

CHESS Sports Guidelines for Competitive Teams
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Sports Coordinator Guidelines

1. Coordinates Sports Banquet in the spring.
2. Assists coaches as needed.
3. Purchases/distributes supplies, equipment, uniforms, etc.
4. Responsible for overseeing all Chess sporting events, games, practices, etc.
5. Communicates with coaches and families in a timely manner concerning new opportunities for students as the Lord leads.

Coach Guidelines

1. Coach is supportive of Sports Coordinator.
2. Coach is responsible for setting the schedule for practices.
3. Coach has the right to play students at his/her discretion (due to attitude, ability, missed practices, goofing off during practices, etc.)
4. Coach starts/ends all practices and games in prayer. Keeps athletes focused on pleasing God! Coach may bring devotions or have an athlete offer one at his or her discretion.
5. Depending on the level of response from CHESS athletes, tryouts may be used by the coach to fill the teams.

Athlete Guidelines

1. In order to play sports with CHESS, the athlete's family must be a current member of CHESS (i.e. family must have turned in completed application and liability form and must have paid their CHESS dues.)
2. Shows respect to coach at all times.
3. Will listen to instruction and put forth his/her best effort.
4. Will do his/her best to attend all scheduled practices.
5. The athlete must be at least 12 years old and entering the 7th grade on September 1 (at the beginning of the school year).
6. If wearing shorts, athlete will only wear shorts that are at fingertip length or longer. Athlete will not wear any clothing that shows or reveals undergarments. These dress guidelines are for practices and games.

Parents Guidelines

1. Be supportive of child's coach.
2. In a respectful manner, parents should direct any concerns or suggestions to sports coordinator/coach not referees or score keepers. The sports coordinator/coach is responsible for handling any problem or concern that might arise.

Sports Coordinator, Coach, Athlete and Parent Guidelines

1. All Sports Coordinators, Coaches, Athletes, and Parents should maintain a Christ-like attitude in all they say and do. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it ALL for the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31) So whether we play, coach or watch basketball or volleyball, may we play, coach and watch for the glory of God!
2. All Sports Coordinators, Coaches, Athletes and Parents should maintain respectful attitudes with their actions and words toward referees. We want our families to cheer for our kids loudly and proudly, but when it comes to the officiating we need to leave it to the referees. We understand they will miss calls or we will disagree with a call, but it is their call that needs to be heard

and respected. When we voice our opinions from the side lines not only does it affect the referee, but it affects our children and our testimonies as a Christian group. Please refrain from making any negative or disrespectful comments to the referees. "Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips." Psalm 141:3 "If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in ALL things GOD may be praised through Jesus Christ. To HIM be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." I Peter 4:11

3. Please remember our coaches serve on a voluntary basis and receive no compensation for all the love, time and energy they give to our children. Please be respectful of that and show your appreciation.

Sports Fees

1. There is a \$100 fee per year for each participant which covers any sport the athlete is involved in under CHESS Sports. Discounts will be offered to families with three or more athletes. Families with three athletes will pay \$85 for the third athlete for the year. Families with four or more athletes will pay \$80 for the fourth and each additional athlete for the year. Sports fees are used to pay facility fees, T-CAL membership dues, referee fees and to pay for needed sports equipment.
2. **Sports fees for volleyball players are due by September 1. Sports fees for basketball players are due by November 1.**
3. Both parents' signatures are required on the form below stating that they have read the Sports Guidelines and their family agrees to follow them. A family will be asked to leave any sporting event when a member chooses not to follow Sports Guidelines. If a family member continues not to follow these Sports Guidelines, they will be asked to meet with the Chess Board and/or Steering Committee and possibly lose their family's privilege to participate in sporting events.
4. Any tournament fees will be divided by the number of families represented by teams.
5. Each parent is responsible for paying for his/her child's uniform. Your Sports Coordinator/Coaches will let you know the price and when they need to be ordered.
6. Please turn in all money and signed form to Sports Coordinator or Teen Treasurer. You may also mail it to Chess at P.O. Box 794, Sulphur Springs, TX 75483. Please write Teen Sports on front of envelope.
7. CHESS athletes whose families have not paid their sports dues before the season games start will **NOT** be able to play in the games until all dues are turned in. This will be strictly enforced by the CHESS coaches. It is each family's responsibility to make sure that their dues and signed Sports Guidelines form is turned in on time. If a family is having difficulty paying their sports dues, it is their responsibility to make arrangements with the Teen Treasurer before the start of any games.

Sign and turn in only this page:

I/We have read and agree with the CHESS Sports Guidelines required to
participate in CHESS sporting events:

X _____ Date _____

X _____ Date _____

Christian Home Educators of Sulphur Springs (CHESS)

Parental Consent and Liability Release Form

Participant Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Parents/Guardian Name(s) _____

Work Phone/Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned does hereby give permission for our/my child _____
_____ ("Participant") to attend and
participate in CHESS sports and related activities

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of CHESS allowing the Participant to participate in CHESS sports and related activities, we/I, the undersigned, do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless CHESS, its directors, employees, volunteers and agents from any and all liability, claims or demands for accidental personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever, which may be incurred by the undersigned and the Participant while involved in CHESS activities. We/I the parents/legal guardians of this Participant hereby grant our/my permission for the Participant to participate fully in all CHESS activities.

Furthermore, we/I [and on behalf of our minor Participant] hereby assume all risk of accidental personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, the undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify CHESS for any liability sustained by CHESS as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said Participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION: We/I authorize an adult, in whose car the minor has been entrusted, to consent to any emergency x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, surgical or dental diagnosis or treatment and hospital care, to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any properly licensed physician or dentist on the medical staff of a licensed hospital or emergency care facility. The undersigned shall be liable and agrees to pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection with such medical and dental services rendered to the aforementioned child or youth pursuant to this authorization.

EARLY RETURN HOME POLICY: Should it be necessary for my child or youth to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, the undersigned shall assume all transportation costs and responsibility.

TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION: The undersigned does also hereby give permission for my youth to ride in any vehicle driven by an approved ADULT chaperone while attending and participating in activities sponsored by CHESS. My child/youth and I understand the SEAT BELTS SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES during transportation.

This Liability Release shall remain in effect for 1 year from the date of signature.

Please list all known medical conditions or allergies of the participant that CHESS officials should be aware of:

Parent/Guardian signature_____

Date: _____