility Policy outlined in Calvary Christian's Student Handbook:

Calvary meets and exceeds GAPPS eligibility guidelines. This policy applies to students who participate in an extracurricular athletic, academic, or fine arts programs or teams. It also applies to students who serve in ancillary roles (stage crew, team manager, etc.) and to those who hold formal leadership positions. This policy may, for valid extenuating circumstances, be modified by the Upper School principal in consultation with the Athletic Director.

### **Initial Eligibility**

#### **Fall Season**

To join or fully participate in a fall extracurricular activity, a student must have passed all classes from the previous spring semester and have matriculated to the next grade level. Students who have not met these requirements will be placed on eligibility probation.

### **Winter Season**

To join or fully participate in a winter extracurricular activity, a student must have passed all classes from the previous spring semester and have earned passing grades in each course on the official beginning date of the activity or sport. Students who have not met these requirements will be placed on eligibility probation.

### **Spring Season**

To join or fully participate in a spring extracurricular activity, a student must have passed all classes from the previous fall semester and have earned passing grades in each course on the official beginning date of the activity or sport. Students who have not met these requirements will be placed on eligibility probation.

### **Eligibility Check Process**

The administration monitor the academic progress of all extracurricular participants through Grade Checks at the end of each semester and on designated dates throughout each semester. Students who earn passing grades at each Eligibility Grade Check may fully participate in the program or team activities. Participants who do not pass each course at the check points will be placed on eligibility probation.

### **Probation**

Probation allows a student to participate in practices or rehearsals but not participate in any competition or performance; nor shall that student be dismissed from school early or travel with the team to any competitions or activities. Probation lasts for approximately two weeks for a period of time set by the school administration. At the end this period, a Probation Grade Check will be completed. If the student is passing all courses, eligibility will be restored and the student may fully participate in the activity; this student's grades will be monitored in the same manner as other participants. If a student continues to have a failing grade in any course, the student will be ineligible.

### **Ineligibility**

Students who are ineligible may not suit-up, travel, practice/rehearse or compete/perform with the team/group for the designated period set by the administration (approximately two weeks). At the end of the ineligibility period, a Probation Grade Check will be completed. If the ineligible student is passing all courses, he will be considered eligible to fully participate in all activities and will have grades checked in the same manner as all other participants. If an ineligible student continues to have a failing grade in any course he will remain ineligible until the next Probation Grade Check. Note: If a student, who was once on probation or ineligible at any time in the school year, is failing a course at any check point, he/she will become ineligible until the next designated check.

## **All-Star Participation**

Eligibility for All-star participation falls to grade checks made for the particular sport the student-athlete will participate in the All-star game for. If the student-athlete was eligible during the season of sport, they will participate in the All-star game for they are allowed to complete the season.

## **DEPARTMENT GOALS**

The primary goal of the Calvary Christian School athletic program is to enhance the development of the whole student and to attain a personal level of excellence in the areas of faith, fitness, team commitment, and sportsmanship.

When a student chooses to become a member of a team, the choices he or she makes will have an impact on not only one's personal goals, but on the goals of the team. For this reason, athletics is one of the most important tools within the educational process.

## **TEAM GOALS**

While each program has goals that are specific to the nature of the sport, all teams within the Calvary Christian School athletic program share the following common goals:

1. Have Christ as the central focus point for the team
2. Work to improve
3. Work to have fun and enjoy the experience
4. Work to win region and state championships

## **GAPPS**

Most Calvary Christian School athletic programs are governed by the Georgia Association of Private & Parochial Schools (GAPPS). Please contact the Athletic Director regarding information concerning the GAPPS or go to [www.gappschools.com](http://www.gappschools.com) or [www.gicaasports.com](http://www.gicaasports.com).

## **SPORTS INFORMATION**

Information regarding Calvary Christian School varsity athletics can often be found in the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer and some local television channels. Varsity coaches report results to the Ledger-Enquirer after each contest. However, it is the discretion of the Ledger-Enquirer as to what is actually printed and how it is presented.

Information regarding schedules, game time changes, and cancellations may be found on Calvary's website at [www.family.calvaryknights.com/calvary-athletics](http://www.family.calvaryknights.com/calvary-athletics).

## TEAM OFFERINGS

Students in grades 6 and 7 are only eligible for participation in cross country, volleyball, football, softball, cheerleading, baseball, basketball, archery, soccer, and **golf** within the middle school. Students in grades 6 and 7 are never eligible to participate in sports on the varsity level, with the exception of softball; grade 7 girls are able to participate as Calvary participates in Division II with the **GAPPS**. Students in grade 8 may participate in the middle school, junior varsity, and varsity level when approved by the Athletic Director.

