



Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association
UNITY- CHARACTER- HONOR

Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, inerrant, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God which constitutes completed and final revelation, and to be the sole and final authority for faith and practice. (II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:21, Psalm 119:89, Psalm 12:6,7).
2. We believe there is one living and true God - an infinite, intelligent Spirit, perfect in all His attributes, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deuteronomy 6:4, John 1:1-13, Matthew 3:16-17, II Corinthians 13:14, Revelation 1:8).
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into Heaven, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory. (John 1:1,14, Luke 1:31-35, Philippians 2:6-8, I Corinthians 15:1-8, 15:21, I Peter 2:24, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 9:12, Acts 1:9-11, I Thessalonians 4:13-18).
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin through the disobedience of Adam and is, therefore, lost, unable to justify himself before God. (Genesis 1:26,27, 2:16,17, 3:6, Romans 3:10,23, 5:12,18).
5. We believe that salvation is the free gift of God given to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in Jesus Christ alone, as Savior and Lord, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin. This free gift of salvation is not received by any personal works whatsoever. (Ephesians 2:8,9, Titus 3:5, John 1:12, 5:24, Romans 5:15, 6:23, 10:9-13, Acts 16:31).
6. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict and regenerate mankind, and to indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service. (John 16:7-14, Titus 3:5, I Corinthians 6:19, 12:13, Romans 8:14, Ephesians 5:18).
7. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28-29, I Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 20:4-5, 20:12-15).

I acknowledge that I have read the Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association Statement of Faith. I understand that this Statement of Faith will be the guiding principle for decisions and actions of the organization.

Acknowledged By Player _____

Acknowledged by Parent _____



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CHAA ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association was founded in August 2010 to promote varsity level sports programs for home educated and small Christian school athletes in the Savannah and low country South Carolina area that would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate on organized sports teams. CHAA's values can be best described as promoting Unity, Character and Honor among its players, coaches and parents.

- **UNITY** – We unite ourselves as a team and learn the importance of working together for a common goal, and trusting in our teammates, coaches and parents
- **CHARACTER** – We desire to demonstrate Christ-like character in all that we do including our interactions with teammates, coaches, parents, officials and opponents
- **HONOR** – We strive to honor God by giving our best in practice and competition, and by praising Him whether we win or lose.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY – The purpose of CHAA is to provide athletic opportunities for home educated athletes in Savannah and the low country South Carolina area. Student athletes with satisfactory academic standing from small Christian schools and charter schools in the area that do not have an athletic program, or do not offer a particular sport that CHAA sponsors, are also eligible to participate.

AGE REQUIREMENT – For most sports sponsored by CHAA, varsity level programs are open to athletes in the 8th through 12th grade that have not turned 19 prior to July 1st of the school year that they are participating and have not graduated. Younger/smaller athletes may see very limited playing time on varsity teams depending on the sport and total number of athletes participating, especially in football. This is more about the athletes' safety than ability. If offered for a particular sport, Junior Varsity/Middle School level programs are typically open to athletes in the 6th through 9th grade.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS – All athletes and their parents/guardians are required to:

- Complete the Player Application including the Medical Authorization form and attach a copy of their Health Insurance information
- Acknowledge and sign CHAA's Statement of Faith
- Sign the Limited Liability Waiver Form
- Pay the participation fee assigned to each sport for which they participate
- Maintain an attitude and level of sportsmanship that upholds the values of the organization.



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CHAA ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In an effort to affirm and promote the Christian characteristics of perseverance, diligence, initiative, obedience, and wisdom in each of our CHAA student-athletes, each parent shall inform the appropriate coach or a board member of the student's failing or falling grades due to the negligence, laziness, or unresponsiveness of their student.

In return, the coach or board member will discern with the parent the best course of action as related to the particular sport in order to motivate the student toward performing their best and placing school work at the forefront of importance to athletics.

This responsibility lies solely with the parent of the student-athlete. No grades are to be submitted as this requirement is determined more upon the student's attitude than on a grade average.

I have read and agree to the CHAA Academic Guidelines. (Circle One) Yes No

Player Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

** Please note: if your child would like to play collegiate sports, the NCAA has certain academic requirements which home schooled students must meet.

