

Wesleyan Christian Academy Mission Statement

The mission of Wesleyan Christian Academy is to assist in developing students spiritually, academically, socially, and physically by providing a Christian education in a traditional, college-preparatory setting.

Athletic Philosophy

As Christians we are commanded to be different from the world around us. Our desire is to please the Lord in all that we do. Jesus Christ is to be the center of all our attention, both on and off the athletic arena. It is critical that we “Live Out” His character, nature, and attitude in all that is done.

The athletic program at Wesleyan Christian Academy exists to guide students in developing their bodies, mind, and character in a manner pleasing to God. Not only are immediate goals and desires sought after, but also a high regard is placed on values, which will last for eternity.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:15, II Peter 1:21).
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
3. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 7:25); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19, John 5:24, Romans 5 8-9, Ephesians 2: 8-10, Titus 3:5).
5. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgement and everlasting separation from God (I Corinthians 15:51-54).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14, I Corinthians 3:16, I Corinthians 6:19- 20, Ephesians 4:30, Ephesians 5:18).

Middle School Goals:

Middle School athletic teams are composed of students of students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. This is considered the introductory level of interscholastic competition at Wesleyan. An important goal of middle school is to have each student progress athletically toward J.V. and varsity competition. A selection process is utilized in specific sports according to the number of participants and player abilities.

The athletic program at this level will:

1. Develop Christ-like character and behavior in each athlete.
2. Emphasize skill development, individual improvement and enjoyment of the game.
3. Develop and nurture the concept of teamwork and team play.
4. Attempt to provide an opportunity for every athlete to play in each game
5. Develop an attitude of good sportsmanship in each athlete.
6. Teach the athlete the proper attitude toward winning and losing.
7. Develop in the athlete an attitude of respect for fellow competitors, officials and fans.

Junior Varsity Goals:

The Junior Varsity teams are considered the transitional level between the middle school teams and varsity teams. Depending on the sport, the junior varsity level may consist of students in grades 8 through 10. An important goal of the junior varsity team is to prepare athletes for varsity competition. A selection process will be utilized by coaches in specific sports according to the number of participants and players abilities.

The athletic program at this level will:

1. Develop Christ-like character and behavior in each athlete.
2. Continue to build skill development, individual improvement and enjoyment of the game.
3. Place a greater emphasis on team strategy and competition.
4. Develop and nurture the concept of teamwork and team play.
5. Provide for participation of every athlete in a meaningful and effective manner.
6. Develop and build an attitude of good sportsmanship in each athlete.
7. Cultivate the proper attitude of respect for fellow competitors, officials, and fans in every athlete.

Varsity Goals:

Varsity athletics is the highest level of interscholastic competition at Wesleyan Christian Academy. On the varsity level, the commitment is to field the best team possible for athletic competition. Varsity teams are generally composed of students in grades 9-12 unless no J.V. or Middle School team exists for a sport. Students may “play up” above grade level at the recommendation of the coach and with the approval of the athletic director. A selection process will be utilized by coaches in specific sports according to the number of participants and player abilities.

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6. Cultivate the proper attitude of respect for fellow competitors, officials and fans in every athlete.

Cutting from the team

For some Wesleyan Christian Academy sports teams, “cuts” may be necessary. The coach must feel comfortable with the number of students on the team and with his or her ability to provide adequate coaching, supervision, and playing time to team members. Students will be given a minimum of three days to tryout for each sport. After final cuts have been decided, each student will receive a sealed envelope notifying him/her if they have made the team. Final rosters will not be posted. If a student is cut from one sport they may tryout for another sport if cuts have not already been made. No student may move from one sport team to another after the final roster has been decided.