### Fall Sports

#### CHEERLEADING

Varsity (9-12)\*-*Co-ed*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Ladies*

#### FOOTBALL

Varsity (9-12)-*Men*

Middle School (6-8)-*Men*

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Varsity (8-12)-*Ladies/ Men*

Middle School (6-8)-*Ladies/ Men*

#### SOFTBALL

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Ladies*

#### VOLLEYBALL

Varsity (8-12)\*-*Ladies*

Junior Varsity (6-9)\*-*Ladies*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Ladies*

### Winter Sports

#### BASKETBALL

Varsity (8-12)\*-*Ladies/ Men*

Junior Varsity (8-11)\*-*Men*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Ladies/ Men*

#### CHEERLEADING

Varsity (9-12)\*-*Ladies*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Ladies*

#### ARCHERY

Varsity (9-12)-*Ladies/ Men*

Middle School (6-8)-*Ladies/ Men*

#### SWIMMING

Varsity (9-12)-*Ladies/ Men*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Ladies/ Men*

### Spring Sports

#### BASEBALL

Varsity (8-12)\*-*Men*

Junior Varsity (8-11)\*-*Men*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Men*

#### GOLF

Varsity (8-12)\*-*Co-ed*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Co-ed*

#### SOCCER

Varsity (8-12)\*-*Ladies/ Men*

Middle School (6-8)\*-*Ladies/ Men*

#### SOFTBALL

Varsity (7-12)\*-*Ladies*

\*Program may require a tryout process and there may be a limited number of team members.

## COMMUNICATION POLICY

Open communication between student-athletes and members of the coaching staff is of utmost importance to athletic success. Young people must learn to communicate directly with their coaches and other people in positions of authority. Student-athletes should speak directly with

coaches concerning absences, academic matters that affect team involvement, and any issues regarding performance, injury, playing time, and participation.

Parents should not circumvent this communication process by contacting coaches regarding the above mentioned matters if their child has not made an attempt to speak directly to his or her coach. Parents should contact the athletic director when they have concerns that have reached a departmental level, or they have not come to a resolution on a matter after speaking to a coach directly.

## **ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the athletic department. Calvary Christian School and the coaching staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound athletic program.

Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team, or the school is considered to be unacceptable. Acts of unacceptable conduct tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletics program and Calvary Christian. Such acts will not be tolerated and could result in athlete being either suspended from team activities and/or dismissed from the team.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

### **Coaches and Players:**

Calvary Christian School expects that its coaches and players maintain a level of composure during athletic contests and in all cases present themselves in a manner that best represents the expectations of the school. Calvary Christian coaches and athletes should:

1. Show respect for the opponent and officials at all times.
2. Maintain self-control at all times.
3. Set a good example for opposing teams and coaches when we are hosting and when we are visiting.

The **GAPPS** fines and suspends players and coaches for ejections. Calvary Christian players and coaches who have been ejected will be responsible for paying these fines.

### **Fans:**

The behavior of spectators reflects directly upon the reputation of Calvary Christian's community. Calvary Christian's fans should:

1. Show respect for the opponent and officials in every way.
2. Show support for both competing teams, including the content of cheers and signs.
3. Know and understand the rules and concepts of the game.
4. Maintain self-control at all times.
5. Recognize and acknowledge the good performances of both teams.

6. Support those participating in and/or conducting the event.
7. Set a good example for visiting athletes and fans when we are their hosts.
8. Follow the directions of game administrators when attending athletic events.
9. Fans should be seated and remain in the bleachers or designated areas away from the team and playing areas.

### **Parents:**

Being a parent of a student-athlete can be a great experience. Parental support is very important to the athletes, the school, the church, and the community. To help be a supportive athletic parent and help create a rewarding experience for all involved, please:

