

Athletic Code of Conduct

Participation in athletics is a privilege that comes with a commitment and responsibility to represent our school, family, and faith well. Each athlete must have a signed Code of Conduct on file before participation.

Our Speech

Colossians 4:6 ~ "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt..."

- Questionable language or "slang" words will not be tolerated. The athlete will never engage in any language that can be termed "trash talking," use profanity or questionable slang. *Example: In basketball, chanting "air-ball" or screaming while the opponent is on the free-throw line shows poor sportsmanship. In volleyball, making noise while an opponent is serving shows poor sportsmanship.*
- The athlete will address coaches and officials with respect by addressing the coach as "Coach" or "Mr., Miss or Mrs." and will take concerns or complaints directly to him or her. Insubordination and divisive speech or behavior will not be tolerated. The athlete will address officials as "Sir" or "Ma'am".
- Never criticize the officials or coaches. These people represent the authority figure, "boss", parent, teacher, and "Law". Obedience to authority is not optional and is not predicated on whether or not you agree with it. All authority is God-given and disobedience to authority is disobedience to God.
- Meet and greet opposing teams. Often you may be the first impression someone has of Kardia Christian Academy. Ask yourself this question "Is my speech setting up an opportunity to share Jesus Christ or a need to apologize?"

Our Relationships

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

- Develop relationships and a good rapport with teammates, classmates and coaches. God has placed you in this situation for a purpose. You have an opportunity to develop life-long friendships. Do not attempt to set yourself upon a pedestal. If sports becomes all about you, friendships and team morale will suffer.
- Develop relationships and a good rapport with students from other schools. Never miss an opportunity to share Jesus Christ with others.

Our Unity

1 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..."

- Develop unity within your team. "It is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit." - John Wooden
- Develop unity within our school family. God has called each one of us to this school. Each of us has different abilities and, therefore, different roles. Do not be jealous or envious of someone else's role. Be busy fulfilling your role.
- Develop unity within the Kingdom. We must establish relationships with other schools in order to fulfill our ultimate purpose – to further the Kingdom of God. Pray for them as you pray for Kardia.

Our Motives

1 Corinthians 10:31 ~ "...do all to the Glory of God."

- Be motivated by the love of God. Living for Him because He died for us.
- Strive for victory in order to glorify God. Athletics is just a means to an end and not an end unto itself.
- 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.
- Be committed to excellence in all areas – faith, practice, academics.
- Play and act like a CHAMPION!

Our Behavior

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

- The athlete will maintain a good reputation. The athlete's character will be in good standing with the administration, faculty, and staff.
- The athlete will meet all eligibility requirements- academic, attendance, and behavior.
- The athlete will know and understand all requirements and expectations of their team and will follow them both in action and in spirit.
- The athlete will show respect for all coaches, trainers and staff. This includes the game plans, methods and philosophies.
- The athlete will show respect for their teammates and respect the seriousness of their commitment by attending all practices, meetings, and games. Athletes will work together to accomplish a common goal.
- The athlete will respect the importance of education by attending, at least, 50% of the school day on the day of a competition to be eligible to participate. Excessive tardies may lead to ineligibility.
- 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.
- 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.
- The athlete will never engage in fighting. The athlete will maintain self control at all times. Unsportsmanlike conduct penalties will not be tolerated and will be penalized. Penalties include, but are not limited to, suspensions or dismissal from the team.
- The athlete will know and understand our philosophy and respect the eternal effects of their speech and actions as they represent themselves, their families, their school, their church, and ultimately their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Student's Name _____

Grade for 2025-2026 _____

Student's Signature

I understand that participation in athletics is a privilege that comes with a commitment and responsibility to represent my school, family, and faith well. I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its guidelines. I understand that my playing time will be reduced or removed if I choose not to abide by these principles and guidelines and I may not participate until a signed copy of the Code of Conduct is on file.

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parents are a vital part of any athletic program. A child's first example is their parent. As such, your attitude towards athletics is contagious. We ask that you, their parent, enjoy the game, encourage them from the stands, celebrate their victories and give them room to experience failure. Allow space in their life for their coach to coach them. Enjoy this season in their life. The games will all soon be forgotten, but the lessons of commitment, respect, and resilience will last forever.

Parent's Signature

I understand that my student's participation in athletics is a privilege that comes with commitment and responsibility. I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its guidelines and to assist my athlete in abiding by them. I understand that my student's playing time will be reduced or removed if they choose not to abide by these principles and guidelines.

Parent's Name (please print) _____

Parent's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Right Time Right Place Policy

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