Sports Offered

Fall Sports

<u>Boys Sports</u>	<u>Grades Eligible</u>	<u>Girls Sports</u>	<u>Grades Eligible</u>
Varsity Cross-Country	7-12	Varsity Cross-Country	7-12
Varsity Soccer	9-12	Varsity Tennis	7-12
J.V. Soccer	8-10	Varsity Golf	7-12
M.S. Soccer	6-8	Varsity Volleyball	9-12
		J.V. Volleyball	8-10
		M.S. Volleyball	6-8
		J.V. Tennis	6-9

Winter Sports

<u>Boys Sports</u>	<u>Grades Eligible</u>	<u>Girls Sports</u>	<u>Grades Eligible</u>
Varsity Basketball	9-12	Varsity Basketball	9-12
J.V. Basketball	9-10	J.V. Basketball	8-10
M.S. Basketball Upper	7 - 8	M.S. Basketball	6-8
M.S. Basketball Lower	6 - 7	Varsity Cheerleading	9-12
Varsity Swimming	7-12	Varsity Swimming	7-12
Varsity Wrestling	7-12		
M.S. Wrestling	6-8		

Spring Sports

<u>Boys Sports</u>	<u>Grades Eligible</u>	<u>Girls Sports</u>	<u>Grades Eligible</u>
Varsity Baseball	9-12	Varsity Soccer	9-12
J.V. Baseball	7-9	J.V. Soccer	7-9
Varsity Golf	6-12	MS Soccer	6-8
Varsity Tennis	7-12	Varsity Softball	7-12
J.V. Tennis	6-9	Varsity Track	7-12
Varsity Track	7-12	J.V. Golf	6-9
J.V. Golf	6-9		

Expectations of Athletes

In order for students to participate in interscholastic athletics there are certain rules and regulations that must be followed. Each coach is responsible for establishing guidelines and expectations for his or her team in regard to practice, travel, etc. Expectations may vary from coach to coach or sport to sport, but Wesleyan Christian Academy has general expectations for all athletes at all levels. Wesleyan Christian Academy expects the following from all team members:

1. Punctuality and preparedness for all practices and games.
2. Ongoing responsibility for academic work, particularly in cases where classes are missed for game participation.
3. Dedication to their team and teammates.
4. A desire to improve skills and knowledge of their sport.
5. Self-discipline – athlete will have to sacrifice time and energy for team goals.
6. A willingness to work hard and be attentive in practices.
7. On-going responsibility to represent Wesleyan Christian Academy at all times in a dignified and positive way.
8. In the event that a student is participating on a Wesleyan Christian Academy team and an out-of-school team concurrently, coaches expect the Wesleyan Christian Academy team to take priority if there is a conflict.
9. Sportsmanship before, during and after games – win with class, lose with class.

Practice and Game Attendance are Mandatory

Acceptable reasons for missing a practice or game are illness or an important, necessary family trip. Unacceptable reasons are lessons for another activity, ski trips, parties, youth group activities, concerts and haircuts. Routine doctor and dental appointments should not be scheduled during practice and game times. Repeated disregard for team attendance policy may lead to suspension or dismissal from that team.

Student Participation in Athletics

1. Each student must be currently and fully enrolled to participate in any sports activity and must be in school at least half of the day on each game day.
2. Any student placed on academic probation shall be suspended from participation on any athletic team for 4 ½ weeks. At the conclusion of the 4 ½ weeks, if the student has met the minimum academic standard, he/she may return to normal participation on the team
3. Any student who is disciplined in other areas of school life is subject to suspension from the athletic program to be determined by the Coach, Athletic Director, Principal, and Administrator.
4. Any student using profane or abusive language, or demonstrating unacceptable behavior will be subject to suspension to be determined by the Coach, Athletic Director, Principal, and Administrator.
5. Any player found to be using possessing, purchasing, or providing tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs, will be subject to appropriate suspension or dismissal from all athletic teams.
6. Any student found to be misusing or abusing school property or equipment will be dismissed from all athletic teams for the current academic year and will be expected to pay for the damage. The student will replace lost equipment.
7. Each student will abide by the rules established by each coach, regarding practice training, conditioning, dress and travel. These rules are to be submitted by the coach to the Athletic Director, Principal, and Administrator for approval prior to use.
8. A PHYSICAL IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION IN ANY TEAM ACTIVITY AND /OR TRYOUTS.
9. Students participating on a Wesleyan Christian Academy team shall recognize the academy sports schedule including meets, games, practices, etc. shall have priority over other competitive teams.