1. Attend games when possible. Parent's presence is very important to the student-athletes. Having first-hand knowledge of the event offers an opportunity for sharing with student-athlete.
2. Be positive. Being on a high school team is an accomplishment. Do not let playing time dictate the athlete's happiness. Celebrate the fact that the athlete is/was good enough to make the team. When things are not going well for the athlete or the team, be positive and supportive.
3. Be supportive of the coaching staff in the presence of athletes. Nothing can damage teamwork faster than athletes doubting the capabilities of their coaches. If there are concerns, please contact the coach first, then the Athletic Director if the matter was not properly addressed at the appropriate time.
4. Be part of a parent network. Socializing with other parents at games, after games, at team dinners, etc., fosters special relationships. Be positive with each other and remind one another about remaining positive at all times. If you should hear information that concerns you about an athletic issue, speak with the coach first, then the Athletic Director to clarify what has been heard.
5. It is Calvary Christian's goal to pursue excellence in all programs through motivating students to achieve the best of their abilities. Winning can be a natural and enjoyable result of this achievement. Everyone enjoys a well-played victory; however, a "winning is the only thing" philosophy cannot be the controlling force.
6. Refrain from communicating with Calvary Christian coaches and athletes, and the coaches and athletes from visiting schools from the time of warm-up until the end of the competition, other than to cheer their efforts.
7. College scholarships: Having high expectations for the athlete is normal and healthy. In striving to achieve these expectations, we must also be realistic. Not everyone can receive a college scholarship, nor should the number of offers received measure a student's athletic success. The athletic staff will be happy to assist those who wish to pursue collegiate careers.

The athlete alone does not dictate the success of Calvary Christian's athletic program(s). Calvary Christian's teams, students, and adult supporters provide the foundation needed for a successful program.

## **THE PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP**

Parents should discuss any concerns they may have about their student-athletes emotional or physical status. Parents should also request from the coach any information about ways the athlete might improve his or her performance.

Coaches are professionals. They make decisions based on what they believe is best for the team and all student-athletes involved. Sometimes it is difficult to accept that a student is not playing as much as he or she or the parent desires. However, the judgment and authority of the coach to make decisions regarding playing time must be respected. It is also not appropriate for a parent to question or challenge a coach's decision regarding play calling or strategy. It is never appropriate for a parent to discuss with a coach the status of another student-athlete.

Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a practice or contest. These can be emotionally charged times for athletes, coaches, and parents. Meetings of this nature do not promote satisfactory resolutions.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These meetings are encouraged. If a parent has a concern and would like to discuss it, he or she should schedule an appointment with the coach. If the coach cannot be reached, please feel free to contact the Athletic Director to arrange the meeting. If a parent has an unresolved concern and would like to discuss it further, he or she should schedule an appointment with the Athletic Director.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF AN ATHLETE**

In order for athletes to improve, they must be guided by their coaches and support personnel in the areas of skill development, mental preparation, as well as strength and conditioning. Preparation in all aspects of a sport begins at the middle school and continues through the high school years. For Calvary Christian to have a consistently competitive athletic program, the following philosophical approach must be in place:

1. Middle School and sub-varsity programs must emphasize fundamentals and skill development.
2. Full commitment, a positive attitude, and good sportsmanship are a minimum expectation for playing time.
3. Coaches, athletes, and parents must be willing to risk not winning at the middle school level, sub-varsity level, and early stages of the varsity season in order to prepare all members of the team for the opportunity to win region and state championships. It is the intent of the Calvary Christian athletic program to have in place a process that prepares all athletes for varsity level competition. All Calvary Christian teams should play to win, regardless of the level of play. However, the focus is to win at the varsity level, where the goal is to win championships.

## **TRYOUTS**

Some Calvary Christian athletic teams require tryouts, while others are open to all. Fall sports tryouts usually occur during the spring before school ends. While winter sports tryouts occur in mid-October, and spring sports tryouts may occur anywhere from mid-November to early January.

Athletes are required to have a current physical on file with the athletic department prior to trying out for or participating on the athletic team. Physical exams must be filled out on the approved physical exam form that can be found on DragonFly MAX, <https://www.dragonflymax.com/>. Physical exams are valid for one calendar year. Physical exams done after May 15 are valid through the following school year.

## **PRACTICE AND GAME COMMITMENT**

Calvary Christian athletic programs require a four or five day commitment, depending on the sport and level.

While Calvary Christian athletic programs provide some flexibility concerning family or academic needs, most trips unrelated to Calvary Christian athletics or academics are not excused. Unexcused absences from practices and/or games will affect a student-athlete's role on the team and will result in diminished participation, suspension, and/or dismissal from the team.

## **QUITTING OR DISMISSAL FROM TEAM**

Student-athletes forfeit their participation privileges and athletic participation fee if they quit or are dismissed from a team. Additionally, athletes will be ineligible to participate in any other extracurricular activity during the season of the sport in which the student ceased participation.

If a first time athlete tries out for a sport and decides within the first two weeks of practice that he or she does not want to participate in the sport, they may quit without penalty. If a new head coach is in place in a sport, players will have the first two weeks to decide whether they wish to participate or quit without penalty. With the approval of the Athletic Director, a coach and student-athlete may mutually agree that it is the best decision for the student to no longer participate in a sport. If this decision is made before the season is completed the penalty for quitting or dismissal may be waived.