This information is found at:

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/home-school-students> and

<http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA16.pdf>

There are more than 460,000 NCAA student-athletes, and fewer than two percent will go pro in their sport. For the rest, the experiences of college athletics and the life lessons they learn along the way will help them as they pursue careers in business, education, athletics administration, communications, law, medicine and many more fields. Education is a vital part of the college athletics experience, and student athletes treat it that way. (NCAA publications)



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CHAA Expectations

CHAA is a Christ-centered athletic organization built around the ideals of Unity, Character & Honor.

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CHAA expects its Coaches to:

1. Promote the CHAA ideals of Unity, Character & Honor.
2. Pray with their Teams.
3. Lead by example in being respectful of players, coaches, fans, and officials at all times.
4. Never publicly demean a player, official, opposing coach, or parent.
5. Be responsible for their own behavior and also the behavior of their team, their parents, and fans.
6. Ensure that their players are supervised by a coach or another designated adult and never allow their players to be left unattended or unsupervised at a game or practice.
7. Never knowingly permit an injured player to play or return to the game.
8. Take reasonable steps to see that all equipment used by their players is safe and conforms to standards.
9. Take the initiative in resolving any known or suspected conflict relating to a player or family.
10. Accept positive and negative feedback graciously as from the Lord.

CHAA expects its Players to:

1. Uphold the CHAA ideals of Unity, Character & Honor.
2. Show respect for authority to all coaches and game officials.
3. Respect the privilege of using playing facilities by cleaning up benches, locker rooms, stands, and grounds after a practice or game.
4. Avoid profanity or demeaning speech on all occasions, even in the “heat of competition.
5. Communicate to the coach ahead of time when they will miss a practice or game.
6. Understand that the TEAM comes before the welfare of an individual player.
7. Be willing to serve in any role to build TEAM success.
8. Show up for practice on time, with proper equipment and ready to play.
9. Tell the coach of their concerns or problems instead of talking to others about them.
10. Seek to resolve personal conflicts with teammates. Speak to them first and seek reconciliation.

CHAA expects Parents to:

1. Trust the coach to coach the team.
2. Volunteer to help with team needs whenever possible.



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3. Let the officials and umpires call the game, remembering that they too are only human and that rarely is the outcome of a game determined by a "bad call."
4. Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship at games by using only positive cheers and never laughing at errors or jeering an opponent.
5. Assist their athletes to show up to practice and games on time, with proper equipment, and ready to play.
6. Direct their athletes to communicate to the coach in advance of any anticipated missed practices or games.
7. Speak to the coach privately (and not to others) about any issues concerning any aspect of their family or athlete's participation on an CHAA team.
8. Speak to the particular CHAA Commissioner about any issue not adequately resolved with a coach.
9. Be familiar with the CHAA Rules of Eligibility and to notify the coach of any reason their athlete might not qualify to play with CHAA.
10. Fill out the post-season evaluations with truth and love.

All participants in CHAA programs; players, parents, coaches and other volunteers; must sign the acknowledgement of the CHAA Statement of Faith. All Coaches, Commissioners and Board Members must be professing believers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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CHAA MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name of Player: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Known Allergies: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

Current Medications: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Cell # _____

Email Address: _____

Please attach copy of Health Insurance information to this form.

Medical Authorization

In case of an emergency or accident during any Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association event or team activity involving my child, _____, which in the opinion of CHAA or team authorities present, requires immediate medical or surgical attention, I hereby grant permission to said CHAA or team authorities to obtain the services of a physician or to transport said child to hospital if it is deemed necessary. I hereby grant permission, also to said physician to treat said condition unless I am present and request otherwise or until I later request otherwise.

Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____



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AMATUER MINOR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association athletics/sports program, and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agree that the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) will instruct the minor participant that prior to participating he or she should inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately advise his or her coach or supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate.
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their actions, inactions, or negligence but the action, inaction, or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Assume all the foregoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent total disability or death.
4. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Coastal Homeschool Athletic Association, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, and other employees of the organization, other members/participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors or premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Name of Participant (print) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Relationship (print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ DATE _____

Address of Member/Participant _____

Telephone Number of Parent or Guardian _____ (____) _____



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CHAA APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

The most valuable asset belonging to CHAA is its reputation. Our reputation among the schools we play is determined by not only our competitive play, but our behavior and our appearance. "You only get one chance to make a first impression." Most schools have dress codes that limit individual expression in appearance during school activities. CHAA desires to put forth a positive statement with our appearance and, most of all, our character. In our appearance, we want to refrain from drawing attention to ourselves or from detracting from the TEAM.