NCISAA

Wesleyan Christian Academy is a member of the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISAA). This organization is comprised of over 90 schools, which are predominantly in North Carolina. A board of directors, headmasters, governs the organization, while a board of managers, athletic directors, provides on-going management. The primary purpose of this organization is to fund and direct state tournaments for varsity sports.

The NCISAA is a group of independent schools sharing a belief that interaction through statewide play-off activities should be a positive experience. The NCISAA endeavors to promote and administrate a variety of educationally sound athletic programs leading to state championships. Therefore, athletic activities are governed by the following principles:

We believe that all activities shall be founded on accepted principles of sportsmanship.

We believe that all activities shall be conducted without racial discrimination.

We shall attempt to minimize interruption of academic schedules as well as travel time and expense.

We believe that financial aid in any form in return for athletic performance should be prohibited.

We believe the business affairs of the NCISSA shall be conducted by a group equally representing the entire constituency.

As a voluntary organization, the NCISAA operates with the belief that the basic intensity of each member school is the most vital part of the organization.

The NCISAA has three divisions for post-season play – 1A, 2A and 3A. Schools with 125 or fewer high school students are in 1A classification; schools with 126-225 students are 2A; and schools with 226 or more students are 3A. Wesleyan Christian Academy competes in the 3A classification.

PACIS

Wesleyan Christian Academy competes regionally in the Piedmont Athletic Conference of Independent Schools (PACIS). The PACIS includes Forsyth Country Day School, Greensboro Day School, High Point Christian Academy, Calvary Baptist Day School, Davidson Day School and Wesleyan Christian Academy. Athletic directors from each school jointly determine conference policy concerning scheduling, conference regular season and tournament play, state tournament representative, participation guidelines and many other important issues in the day-to-day process of our athletic program.

Sportsmanship

Promoting and encouraging good sportsmanship by coaches, athletes, fans and parents is very important to the Wesleyan Christian Academy Athletic program. We believe, as a Christian school, we must hold ourselves to the highest level of sportsmanship and behavior both on and off the playing field. The school's administration, athletic department and coaching staff are committed to encourage an environment of enthusiasm and school spirit consistent with high standards of sportsmanship and respect for opposing teams and game officials. (Taunting, negative cheering or any verbal abuse by fans directed toward opponents or an official is incompatible with good sportsmanship and will not be tolerated.)

Wesleyan Christian Academy athletic events should be fun and positively supported. The school and our athletic teams are best served by fan support that is directed enthusiastically toward our athletes.

The Athletes:

Play hard within the rules of the game.

Win with humility, lose graciously, and congratulate opposing players and coaches.

Respect officials and accept their decisions.

Never attempt to injure an opponent.

Remember that they represent their school, their coaches, and their families, as well as themselves.

Remain positive toward their own coaches and teammates.

Respect the property and facilities of their opponents.

The Coaches:

Serve as a positive role model for their players.

Inspire in their players a love for the game and the desire to win.

Show restraint and respect when dealing with officials.

Reinforce respect and good sportsmanship in practice and game situations and hold their players accountable for unsportsmanlike behavior.

The Spectators:

Treat officials and opposing players, coaches, and fans with respect and courtesy

The Schools:

NCISAA member schools have a responsibility to treat officials, opposing teams, and their spectators as guests. Schools should educate their supporters to cheer their own teams and never to behave in ways, which are disrespectful toward opposing players, coaches, or spectators.

Ejection/Suspension Rule

If any player is ejected from any contest, he or she will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled contest but may sit on the team bench. If any coach is ejected from any contest, he or she may not attend the next scheduled contest. If the same player is ejected a second time from any contest, he or she will not be allowed to participate in the next two scheduled contests but may sit on the team bench. If the same coach is ejected a second time from any contest, he or she will not be allowed to attend the next two scheduled contests. If the same player or coach is ejected a third time, he or she will not be able to participate in or attend any sport until the beginning of the next school year. An ejection is a judgement call; therefore, there are no appeals. This is an NCISAA rule and will apply to all varsity, junior varsity and middle school teams at Wesleyan Christian Academy. Unacceptable behavior not resulting in ejection may also result in disciplinary action by the coach or athletic director.

*Ejection fines may be applied.