The Athletic Director reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a student-athlete from participating in any program for conduct unbecoming a Calvary Christian student-athlete.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION AND ABSENCES**

Students-athletes who participate in extracurricular activities should be present in school. Therefore, students are expected to fully attend all classes in order to participate (compete, perform, practice, rehearse, etc.) in any extracurricular activity during that day. Noteworthy exceptions to this policy are school-sponsored or medical appointment absences.

If a student misses class due to illness (including late arrival or early departure) he/she may not return the same day to participate in an extracurricular activity. If a student is unable to participate in a PE class due to a medical condition, he/she may not participate in any extracurricular activity to include competition, practice, etc. on the same day.

Students-athletes who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to attend all classes during the day following a late performance or out-of-town contest. If the team or group returns to campus after midnight, a student's parent may use a Parent-Approved absence to excuse the student-athlete from the first period class of the next school day. This first period absence will not prevent the student from participating in the activity later in the day.

The administration may permit exceptions to these policies based on valid extenuating circumstances.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMS**

All athletes must have an updated physical examination on file to be eligible to participate in athletics at Calvary Christian School. Physical examinations are good for one calendar year. Any physical examination administered after May 15<sup>th</sup>, is good for the next school year.

## **FACILITIES**

Calvary Christian School is fortunate to have some of the finest athletic facilities in the area. The Calvary Christian athletic facilities include two gymnasiums, baseball field, batting cage, baseball clubhouse, weight room, football/soccer game field, practice field, cross country trail and athletic training room. Use of these facilities by teams other than for Calvary Christian athletic practices and/or games is prohibited.

### **Care**

First impressions are so vital; positive impressions of Calvary Christian's campus can have a profound impact on visitors and prospective families. Visitors notice when a campus is litter-free, and all is in order; they notice when a place looks shabby as well. All - student, faculty, and parent alike - help us police the campus and to be vigilant to pick up any trash seen, even if we did not leave it. If something is out of place, put it back in place. Thank you in advance for any and all assistance with maintaining the beauty and integrity of Calvary Christian's campus and facilities.

## **Specific Use**

No use of Calvary Christian Athletic facilities

1. After 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
  - a. 4:45 p.m. activities must be complete in order to allow student-athletes time to be off campus by 5:00 p.m.
2. Prior to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays
  - a. Individual development training is acceptable, as long as a coach and/or a parent is present.
  - b. Use of facility, which has been opened by an authorized Calvary Christian individual, is done at individual's own risk and understand Calvary Christian School and Calvary Ministry are not liable.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL**

Calvary Christian provides transportation for athletes to most athletic events. However, there may be occasions when parents are asked to drive. Parents will be notified well in advance if their assistance is needed in transporting athletes. Athletes should never transport themselves to an event, except when playing in Columbus and school transportation is not provided.

Calvary Christian coaches are to have current medical forms on hand at every athletic event, regardless of location, in case of emergency.

Calvary Christian athletes are not required to stay overnight under normal circumstances. Typically, however, when the occasion does arise where athletes stay overnight, they are required to pay their own expenses (except for state tournaments in which the school will help with the cost).

## **DRESS**

Clothing/uniforms practice or game should assist a student in maintaining his or her modesty and dignity as one created in the image of God. Clothing/uniforms practice or game should also apply the mandate "do not cause a brother or sister to stumble."

With this in mind, student-athletes at all times should represent God and Calvary Christian. Example: Boy's shirts should cover the entire torso and the girl's tops should not reveal too much of the body or undergarments.

At all-times Calvary Christian student-athletes should dress in an appropriate manner as set forth by the head coach of each program, in cooperation with the athletic department. This includes arriving at Calvary Christian School for home competition and traveling to an off-campus athletic event, either in-town or out-of-town. When traveling to an off-campus athletic event, either in-town or out-of-town, teams and student-athletes are expected to dress uniformly and

again in an appropriate manner as set by the head coach of each program, in cooperation with the athletic department.

## **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms issued to student-athletes are the property of Calvary Christian School. The athletic department makes every effort to provide athletes with the best quality uniform available. Therefore, uniforms should be treated with the utmost care and pride. When uniforms are issued to athletes, they become the responsibility of the student-athlete, and they are accountable for them until they are returned. Student-athletes should never wear school-issued game uniforms any time other than during an athletic contest. The same applies to school-issued practice uniforms, which should only be worn during a Calvary Christian school-directed practice. Game and/or practice uniforms issued by the school should never be worn during physical education classes or off campus for any reason. Failure to comply with the request will result in the uniform(s) being taken from the student-athlete.

