



ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

We require that the athletes of WEST COAST IMPACT ATHLETIC LEAGUE (WCI) exemplify Christ-like behavior on and off the court. The purpose of this handbook is to set forth the standards by which we expect our athletes and families to adhere. We require that parents and athletes read this handbook so you can properly support the league and help your student-athlete be successful.

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This handbook is to be revised at the discretion of the WCI Board and/or Athletic Directors.

VISION

To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

MISSION STATEMENT

To relentlessly pursue excellence in athletics, fostering a Christ-centered environment that cultivates athletic skill, character, and unwavering faith, empowering our athletes to compete with integrity and impact their communities for God's glory.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe only the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Deuteronomy 4:2, Revelation 22:19, Matthew 24:35, John 1:1)

We believe that God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

We believe that man is created in the image of God, but then by voluntary disobedience fell from perfection, thereby imputing sinfulness into all. (Romans 5:12)

We believe that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8)

We believe Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Savior, the Son of God who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross, and was raised from the grave. He will return as our victorious Lord. We believe our salvation comes only through Jesus Christ and cannot be earned. It is a gift of God. (Romans 10:9, Ephesians 2:8)

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life; we further believe His power and gifts are available to believers today. (Acts 2:4, Ephesians 4:30-32)

We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hold to the truth that God uses His people as a means to bring the gospel to the world. Jesus commissioned us to make disciples of all the nations. (Matthew 28:19-20)

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

It is the goal of WEST COAST IMPACT ATHLETIC LEAGUE to provide an opportunity where every athlete can explore the capabilities God has given them through participation in sports. The guidelines of WCI will be followed by all participants. Parents are expected to support the standards and goals of WCI.

Winning is important to the continuance of a solid athletic program. Winning, however, must be tempered by the basic beliefs of our Christian faith. First and foremost, it is the responsibility of all Christians to honor the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:23). We can win games and tournament titles, but with the loss of our Christian testimony all becomes vain or worthless. The prevailing attitude among all those connected with the sports program at WCI should be this: **I want Christ to be seen in my life.**

I. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

- A. Each athlete must have a waiver of liability, signed handbook compliance form and registration payment fees paid in full **prior** to practicing or playing on a WCI team. The athlete cannot compete in tryouts, practice, or games without the above documents and fees.
- B. Stated non-refundable deposit due at time of registration. Initial payment installment due at the time of the first practice.
- C. If the athlete has a medical condition please inform the coaches immediately.

II. GAME AND PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

As we begin each season, be aware of the expectations for the players and families. First know that all coaches, board members and athletic directors are giving up their valuable time from work and families to coach your athlete. Respect their time and dedication to the teams by doing the following:

- A. **Commit yourself to the team for the season:** If you are choosing to join the team, then you need to commit to it and let your “Yes be Yes” (James 5:12). What does that look like?
 - 1. Show up on time for every practice. Every minute of practice time is planned and valuable to the individual player and the team as a whole. We cannot stress enough the impact on player and team continuity that happens when a player misses practice. Plays and drills are taught at each practice and if a player misses practice, they generally have a hole in their understanding of what is going on.
 - 2. Be sure to align your schedules with the season schedule. The whole point of practicing on the team is to be able to compete so please make every effort to be there. As mentioned above, life happens and if you know you will be missing a game, be sure to give your coach a few days notice as game preparations generally involve resetting line-ups and game strategy based on the personnel available.
- B. **During games and tournaments**, be sure to keep your cheering to an ‘encouraging’ tone to all players, coaches and referees. Sometimes, during the heat of competition, passions rise, however it should never trump our testimony for Christ. We represent Christ first and foremost by:
 - 1. Not harassing the game officials or making negative comments about them. They are human and are subject to making mistakes. If you think that you can do a better job of officiating, then we will gladly add you to our referee roster.
 - 2. Letting the coaches coach, the players play, and the parents cheer. If your athlete is going to improve and play well for their team, they must have ONE voice they listen to; that is their coach. Our coaches have dedicated time and energy to learning their craft and building team strategy. They have poured into your athlete and know the strengths and weaknesses of each player and the role they play best for the good of the entire team. Refrain from coaching your child from the stands. It will only serve to distract and confuse them and could conflict with the training the coaches are trying to accomplish.
 - 3. Be polite to players and parents from the opposing team. Don’t forget, long after the score is forgotten, our behavior, reputation and character are remembered.
 - 4. WCI’s philosophy on playing time and involvement: WCI desires that our teams be serious about their commitment to their team. Success of players, coaches and the improvement of each team are dependent on this concept. Each player will have opportunities to play, but understand that players purchase a “seat” on the team. The fees do not guarantee playing time. You pay to be trained and participate as part of a team, not as a guarantee to play in games.

