



**KING'S WAY**

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

**ATHLETIC  
HANDBOOK  
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# HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC POLICY HANDBOOK

Competitive interscholastic athletics is an important part of King's Way Christian High School and Middle School extra-curricular offerings. Our high school is classified as a 1A school and is a WIAA member competing in the TRICO League. Our middle school competes in the Lower Columbia Middle School League.

We at King's Way are convinced that athletics are a very important part of a student's scholastic experience. God's purpose for each of us is to worship Him in everything we do and become more like Him. Isaiah 40:28 – 31 states: *"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* In Colossians 3:23 we are commanded, *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."*

While participation in these activities is a valuable experience, the foundation remains that of providing students with a solid classroom education. Athletic participation is a **privilege** reserved for students in good standing, thus, disciplinary action may limit participation. The Athletic Director reserves the right to review and assess each disciplinary action and consequence based upon each circumstance. Every student at King's Way Christian School is encouraged to participate in at least some phase of the interscholastic athletic program. Participating creates a sense of belonging, camaraderie of teammates, and heightens school identification.

## KING'S WAY ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

*"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*

At King's Way Christian Schools we have a mission to offer sports on campus in a Christ-centered environment with expectations that each student/athlete and team compete in manner that honors God, our school, our teammates, and our community.

Participating in extra-curricular athletics is a **privilege**, not a right. We believe that many of life's lessons are demonstrated through sport, and athletic competition provides an environment well-suited to the development and demonstration of Christ-like attitudes and behaviors within a multiplicity of situations. We expect our athletes to pursue a standard of excellence with character and integrity at all times, both on and off the field or court.

At King's Way Christian Schools we want to grow great young men and women by stressing the importance of developing the following character traits through athletics;

Courage   Self-Control   Endurance   Courtesy   Compassion  
Humility   Devotion   Mercy   Purity   Peace   Sacrifice

## KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of King's Way Christian School athletics department is that we will use the medium of sport to teach the values and virtues of passion, commitment and integrity for the purpose of modeling a walk with Christ. We will use the analogue of adverse and successful situations common in the arena of athletics to reveal the character of Christ and ultimately provide the skill sets necessary for our student-athletes to pursue their calling. We will have a unified message as a group of coaches so that our many athletes that participate in multiple sports hear consistent, strong and well defined communication from delivery mechanisms so that the culture grows in rich soil and not sand, rock or thorns.

## KING'S WAY ATHLETICS CORE VALUES

**Culture of Noticeable Passion** – Passion is a gift from God that we use to pursue our gifts and calling. Together as coaches, we will cultivate an environment to ignite passion. Passion is defined as “strong; barely controllable”. This is reflective and noticeable as it is manifested outwardly. Yet, passion is also infectious. Our coaches will come to practice, games and events full of passion and the by-product of that will be a fun and exciting environment in which our athletes will be driven to pursue their passion and calling.

**Culture of Noticeable Commitment** – Our passion will be directed and focused and that by-product will be commitment to our coaches, athletes, parents, fellow coaches, school and process. Each time we approach the field, the pitch, the court or the mat, our coaches disciplined approach to commitment will be a shining light that is noticeable to our athletes and will be a model of success for our athletes to prepare and execute.

**Culture of Noticeable Integrity** – With the fuel of passion that manifests itself into focused commitment, we will endeavor to live by a calling of truth, honesty and virtue. We as coaches will set the tone for our athletes so that as we navigate the waters of success and adversity, trials and tribulations, our athletes, parents and community can rely on us to do the right thing consistently. We know that it starts with us, the top, and washes over our athletes.