Academic Eligibility

Wesleyan Christian Academy athletes strive for success in the classroom as well as on the playing field. Participation on an athletic team does not lessen a student's academic responsibility. Part of being an athlete at Wesleyan is learning to balance the load between academics and athletics. Students must learn to budget their time, plan ahead and fulfill responsibility to their team as well as their academic work load.

Wesleyan Christian Academy has adopted the following policy for minimum academic standards: at the conclusion of any grading period, any student who receives more than two grades below a C- or receives an F in any subject shall be placed on academic probation. During this time the student shall be suspended from participating on any athletic team for 4 ½ weeks (may still practice but not play in any games or attend away weekday contests). At the conclusion of 4 ½ weeks (mid-term), if the student has met the academic standard, he/she may return to normal participation on the team.

NCISAA Eligibility

The North Carolina Independent School athletic association (NCISAA) requires students to be enrolled full-time at a member institution in order to participate in athletics. A student who turns 19 before August 1 of the current school year is not eligible for athletic competition. Any student who has received a high school diploma in the United States is not eligible. All students in grades 7-12 that are eligible for varsity competition are also eligible to participate in state tournament play as well.

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2. ongoing responsibility for academic work, particularly in cases where classes are missed for game participation
3. dedication to their team and teammates
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8. in the event that a student is participating on a Wesleyan Christian Academy team and an out-of-school team concurrently, coaches expect the Wesleyan Christian Academy team to take priority if there is a conflict
9. sportsmanship before, during and after games – win with class, lose with class

School Attendance and Athletic Participation

All students in grades 7-12 must be in school at least ½ day in order to participate in athletics on any given day. A student must check-in by 11:30 a.m. and attend classes the remainder of the school day to be considered ½ day. If a student does not check in by 11:30 a.m. he/she will not be able to practice or play in games that day. Special attendance circumstances must have prior permission from the principal or athletic director in order for the student to participate. Students who receive in-school or out-of-school suspension will not be allowed to participate that day.

Students returning from athletic trips or late night games are expected to be on time for school the next day and not “sleep-in” causing them to miss classes. Part of being a student-athlete at Wesleyan is learning to be disciplined and making sacrifices.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Policy

Students will not use or have possession of tobacco, Marijuana, narcotics, stimulants, alcoholic beverages, or any other unauthorized or controlled, illegal substance or drug paraphernalia. This applies to students on campus or off campus and at any time of the year. Students not complying with this policy will receive an extended suspension or will be expelled from the Academy.

The guidelines listed below will be followed. First and second offenses are based upon total years enrolled in Wesleyan Christian Academy.

Academy Standards (as defined by handbook):

1st Offense – 3 OSS & 9 Weeks Disciplinary Probation (DP)

2nd Offense – 5 OSS & 9 Weeks DP

3rd Offense – Grounds for Expulsion

Athletic Standards: (for infractions occurring out of season, Athletic Standards are in addition to Academic Standards)

1st Offense – 10% Athletic Probation (AP) [based on entire season game count]

2nd Offense – 20% Athletic Probation

3rd Offense – No athletic participation for a calendar year (if still enrolled at WCA)

4th Offense – No further participation in WCA athletics

AP means that a student may be “rostered” and practice with a team, but not participate in games or travel. If in season, AP will take place immediately. If out of season, the next participating season will require the AP period. (note: if a student rosters in order to serve AP, they may not quit in order to be eligible for the next season; if attempted, that is an AP violation and will be carried over)

Criteria for Earning a Varsity Letter

High School varsity athletes have the opportunity to earn a varsity letter. All varsity letter winners will receive a certificate for each sport per season, plus one block “W” for their high school athletic career. They will also receive a sport “Pin” their first year and a “Bar” for each additional season they meet requirements to letter.