Playing time is at the discretion of the coaching staff, based on several criteria including, but not limited to, attendance, practice, attitude, game performance, needs of the team at that moment and skill.

- C. Should you need to discuss your athlete with the coach, do so outside of the context of a practice or game. Allow for a 24-hour cooling off period before you approach a coach after a game. If you have concerns or questions, speak with the coach in person. Text messages and emails are not the appropriate format for these discussions. If a concern should arise, first, go to your coach directly. If you do not get resolution, then contact the Athletic Director. Below you will find a chain of contact guide.

COMMUNICATION CHAIN OF CONTACT

SITUATION	CONTACT ORDER
Questions regarding your individual player	1. Team Head Coach 2. Athletic Director
Schedule questions	1. Team Head Coach 2. Team Mom 3. Athletic Director
Questions regarding coaching philosophy	1. Team Head Coach 2. Athletic Director
Account or billing inquiry	1. Bookkeeper 2. Athletic Director
Player issues and/or with teammate(s)	1. Team Head Coach 2. Athletic Director

- D. WCI has a **NO TOLERANCE** policy regarding the consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any other 'controlled substance'. Players that are found to have participated in activities where these substances were used or consumed are subject to disciplinary actions that can range up to immediate and permanent dismissal from the team. Any players who are disciplined for these actions will not have any portion of their season fees refunded.
- E. WCI is a Christian sports program. There will be prayer before practices, games and tournaments. There will be occasional Bible reference/devotionals as part of the regular course of practices or events. All players will respectfully participate as part of maintaining team unity. Our Statement of Faith can be found on our website and in this handbook. By joining WCI you agree to this participation.
- F. Once a player is committed to the league on signing night/commitment night, the player will not be allowed to change leagues without written expression of need to leave and a signed release from the league director. If the family chooses not to continue to play in the league they committed to at the start of the season, no refunds will be given.
- G. All athletes must meet the athletic dress code as it is stated by the coach and what is proper for the uniform of that sport.
- H. Athletes are expected to wear warm-up clothing/practice clothing (T-shirts, shorts, warm-up pants, etc.) properly and modestly at all times. Altered t-shirts that would expose the midriff or chest are unacceptable.
- I. With regard to illness and health, we ask that all athletes and families do their part; if you feel ill, stay home; if you are running a temperature, stay home; and use hygiene precautions such as hand washing. WCI will not 'police' this, as we believe each and every family is free and able to make reasonable decisions for their families.

III. ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. Every athlete is expected to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner on and off the playing area.
- B. Every athlete is expected to respect and follow the directions of the coaches.
- C. Every athlete is expected to respect the officials.
- D. Every athlete is expected to exhibit a sportsmanlike attitude at all times toward other players, opposing teams and teammates.
- E. Every athlete is expected to play as part of a team and not for himself.
- F. Every athlete is expected to understand that you have joined the team to LEARN the skills and concepts of that particular sport; you have not joined to have equal playing time.
- G. Every athlete is expected to be respectful of facilities, equipment, and uniform care.