## OUTCOMES

The behaviors demonstrated in practice and in competition should reflect the philosophy and mission statements of King's Way. Passion, commitment and integrity should be obvious through your attitude toward the game and your competitors. Gentleness (meekness), when used in Scripture, often refers to openly and humbly receiving God's authority. In competition you are under the authority of the rules, the coach, the officials and God. Whole-heartedly receive their judgments. Faithfulness and patience combined will give you the strength to endure the most difficult of situations and to continue in the strength of your convictions. Always display that perseverance. Self-control is an obvious and continual expectation. When you combine these fruits with the courage, endurance, and sacrifice necessary to be a fierce competitor within the rules of the game, you will have become a devoted King's Way athlete. Win with humility. Lose with grace. Rejoice in your teammates' and opponents' good work.

*I Thessalonians 5:16,18* “Rejoice always... for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” Learn by your shortcomings. Learn from your experience and improve. Because we strive toward these goals, the final outcome will be an athletic program of which we will be proud, others will respect and admire, and God will be glorified!

## PARENTS

Always encourage your student! Be their biggest fan and most loyal supporter while letting the coach do the coaching. Otherwise, things get confusing for the athlete and can hamper their performance. Athletes want to please their parents and their coach. Make that an easy read for them, not a point of confusion or strife by supporting the role he/she has now attained and encourage them to talk to the coach about how to earn a different role, IF that is your student's desire and not just your desire. If you have questions, make an appointment with the coach. Do not approach the coach with these concerns or questions during the game / post-game time or in a sudden and confronting manner. This will only create a negative atmosphere in which progress is stifled. Approach any conversations about concerns with the attitude and knowledge that you and the coach have the best in mind for the team and your son or daughter. If you have any concerns about general health, safety or injury issues, please make sure that the coach is made aware. Anytime you have met with the coach and are not satisfied with the conversation, you may contact the athletic director for an appointment regarding those issues already discussed with the coach. Rest assured that welfare of all the King's Way student/athletes is of great importance to us. To be clear, here is the protocol for dealing with issues that may arise that may require parent intervention. This process must be followed to maintain effective communication in relationship building.

1. If you perceive there is an issue with your child's performance on his/her team, ask your child for his/her opinion and see if there is anything in your control that can be done with the information given.
2. If this does not yield the result then encourage your child to set up an appointment with the coach to talk through a game plan with the issues at hand.
3. If there are still perceived issues then please schedule a meeting with the athlete, coach and parents.
4. Should the 3 previous steps not resolve the perceived issues then a meeting with the Athletic Director, coach, athlete and parents would be appropriate and necessary.

## EXPECTATIONS OF FANS

Please review the preceding section titled 'Outcomes' and those that follow titled 'KW Sportsmanship Guidelines' and 'Just Play Fair!' We are mandated to follow all Washington Interscholastic Activities Association rules and our intention is to exceed those standards set by the "Just Play Fair Program." Our superintendent and school board have signed an agreement to abide by all the WIAA rules. Historically our fans and athletes have exemplified these standards. As traditional rivalries or any heated contest develop, it is easy to slip out of these attitudes in the heat of the moment. Those that do will be reminded by staff if necessary that unsportsmanlike behaviors are not acceptable. We hope that this is never necessary, but if it is, you can see in the section under school administrators below, that this is mandated action. This supervision responsibility is repeated in our TRICO League's Standard Operating Procedures.

**Please note that it is our express intention to exceed the normal expectations of good sportsmanship and demonstrate a biblical attitude toward everyone involved in our athletic competitions and glorify God both at home and on the road.**

**"You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." – Jesus (Mt. 5:14,16)**

The TRICO League and most other leagues also ban the use of unusual or artificial noise makers during a contest (i.e. duck calls, megaphones, whistles, air horns). Band instruments can be used only in times of stopped play. All ticket prices at all schools are set by league or state entities. Always be understanding and kind to ticket sellers at games. They are following the league or state rules. Those prices set forth by the state occur in postseason play and will be higher than the regular season contests.

In an effort to clarify the difference between acceptable and non-acceptable behavior, we have adopted the following guidelines which are in agreement with Trico League and WIAA standards.