## **STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING**

Everyone should understand that strength and conditioning work is vital to the success of the Calvary Christian athletic program. All athletes should participate in a workout program during the season, under the direction of their coaches, and out of season, either at school or at some off campus site where the athlete is closely supervised and monitored by trained professionals.

## **WEIGHT ROOM RULES**

The weight room facility at Calvary Christian School is available for use to all students and all faculty and staff members. **Students must be supervised by a member of the Calvary Christian athletic staff at all times while in the weight room.**

Guidelines for use of the weight room facility are as follows:

1. No food or drink
2. No horseplay
3. Proper athletic attire should be worn at all times. Shoes with spikes or cleats should never be worn in the weight room.
4. Proper lifting technique and spotters should be used
5. Benches and machines should remain in their designated spots.
6. Students are not allowed to operate the stereo equipment.
7. Repair or replacement of damaged equipment will be the responsibility of the person creating the damage.
8. Violating weight room rules may result in the loss of facility privileges.

## **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES**

Each enrolled full-time student at Calvary Christian is not required to pay an athletic participation fee for the first athletic team they participate with. However, any additional teams an enrolled full-time student at Calvary Christian participates with is required to pay an athletic participation fee based on the level and sport. All homeschool/ part-time students attending Calvary Christian are required to pay an athletic participation fee for all teams they may participate with. This fee allows the athletic department to best support the athletic programs with covering the cost of insurance, officials, ambulance/EMT when required, awards, transportation, maintenance of transportation, athletic trainer, supplies for the athletic trainer, maintenance of athletic facilities, athletic administrative personnel, maintenance of athletic equipment, etc. These costs will be known to parents before the season begins and the amount must be paid in full before the PayIt site closes, which is generally around two-weeks, or the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate with the team.

Calvary Christian uses a different online system than FACTS called PayIt to collect student-athletes athletic participation fees.

## **MULTI-SPORT PARTICIPATION**

Calvary Christian student-athletes are not allowed to play more than one team sport during the same season. The athlete may play on one team sport and one individual team sport during the same season as long as he/she meets the following criteria. Calvary student-athletes participating in a fall sport are required to complete the fall sport before moving on to participate in a winter sport, and student-athletes participating in a winter sport are required to complete the winter sport before moving on to participate in a spring sport. Exceptions can be granted if coaches of the two sports involved agree to some type of arrangement and it is approved by the Athletic Director.

### **Requirements:**

- Student multi-sport athletes must elect a PRIMARY sport and a SECONDARY sport.
- Student-athlete must adhere to a higher academic standard than other Calvary Christian student-athletes. If, at any grade check, the student-athlete is not maintaining a minimum of an 80 in each course, then the student-athlete must stop participating in the secondary sport until grades are reevaluated at the next grade check.
- Each student-athlete must have a signed contract with approval from his or her parents, coaches, Athletic Director, and Principal stating that they will abide by Calvary Christian's standard for playing two sports.

### **Primary and Secondary Sports Conflicts:**

- If on a given day, both Primary and Secondary sports have conflicting practices; the student-athlete goes to the PRIMARY sport practice.
- If on a given day, the Primary sport has a game and the Secondary sport is practicing, the student-athlete goes to the PRIMARY sport game.

- If on a given day, the Primary sport has a game and the Secondary sport has a game, the student-athlete goes to the PRIMARY sport game.
- If on a given day, the Primary sport has a practice and the Secondary sport has a game, the student-athlete goes to the SECONDARY sport game.
- If on a given day, the Primary sport has a regular season game and the Secondary sport has a region tournament or state tournament game, the student-athlete goes to the SECONDARY sport game.
- If on a given day, both the Primary and Secondary sport have a region tournament or state tournament game, the student-athlete would go to the PRIMARY sport game.

The Calvary Christian family, appreciate all parents for all they do for Calvary Christian School and the athletic programs. Calvary Christian's goal as an athletic program is to have one of the best overall athletic programs in the state, and for us to reach this goal, it starts with parental support. Sacrificing time by coming to athletic contests, picking student-athlete up after practice, and making long trips to away contests, all of these bring a special bond between an athlete and parents. In the future, when we look back, we will remember these sports contests and we at Calvary Christian School want to make those memories the best possible for all involved.

***As long as we keep focused on the Savior and Lord  
Jesus Christ in all athletic endeavors, we will bring glory  
to His name and to Calvary Christian School.***