- H. Every athlete is to be present and on time for all practices and games unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time and communicated with the coaches.
- I. Any permanent removal of a player from the game by an official due to an attitude or language will result in a one-game suspension. The athletic director and administration may review and make final decisions regarding game suspensions.

IV. PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent or guardian of an athlete in the WEST COAST IMPACT ATHLETIC LEAGUE (WCI), I agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct to promote a positive, respectful, and supportive environment for all athletes, coaches, and families.

- A. **Communication and Support.** Maintain open and respectful communication with coaches and assist in enforcing the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.
- B. **Punctuality.** Ensure your athlete attends all practices and games on time.
- C. **Participation.** Actively participate; attend games, and fulfill volunteer roles. The team's success relies on your consistent involvement.
- D. **Respect for Coaching.** Allow coaches to lead without interference. Refrain from coaching from the sidelines or communicating with players during practices and games. Parents, you are not the coach.
- E. **Trust in Coaching Decisions.** Recognize that coaching involves varied approaches and decisions, which may not always align with your perspective. Trust that WCI coaches act in the best interests of the team and each athlete, and respect their decisions even if you disagree.
- F. **Focus on Development.** Understand that your athlete's participation is for learning and developing skills, not for guaranteed equal playing time. Coaches are committed to improving all players' abilities and will strive to provide participation opportunities, but equal playing time is not guaranteed.
- G. **Addressing Concerns.** Observe a 24-hour waiting period after a game before discussing concerns, complaints, criticisms, or suggestions with a coach. Address issues directly with the head coach in person, not through text, email, or other parents. Gossiping with other parents does not solve a concern, but only creates more strife. Gossiping and drama are not tolerated.
- H. **Maintaining a Positive Environment.** Recognize that WCI and its associated sports programs are a 'no-drama' zone. Causing or perpetuating conflict among the team, parents, or coaches may result in dismissal of the athlete or parent from the league with no refunds issued. If issues arise with a coach or another parent, address them directly and respectfully, following the biblical principle of resolving conflicts privately (Matthew 18:15).

Waiver of Participation Rights. By participating in WCI, I acknowledge that WCI reserves the right to cancel or remove any athlete or parent from the league and any gym facilities rented by WCI at its sole discretion, with or without cause, and without refund. This includes, but is not limited to, violations of this Code of Conduct, disruptive behavior, or actions deemed detrimental to WEST COAST IMPACT ATHLETIC LEAGUE, its participants, or its facilities.

V. GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY

- A. All those involved in West Coast Impact Athletic League must have all proper documentation and signed paperwork, both online and in hard copy, as indicated.
- B. WCI has always considered itself an outreach. We are first and foremost a ministry to reach the world for Christ through the athletic realm; we are secondly an athletic organization. That stated, **be clear that this is a Christian organization**, and by completing the registration process you are agreeing to abide by the WCI handbook and participate in all functions of WCI including, but not limited to, all parameters that reference prayer, devotionals, being representatives for Christ, honoring our Statement of Faith, and honoring our Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do on and off the court. You may sit quietly with your team if you choose to not directly participate, but participation is required; there will be no opting out.

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK COMPLIANCE FORM

Confirmation of Adherence to WCI Statement of Faith

This form is to be completed and returned before an athlete participates in their first season (prior to or at the first practice). In the case of online registration, an "agreement" is checked as part of the registration process.

By my signature and the signature of my parent(s)/guardian(s), and/or by checking "yes" and/or "agreement" in the online registration form, I am confirming that I have read and understand the rules, regulations and guidelines set forth in this handbook. I do agree to abide by these rules, regulations and guidelines and will faithfully exemplify Christ-like behaviors, and support the coaches, athletic director and administration of WEST COAST IMPACT ATHLETIC LEAGUE.

In addition, by my signature and the signature of my parent(s)/guardian(s), I have read, agree with and firmly support the Statement of Faith of WCI.

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

Date