## **KING'S WAY SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES**

### **Encouraged Behavior:**

- Take part in cheers with the cheerleaders and applaud good performances.
- Work cooperatively with contest officials and supervisors in keeping order.
- Stay off the playing area at all times.
- Show respect for opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.
- Show respect for school property and equipment.
- **Display grace and composure in both victory and defeat.**

### **Unacceptable Behavior:**

- Negative comments about officials, coaches/participants.
- Booming or heckling an official's decision, criticizing officials in any way, displays of temper with an official's call.
- Addressing coaches decisions and game time strategies immediately after conclusion of a game.
- Artificial noisemakers, flags, and signs displaying negative messages of any type.
- Disrespectful or derogatory cheers, chants, songs or gestures.
- Continuous standing outside the student section.
- Any attempt to disrupt or negatively influence the game. (i.e. shouting during free throws or serve attempts)
- Anything that draws spectator attention away from the game.

The school administration is responsible for enforcement of these guidelines at all activities, including those at other facilities. Any person acting in an unacceptable manner faces expulsion from the contest or activity and possible exclusion from subsequent contests or activities.

## WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION “JUST PLAY FAIR!” PROGRAM



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

- Develop a program for teaching and promoting sportsmanship and citizenship.
- Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for each interscholastic event.
- Support participants, coaches, and fans that teach and display good sportsmanship and citizenship.
- Recognize exemplary behavior and actively discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and fans.
- Attend event whenever possible and function as a model of good sportsmanship and citizenship.

### COACHES: [\(SEE CODE OF ETHICS\)](#)

- Follow the rules of the contest at all times.
- Accept the decisions of the contest officials and avoid public criticism of game officials/participants.
- Avoid offensive gestures or language.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.

### PARTICIPANTS: [\(SEE CODE OF ETHICS\)](#)

- Show respect for opponents at all times.
- Accept the decisions of game officials.
- Avoid offensive gestures or language.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Show respect for public property and equipment.

### SPECTATORS:

- Take part in cheers with the cheerleaders and applaud good performances.
- Work cooperatively with contest officials and supervisors in keeping order.
- Refrain from negative comments about officials, coaches/participants.
- Stay off the playing area at all times.
- Show respect for public property and equipment.

### CHEERLEADERS:

- Know the contest rules and cheer at proper times.
- Lead positive cheers that support and uplift your team.
- Encourage support for any injured participant.
- Show respect for opposing cheerleaders.

## **SPORTS AVAILABLE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL**

Boys: Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, Soccer, Baseball and Golf.  
Girls: Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Softball, Soccer, Golf.

## **SPORTS AVAILABLE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL (GRADES 7-8<sup>TH</sup>)**

Boys: Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling and Track.  
Girls: Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Track and Soccer

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **“What do I need to do to get my student eligible for the first day of practice?”**

- ONLINE Blackbaud Athletic Participation Registration
  - (Read & Review + Complete + Sign + Pay the Athletic Fee)
- Sports Physical Form (completed by doctor. Turned into Athletic Office)
  - Good for 2 years
- Handbook Agreement Form (Turned into Athletic Office)
- Parent / Fan Guideline Form (Turned into Athletic Office)

### **SPECIAL NOTES ON ELIGIBILITY AND SPORTS PARTICIPATION:**

- WIAA permits students attending a private school to participate with their local school of residence in any sport not offered by the private school.
- King’s Way students may not compete concurrently in more than one interscholastic sport per season.
  - Allows for full commitment to their team.
  - Reduces risk of overtraining.
  - Eliminates unnecessary distractions.
  - Better for team chemistry / cohesiveness.
  - Against WIAA regulations.
- King’s Way students may play extrascholastic sports concurrently with an interscholastic sport provided they meet practice attendance and team commitment standards set by their KW head coach AND no “special treatment or privileges on a regular basis” are extended to them (i.e. reduced practice times, special workouts, late arrivals, early dismissals) to facilitate their involvement in both sports.
- King’s Way does not require proof of dental insurance for its athletes, but it is recommended that athletes be covered.
- King’s Way’s coaches will teach safety issues and proper techniques and skills for safe competition. It is imperative that athletes adhere to these rules in order to avoid unnecessary injury.

