

STRONG ROCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of Strong Rock Christian School is to glorify God and partner with families in educating and inspiring their children to impact the world for Jesus Christ – The Strong Rock.

Our Speech:

1. **Questionable language or “slang” words will not be tolerated.** The athlete will never engage in any language that can be termed "trash talking" or use profanity or questionable slang.
Example: In basketball, chants of “air-ball” or screaming while the opponent is on the free-throw line shows poor sportsmanship. In baseball, making noise while an opponent is at bat shows poor sportsmanship.
2. **The athlete will address the coach and the officials with respect.** The athlete will address the coach as “Coach” or “Mr., Miss or Mrs.” and will take concerns or complaints directly to the coach. Insubordination and divisive speech or behavior will not be tolerated. The athlete should address the officials with “Yes Sir” or “Yes Ma’am”
3. **Never criticize the officials or coaches.** These people represent the authority figure, the “supervisor”, the parent, the teacher and the “Law”. Obedience to authority is not optional and is not predicated on whether you agree with it. All authority is God-given and disobedience to authority is disobedience to God.

Colossians 4:6 let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt...

Our Relationships:

1. **Develop relationships and a good rapport with teammates and coaches.** God has placed you in this situation for a purpose. You have an opportunity to develop life-long friendships. If sports become all about you, you need to not participate.
2. **Develop relationships and a good rapport with classmates.** Do not attempt to set yourself upon a pedestal. Your classmates will not respect you or support you.
3. **Develop relationships and a good rapport with students from other schools.** Never miss an opportunity to share Jesus Christ with others.

John 15:12 this is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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Our Unity:

1. **Develop unity within your team.** "It is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit." John Wooden
2. **Develop unity within our school family.** God has called each one of us to this school. Each of us has different abilities and different roles. Never be jealous or envious of another person's role. Be busy fulfilling your role.
3. **Develop unity within the Kingdom.** We must establish our philosophy with other schools for our ultimate purpose to be met... to further the Kingdom of God. It will take other Christian schools being successful. Pray for them as you pray for Strong Rock.

I Corinthians 12:12,13 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...

Our Motives:

1. **Be Motivated by the Love of God.** Living for Him because He died for us.
2. **Strive for victory in order to Glorify God.** Athletics is just a means to an end and not an end unto itself.
3. **Demonstrating Christ in our lives by abiding by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.** Tactics that promote unfair "gamesmanship" will not be tolerated.
4. **Committed to excellence.** In all areas – Faith, Practice, Academics and Game Preparation. **Play and Act like a CHAMPION!**

I Corinthians 10:31 ...do all to the Glory of God.

Our Behavior:

1. **The athlete will maintain a good reputation.** The athlete's character will be in good standing with the administration, faculty, staff and church.
2. **The athlete will meet all eligibility requirements.**
3. **The athlete will know and understand all requirements.** The athlete will know all the expectations of their team and will follow them both in action and in spirit.
4. **The athlete will show respect for all coaches, trainers and all staff personnel.** This includes the game plans, methods and philosophies.
5. **The athlete will show respect for their teammates.** The athlete will respect the seriousness of their commitment by attending all practices, meetings and games as prescribed at the beginning of the season and by working together to accomplish a common goal. Help to hold your teammates accountable for their actions.

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6. **The athlete will maintain a high standard of appearance.** Both in and out of the arena adhering to the strictest interpretations of the school dress code and the team dress and uniform code.
7. **The athlete will demonstrate Christ-like character.** Both in and out of the arena showing respect in speech and actions for game officials, opponents and all those associated with our opponents.
8. **The athlete will never engage in fighting.** The athlete will always maintain self-control. Un-sportsman-like conduct penalties will not be tolerated and will be penalized. Penalties include, but are not limited to, suspensions or dismissal from the team.
9. **The athlete will know and understand our philosophy.** The athlete will respect the seriousness of the eternal effects of their responsibilities as they represent themselves, their families, their school, their church and ultimately their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:6 "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

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SIGNATURE PAGE

I have read and understand the Athlete's Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its principles and guidelines at all Strong Rock sporting events. I fully understand I may not participate without a signed copy of this document on file in the athletic office.

Note: Please detach, fill in, and return with other Athletic forms

Student's Name

Student's Signature

Date