Qualification Standards for Varsity Letters:

Varsity Baseball	Play in at least 40% of total innings
Varsity Basketball	Play in at least 40% of total quarters
Varsity Cheerleading	Each will receive a varsity letter upon the completion of season
Varsity Cross-Country	Finish in teams top 7 in 40% of total meets
Varsity Golf	Play in at least 40% of total matches
Varsity Soccer	Play in at least 40% of total minutes
Varsity Softball	Play in at least 40% of total innings
Varsity Swimming	Place in at least 30% of total meets
Varsity Tennis	Play in at least 40% of total matches
Varsity Track	Place in at least 30% of total meets
Varsity Volleyball	Play in at least 40% of total games (not matches)
Varsity Wrestling	Compete in at least 40% of total matches

Exceptions To Athletic Letter Policy:

1. A senior in good team standing who has not received a letter in that sport may be granted a letter.
2. A student who is injured while participating in their sport and cannot compete in a sufficient number of games to earn a letter may be awarded a letter if the coach feels the athlete would have earned the letter had he/she not been injured.
3. Failure to attend a conference or state tournament event for any unexcused reason will result in loss of letter.

All varsity, junior varsity, and middle school participants will receive a certificate. Managers will receive the same awards as athletes in all levels.

Awards

School letters and certificates are awarded according to the policies listed below.

Winners are selected in a manner prescribed by the coaching staff. New awards may not be added without the knowledge and consent of the coaching staff and the Athletic Director. All awards will be purchased by the Athletic Director, and paid for by the Trojan (Booster) Club.

The following criteria will be used in the selection process of the award winners:

1. Most valuable player – The athlete who contributes the most to the total success of the whole team.
2. Most improved player – The athlete who makes the greatest strides progressing as a player in his/her sport.
3. Coach's Award – The athlete in his/her sport, who through leadership and spiritual example as well as athletic accomplishment, contributes significantly to the coach and team.
4. Trojan of the Year Awards:
An athlete who displays leadership, spiritual contribution, athletic accomplishment, team unity, total commitment to the school and athletic program. (This award will be presented to one male and one female athlete from the senior class).

Athletic Awards Night

Athletic awards night is held at the end of the fall, winter, and spring sport seasons. These special nights recognize middle school, junior varsity and varsity teams in a special program. During these programs, each coach will have the opportunity to speak about his/her team and individual accomplishments. All Athletes are expected to attend and dress up for these occasions. Students should dress in accordance with the school dress code and no T-shirts, jeans, shorts or tennis shoes should be worn.

Trojan Of The Year

This special award is presented to one male and one female athlete from the senior class each year. This should be an athlete who displays leadership, spiritual contribution, athletic accomplishment, team unity, and total commitment to the school and athletic program. A panel of Wesleyan varsity coaches selects the winner.

Athletic Physicals/Medical Eligibility

All student athletes must receive an annual physical examination before they are allowed to participate in any practices or games. This physical will cover the athlete for an entire calendar year from the date of the physical. All student athletes are also required to fill out and return a completed medical history form with consent for treatment section signed by a parent or guardian. *Any athlete who has not filled out and returned the required paperwork or who does not have a current, completed physical form on file at Wesleyan Christian Academy will be withheld from all athletic activities until all forms are submitted. (A copy of each form is included in the handbook).*

Transportation

Wesleyan Christian Academy will provide transportation to all regularly scheduled away contests and off-campus practices. Coaches will communicate departure and return times to team members that are set-up by the athletic director. Athletes are not allowed to ride to or from off-campus practices or games with friends or in their own cars except in special situations. If there is a student who needs to make alternate transportation arrangements for a legitimate reason, parents must sign a transportation waiver form and obtain approval of the coach or athletic director. It is the coach's decision whether the athlete must return from an away game with the team. If the coach decides it is not necessary for the student to return with the team from a game, the following steps should be followed:

1. The athlete may ride home with his/her parents (no one else) if the parent gives the coach oral or written notice, or
2. Parents must personally give the coach oral or written permission for their children to ride home with another parent.

Emergency Travel Procedure

In case of a travel emergency while attending an away contest, coaches will make every effort to have students contact their parents by phone to relay all necessary information. Many coaches also have phone chains of all team members to communicate any news as well. If these methods of communication are not possible, the athletic director and principal will be informed and relay all relevant information to each parent by phone.

Overnight Trips

Varsity teams occasionally have overnight trips during the regular season or state tournament play. Each coach or the athletic director makes hotel arrangements. Hotel expenses are shared evenly by Wesleyan Christian Academy team members. Meals are the responsibility of each athlete.