## **ELIGIBILITY (CONTD.)**

The athletic policy at KWCS reflects our desires to prepare young adults physically as well as mentally. Our priorities are such that academic responsibilities come before athletic privileges.



Because of this we have established the following policies to insure that our students will receive a proper education.

- **CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY**  
Good citizenship in the classroom and on campus shall always be a team requirement and any departure from this may result in disciplinary action. Students who display an attitude which is detrimental to the standards and testimony of the school may be declared ineligible. The principal and/or coach will evaluate on a case-by-case basis.
- **CONDUCT ELIGIBILITY**  
All student behavior, whether on or off campus, at all times, shall be in compliance with the standards of KWCS as described in the Parent/Student Handbook and the Athletic Handbook. Administrative disciplinary decisions may affect eligibility.
  - **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**
    - **Minor Violations** may result in assignments to be completed or other sanctions. Multiple minor violations will be dealt with through progressive disciplinary measures. The principal and athletic director will determine whether a violation is minor or major and will determine the consequences necessary.
    - **Major Violations** will result in indefinite suspension from the team and/or contests.
    - **NOTE:** The athletic director and the principal will monitor the student's progress toward true remorse and a heart-felt resolution indicating that more similar behaviors will not be demonstrated in the future. If this attitude does not prevail as evidenced by the student's behaviors, termination for the season or further lengths of termination of sport involvement may occur.
- **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY** will be determined by the following criteria:
  - **Academic Standards: In order for an athlete to be eligible to participate in athletic competition, they must meet the following requirements. Failure to do so will result in temporary academic suspension.**
    - **KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS** = Student athletes must be passing all subjects and have a minimum 2.0 GPA at each grade check.
    - **WIAA (WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION)** = Student athletes shall maintain passing grades in a minimum of 6 classes in a 7 period class schedule.
  - **Temporary Academic Suspension**
    - During the suspension period, the athlete may not:
      1. Compete in an interscholastic competition.
      2. Dress for a competition.
      3. Occupy a space on the bench during a competition.
      4. Be released early from school in order to travel with the team to an away competition.
    - All other expectations for the ineligible athlete are the same as the rest of the

team. (the coach may release the suspended athlete from some expectations/requirements in order for them to spend time studying)

➤ **Notification of Ineligibility**

- The Athletic Director receives the ineligible list from the registrar/office staff and will notify the appropriate coaches. The coaches will then notify the athletes in a timely manner. Parents will receive email notification as well from their coach.
- Ineligibility begins 24 hours after the athlete and coaches have been notified.
- Suspension from play lasts until a successful grade check is obtained or the Athletic Director / Principal terminate the student's season because of continued academic problems.

➤ **Regaining Eligibility**

- Suspension period = students below standard at Semester will incur a mandatory waiting period during which a grade check may not be performed. Because KW standards are more stringent than WIAA's, different waiting periods apply;
  1. Below KW Standard (1 F or under 2.0 gpa) = 3 weeks
  2. Below WIAA Standard (2 Fs) = last Saturday of September in the fall or the first five (5) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester
- No waiting period is incurred at Quarter / Mid-Quarter checks.
- Grade Check Forms must be requested by the student from the MS/HS Office, completed and returned within 24 hours.
- A student athlete is eligible the same day as a successful grade check is performed.
- A student-initiated grade check may be performed without any waiting period at the frequency of one (1) check per week EXCEPT at the Semester Grading Period (mandatory 3 – 5 week waiting period).
- After three (3) consecutive, unsuccessful grade checks (three weeks), the principal and athletic director will determine if the athlete will continue in the present sports season.

**SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Special situations created by diagnosed learning disabilities, medical or emotional disabilities will be handled on an individual case-by-case basis. Review with the final decision rests with the Athletic Director and the Principal.