All CHAA Athletes, Commissioners, Coaches, Board Members, and all others who represent CHAA are encouraged to dress in a manner that could not be considered offensive or morally suggestive but would, in every way, glorify our Lord Jesus Christ and would represent CHAA without reproach.

All CHAA Athletes will be expected to abide by the following guidelines when attending all CHAA functions, sporting events, fundraisers, or whenever representing CHAA.

Commissioners and Coaches are encouraged to provide guidance to student-athletes with regard to dress and appearance for all CHAA sporting events, practices, traveling for sporting events, fundraisers, and whenever representing CHAA.

The CHAA Board reserves the right to make final determination of what appearance is considered unsatisfactory, whether addressed in these guidelines or not.

Male Athletes

- Uniform shirt-tails must remain tucked /untucked while in uniform, consistent with the requirements of the sport.
- When taking the court/field "warming up" for a game, all team members should be consistent with the uniform.
- Team members must not remove any part of their uniform until they leave the court/field unless receiving treatment for injury.
- Hair must be maintained in a "clean cut" look. (Each commissioner will set hair guidelines for his/her own sport.)
- No visible tattoos or piercings.
- No visible undergarments.
- Caps to be worn front and centered.

Female Athletes

- Uniform shirt-tails must remain tucked /untucked while in uniform, consistent with the requirements of the sport.
- When taking the court/field "warming up" for a game, all team members should be consistent with the uniform.
- Team members must not remove any part of their uniform until they leave the court/field unless receiving treatment for injury.
- Hair must be maintained neatly.
- No visible tattoos or piercings (with the exception of pierced ear lobes for female athletes).
- No earrings or jewelry at practices or games.
- No visible undergarments.



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I have read and agree to the CHAA Appearance Guidelines. (Circle One) Yes No

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____



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CHAA BASEBALL APPLICATION

Submit the following with this application:

- Medical Release & Insurance Information
- Athletic Waiver and Release of Liability
- Statement of Faith Acknowledgement
- Participation Fee (Payment plans are available. Discount is available for families with multiple players.)

Athlete Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Player Cell: _____

Dad Cell: _____ Mom Cell: _____

Player Email: _____

Dad Email: _____

Mom Email: _____

Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): _____ Age today: _____

Grade Classification _____ Years of previous baseball experience _____

What team or league _____

What positions have you played or would like to play _____

Other sports played _____

CHAA is a volunteer driven organization and we depend on parents of our athletes to be willing to serve. Your help in this area will be greatly appreciated. Please circle the areas you are willing to serve.

- Team Administrator
- Photography Statistician
- Trainer
- Videographer
- Team Pictures
- Concessions
- Fundraiser
- Gate
- Travel
- Game Announcer
- Programs

I have read the CHAA Eligibility Guidelines and certify that I am eligible to play for CHAA.

_____ (initials)

I have read the CHAA Expectations and agree that I will abide by these standards. _____ (initials)

I have read the CHAA Appearance Guidelines and agree that I will abide by these standards.

_____ (initials)

I agree to fully participate and support in any fundraising available for the program.

Signed (Player) _____ Date: _____

Signed (Parent) _____ Date: _____



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Evaluation for CHAA Baseball Season

Instructions: You can greatly help CHAA improve its baseball program by providing honest feedback, with truth and love, to the following questions. If you should have any unresolved personal issues with a coach, talk personally to that coach with your concern or concerns. Each of the coaches wants to be accountable to both the families and to CHAA in all respects. Both players and parents are welcome to submit evaluations. Thank you for your support and for a great baseball season.

Things we liked best about CHAA Baseball this season:

Suggestions to improve CHAA Baseball for next year:

General Comments:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Boys Varsity/Middle School: _____

*You may continue comments on the back if necessary.