Uniforms

The Wesleyan Christian Academy athletic department will issue uniforms to all members of each team. These uniforms are to be cared for during the season by each athlete and returned at the end of each season. Parents of athletes who do not return uniforms will be billed for the cost of replacing these uniforms.

A few items are purchased by the individual athlete and do not need to be returned at the end of season. These include swimming suits, baseball caps, soccer/baseball socks, golf shirts and tennis wear. Items such as these will be provided for each athlete at original purchase price and generally billed to the student's account.

Wesleyan athletes are required to wear the uniforms issued to them for interscholastic competition. Teams and team members will not be allowed to independently purchase additional or different items to be worn as part of the team uniform unless approved by the athletic director.

Uniforms and team warm-ups are not to be worn except for games, or as approved by the athletic director.

Team Apparel Accessories: Teams are encouraged to show spirit and unity through the development of team accessories. These may include t-shirts, warm-ups, etc. Every effort will be made to minimize extra expenses, so each team will be limited to the following amounts. This amount should exclude team shoes or hats.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Expense amount allowed</u>
Varsity	\$120.00
J.V.	\$85.00
MS	\$50.00

Inclement Weather Policy

On days when weather does not allow Wesleyan Christian Academy to open school, there will be no practices or games unless there is a special clearance from the administrator. For teams that practice and play outside during the fall and spring, rainy weather can be a factor. In case of thunder or lightning all teams should be removed from the field immediately and a waiting period of 20 minutes will follow before the teams are allowed to practice or play.

The athletic director has the final decision on whether a contest should be cancelled or postponed because of the weather. The Athletic Director will have the final decision on whether practices will be cancelled because of weather and will make that decision as early as possible so communication to parents can be made. Usually students can assume those practices or games will be held as scheduled unless an official announcement has been made. At no time will Wesleyan Christian Academy allow practice or games to be held if the weather or field conditions create a danger to students.

Publicity

As our athletic program grows and continues to be successful it is important that we publicize team and individual accomplishments. We want our athletic program to be recognized across the triad and throughout the state. Team athletic schedules are sent to all newspapers prior to the start of each session. These schedules are made available to parents and students prior to the start of each season so that students and parents can plan ahead to avoid conflicts with practice and games.

Head coaches at Wesleyan Christian Academy are responsible for reporting game results to the local media. Varsity coaches are responsible for reporting results to the High Point Enterprise, Greensboro News and Record and the Winston-Salem Journal. Middle School and Junior Varsity coaches are responsible for providing scores to the High Point Enterprise. Scores should be reported, win or lose. It is the responsibility of the head coach to report any All-Conference or All-State selections.

Trojan (Booster) Club

The Wesleyan Trojan Booster Club is a group of parents whose goal is to support and enhance the athletic program at Wesleyan Christian Academy. The Trojan Club supports the Wesleyan coaches and players by attending athletic events, selling tickets and concessions, assisting with athletic award's night and selling school spirit items.

The Trojan Club also helps to underwrite a host of athletic expenses such as trophies, award letters and pins and pocket schedules. The majority of the money to purchase items comes from Trojan Club membership dues.

Trojan Club membership provides many benefits including reduced admission to all regular season, home basketball, baseball, volleyball, wrestling and soccer games (only \$1.00 per ticket instead of \$5.00). Admission to all other regular season sporting events is free of charge for everyone.

Parents are encouraged to be involved in leadership roles in the Trojan Club. Yearly officer positions needed to be filled are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. You may contact the athletic director for further information.

Parent Questions

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide a greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the squad
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests
4. Team requirements, i.e. practices, special equipment, out-of-season conditioning
5. Procedure followed should your child be injured during participation
6. Discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation

Communication coaches expect from parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
3. Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

As your children become involved in the programs at WCA, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches

1. The treatment of your child
2. Ways to help your child's behavior
3. Concerns about your child's behavior

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgement decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved and the interests of the team. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student-athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue or concern.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the procedure you should follow

1. Call to set up an appointment
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the athletic director. A meeting will be set up for you.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

The Next Step – What a parent can do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution

1. Call and set up appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation. Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits require to be successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided makes both your child's and your experience with the WCA athletic program less stressful and more enjoyable.