• **OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- **PHYSICAL EXAM** - All students must have had a physical exam by a doctor clearing the student for sports, (and online Blackbaud Athletic Registration completed), on file with the Athletic Office PRIOR to participation in any organized practice. Sports Physicals are valid for 2 years from the date of the physical. NOTE: Please keep the original copy of the physical exam and supply the school with a photocopy.

- **MEDICAL INSURANCE** - All students are required to have medical insurance.

### **QUITTING A SPORT**

No athlete may quit one sport and turn out for another after the season has begun without the mutual consent of both coaches and the athletic director.

There are times when circumstances may require an athlete to quit a sport. Quitting should be handled with class just as everything else an athlete does. The expectation of the athlete in that instance would be to meet with the coach and discuss the situation. This should occur immediately without any absences from practice or after communicating it through others.

Reimbursements for any athletic fees are as follows: For high school, full credit will be given if the student athlete chooses to quit within the first week from the official beginning practice date of that season. For middle school, full credit will be given in the first week from the official beginning practice date of that season as it is a shortened season compared to high school.

### **FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS**

- The Lord has blessed us with the facilities that we have. We must be good stewards of what we have and use it wisely. Always leave all facilities cleaner than when you found them. Destructiveness or misuse of our facilities will not be tolerated.
- On road trips KWCS athletes / fans / parents will be responsible for treating the host schools facilities in the same manner. Leave a clean dressing room, clean grandstands and a good impression.
- Coaches will issue uniforms and/or warm-ups before the first contest. All equipment issued is *THE ATHLETE'S* responsibility. Keep it clean and in good shape.
- The coach will give instruction as to the procedures for uniform return which will occur within 1 week after the completion of the sport season.
- **Late return charges may be assessed** if the *CLEAN* uniform is not returned to the coach by the designated date.
- **Any loss or failure to return school equipment/uniform will be assessed at replacement value.**

**†† Athletes will not be allowed to turn out for another sport until all uniforms/equipment are returned or paid for.††**

## TRAINING RULES

Each head coach, with approval from the Athletic Director, may establish training rules for their particular sports team. At all times, these shall conform to the KWCS student's code for conduct, dress, and appearance. However, nothing herein shall prohibit a coach from exceeding these rules by establishing stricter training rules for the athlete in his/her sport. However, those rules must be consistent with other school practices and policies. Any coach exercising this option must also file a copy with the Athletic Director, who will review the content of individual sport training codes to insure their fairness and legality. King's Way has a state of the art weight room and performance center as well as facilities designed specifically for our student athletes. The Athletic Department has worked hard to establish relationships with Athletic Trainers for each sport on campus.

At the coaches discretion, special apparel such as shirts and ties, sweaters, etc., may be required for teams at certain times and game days, etc. A coach may require certain grooming or unifying attire, for example; the football coach may require players to wear shirts and ties or game jerseys on game days.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PRACTICE

Athletes must be in attendance for at least one half day on school days in order to participate in any activity for that day (i.e. games, meets, or practices). This means that on a normal school day schedule *YOU MUST ATTEND 4 ACADEMIC CLASSES* (chapel is considered one class) unless an early dismissal would prohibit four (4) classes. Exception: Special permission from the Principal or Athletic Director in cases of family emergencies or medical appointments (doctor, dentist, orthodontist, etc.) may be requested. This waiver must be granted prior to school being dismissed on the day of absence. [Please note: if an athlete is too ill to attend at least 4 academic periods, they will be considered too ill to participate in athletic activities for that day.]

## ABSENCE AND/OR TARDINESS TO PRACTICES OR GAMES

- A coach must be consulted if an athlete has to miss a practice or game. An athlete missing a practice or game without notification and/or good reason may be subject to disciplinary action.
- If disciplinary action is deemed appropriate, the coach of each sport will determine the exact nature of the consequences based upon the specific circumstances of the case.
- Advance notice must be given to the coach by the athlete or it is unexcused, unless absent from school on that day.

## SCHOOL ABSENCES DUE TO ATHLETICS

Students excused for Athletic Activities **are responsible** for all work in classes that have been missed. Those athletes gone from classes must be prepared for full participation in class work on the day of return. This includes written assignments, reports or tests.

## **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

**LETTER:** Establishing the criteria for the awarding of a school letter is the responsibility of the head coach of each sport. Only one King's Way letter will be awarded to each athlete regardless of how many sports he/she letters in. A Swiss Insert will be awarded representing each individual sport in which a letter is earned. One bar will be awarded for every year an athlete letters in a varsity sport (including the first year). Completion of the sports season is required in order for the athlete to be eligible for a letter or other team or individual awards. (Exception: injury which limits participation.) No awards will be given to any student suspended for the remainder of the season for athletic code or eligibility violation.

**CERTIFICATE:** Those athletes who do not qualify for a letter will receive a certificate of participation in for that sport.

## **INJURIES**

**\*\*\*Athletes should report all injuries or physical problems to the coach immediately.\*\*\***

If a student is injured in an activity that includes the head, neck or back area, the coach will notify the parent or the other party listed on the Emergency Card. For any other injury the coach and/or assistant will check the student thoroughly, and if immediate medical care is suggested, the parent or other party will be notified. A student indicating numbness, nausea, dizziness, or pupil dilation warrants the coach to call the parent, other party, or 911 and get the student for immediate medical attention.

Athletes who become injured during the course of a season are expected to attend practices and to be with the team during contests both home and away. There is a great deal they can learn about the sport and a number of ways they can assist teammates during the period of rehabilitation. Most of all, we want the injured athlete to feel that they are a part of the team.

## **KING'S WAY SPORT TEAM DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION**

The philosophy for the development of athletes at King's Way is to provide a medium by which our students can glorify Jesus Christ through athletic competition. Athletics is an important and integral part of the KWCS total education program. Through our program, we strive to teach principles of maturity, courage, discipline, cooperation, commitment, sportsmanship, dependability, respect for others and grace and humility in victory or defeat.

The goals for the athletic teams can be summarized with the words – participation, skill development, and a winning attitude. The Middle School emphasizes participation. The Junior Varsity builds on participation and further skill development. The Varsity teams seek to further all those elements while concentrating on building a mature team with a winning attitude and results to demonstrate the culmination of those attributes.

Playing time is ultimately up to the coach, but school philosophy dictates that reasonable playing time varies as the level of competition rises. Completely equal playing time will not be achieved on many of the teams, but at the Middle School Level it should be that all athletes receive enough time in contests to improve and feel that they had a contribution to the game. Time may vary from game to game. At the Junior Varsity Level, playing time may not be nearly as equal as the

athletes transition toward the varsity level. Some athletes may earn a varsity position by their demonstration of being able to contribute to the good of the team as an inspiration and as a practice player without significant playing time. The Varsity needs members who can contribute in a variety of roles with all of them maintaining a healthy team attitude. At the Varsity level, there may be some athletes who seldom play but contribute from the bench and in practice. Attitude is everything. These players are invaluable to a mature and winning team. Life and sports require that each individual fill a role for the unit in which he/she is involved.

### **AN ATHLETE'S EXAMPLE**

We want our athletes to begin to sense the tremendous potential they have as high profile students to positively impact our campus. This involves much more than simply staying out of trouble or not making waves.

Athletes must recognize that they are in a fish bowl - students and the community are constantly scrutinizing their words and actions. What a tremendous opportunity to direct the eyes of those who surround us to the "King". It is not enough to avoid doing harm; our position as Christian athletes should be striving to do good - to be spiritual leaders on our campus.

**Remember: Our actions and attitudes constitute a testimony for our Lord, our school, and for ourselves ... MAKE IT POSITIVE! HIS WAY!!!**

### **GAME SCHEDULES AND DIRECTIONS FROM KING'S WAY TO AWAY GAMES**

All event schedules and directions can be obtained from our website at: [www.kwcs.org](http://www.kwcs.org) and on your teams Blackbaud home page.

## **King's Way Christian Schools Athletic Travel Policy**

To promote efficiency, safety, and team unity, the King's Way Christian Athletic Department strives to provide transportation for student athletes competing in all off-campus (away) contests. However, as King's Way offers multiple sports concurrently throughout the school year, the athletic department's ability to provide that transportation to all off-campus events is dependent on available resources.

When resources are not available to transport student athletes to off-campus sites in the exact same manner each time an off-campus event is scheduled, the following protocol will be used to determine how King's Way student athletes will be transported to off-campus sites.

Priorities for Providing Student Transportation to Off-Campus Athletic Contests:

- 1st Preference: School-owned Vehicle
  - a) School Vehicle Driven by an authorized\* School Employee; or
  - b) School Vehicle Driven by an authorized\* King's Way Parent.

\*Authorization by Vancouver First Church of God, upon completion of an orientation and driving test.
- 2nd Preference: Private Carrier such as a Greyhound Bus or School Bus, driven by a licensed driver employed by the carrier's company.
- 3rd Preference: Private Vehicle
  - a) Coach's Privately Owned Vehicle Driven by the Coach; or
  - b) King's Way Parent's Privately Owned Vehicle Driven by the Parent.

As added assurance for our athletes' safety, all coaches, parents and volunteers responsible for transporting student athletes to off-campus athletic events, whether via a school-owned or privately held vehicle, must:

- ✓ Be 25 years of age
- ✓ Hold a valid driver's license
- ✓ Possess current vehicle insurance

In addition, drivers are expected to maintain a safe and clean driving record and be fit to drive at the time of the event.

### **Specific Travel Policies**

1. All team members should travel to the away contest in school-owned vehicles, whenever possible.
2. A team member may be released to travel home with a parent/guardian/authorized adult after games. However, in order for that to occur, the parent/guardian/authorized adult taking responsibility for the athlete must have direct contact with the coaches/advisors and **sign the sign-out check list** (Return Travel Roster).

3. Team members may travel alone with an adult other than their own parent, provided that direct parental consent is given to the coaching staff or school office in writing on the Parent Travel Release Form for the current school year.
  - a. Original (Athletic Participation Packet) will be on file with KWCS
  - b. Copies of each athlete's PTR will be in the coach's possession
  - c. Blank PTR forms will be carried by each coach
4. No team member shall travel alone with a coach unless that coach is the parent of the student athlete.
5. When returning home from an off-campus event, the coach/advisor should be the last to leave the school, making sure all players have transportation home. Teams will follow the "rule of three:" Remaining groups will consist of a minimum of 3 individuals including 1 coach + 1 assistant coach or team captain + 1 player. All 3 will remain until everyone has transportation home and leave at the same time from KWCS.
6. In the event that no KW transportation is provided, teams may be directed to meet at the contest location at a specified time. In this instance, parents will be responsible to arrange transportation for their athlete(s) both to and from the competition. Parents should check in with the coach upon arrival and prior to departure from the venue.



**KING’S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CODE VIOLATIONS**

<b>TOBACCO/VAPORS (look a-likes), MARIJUANA and ALCOHOL</b>		
<b>1st OFFENSE</b>	<b>2nd OFFENSE</b>	<b>3rd OFFENSE</b>
<p>*Dismissal from the team or a restoration policy in place. (25% of games including assessment and school community service with younger ages), and serving varsity preparations and responsibilities. These would all have to be fulfilled, then a meeting will be set up with coaching staff and AD before the athlete will receive their uniform.</p>	<p>* Suspension from participation in any WIAA or school activity for 1 calendar year from the date of the second violation.</p>	<p>*Permanent suspension from participation in a WIAA or school sponsored extra-curricular activity.</p>

<b>LEGEND DRUGS, NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, STERIODS, NARCOTICS, HALLUCINOGEN DRUGS ETC..</b>		
<b>1st OFFENSE</b>	<b>2nd OFFENSE</b>	<b>3rd OFFENSE</b>
<p>* A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate unless the student accesses the assistance of counseling/help. An athlete who is found to be in violation of the Legend drugs rule shall have 2 options:  <b>1-</b> The athlete will be ineligible for participation in contests for the remainder of that sports season and must meet the school's requirements in order to be eligible to compete in the next sports season. The school principal will have the final authority regarding the student's participation in further interscholastic sports programs.  <b>2-</b> The athlete may choose to seek and receive help for a problem with use of drugs. Successful use of school/community assistance programs may allow him/her to have eligibility re-instated in that athletic season, pending recommendation by the superintendent.</p>	<p>* 1 calendar year suspension from any extra-curricular athletics/activities from the date of the second violation.</p>	<p>* Permanent prohibition from any extra-curricular athletics or activities for the remainder of the student's King's Way MS or HS career.</p>

**SOCIAL MEDIA RULE and SERIOUS MISCONDUCT DISCIPLINE**

For student athletes, coaches and teams, Social media is a common, useful and fun way to share information. When participating in social media, King's Way asks that all students be smart and thoughtful in regards to what they post. Therefore, it is important to educate students, families and staff on the appropriate use of social media.

Violations and Possible Consequences of Inappropriate Social Media Use and other serious misconduct may result in athletic/activity suspension from practices and competitions.

Administration reserves the right to impose or override decisions on assigning penalties.

**APPEAL PROCESS**

\* Informal meeting with the Athletic Director or his/her designee to plead their case. Must request in writing within 3 days of consequence given. AD will meet with party within 3 days of request. Athlete will be ineligible during the appeal process. Athlete may appeal to the superintendent in writing within 3 school days if unsatisfied with the decision of AD. Decision will be given within 5 days of appeal. Athlete will be ineligible during the appeal process.

May, 2019

## KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NOTE ON COVID – 19

THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19"), HAS BEEN DECLARED A WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

COVID-19 IS EXTREMELY CONTAGIOUS AND IS BELIEVED TO SPREAD MAINLY FROM PERSON-TO-PERSON CONTACT.

WHILE RULES, GUIDANCE, AND PERSONAL DISCIPLINE MAY REDUCE THIS RISK, THE RISK OF SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH DOES EXIST.

KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS CANNOT COMPLETELY MITIGATE THE TRANSFER OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES LIKE COVID-19 ESPECIALLY WHEN STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS CREATES THE POSSIBILITY OF ILLNESS, INJURY, OR DEATH FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASES - INCLUDING COVID-19.

IN CONSIDERATION FOR PROVIDING MY CHILD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS AND ANY RELATED TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ATHLETICS PROGRAM EVENTS, BOTH MY CHILD AND I VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO WAIVE AND DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS AND RELEASE IT FROM LIABILITY FROM ANY EXPOSURE TO OR ILLNESS OR INJURY FROM AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE INCLUDING COVID-19, INCLUDING CLAIMS FOR ANY NEGLIGENT ACTIONS OF THE SCHOOL OR ITS EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, FOR MYSELF, MY CHILD, OUR ESTATES, OUR HEIRS, OUR ADMINISTRATORS, OUR EXECUTORS, OUR ASSIGNEES, AND OUR SUCCESSORS.

**KING'S WAY ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**  
**(ATHLETIC HANDBOOK IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE)**  
[WWW.KWCS.ORG](http://WWW.KWCS.ORG)

**AGREEMENT OF CONTENTS**

My signature below signifies that I have read the contents of the King's Way Athletic Handbook and will cooperate with its rules and attitudes.

Parent (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Student (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_

Student (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT AGREEMENT TO THE "PARENTS EXPECTATIONS":**

My signature below signifies that I have read the expectations and protocols of the Parent's Expectations Section and will cooperate with its rules and attitudes.

Parent (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (signature) \_\_\_\_\_