Carolina Christian School Athletic Eligibility 2026-2027

Academic Eligibility Requirements

A Carolina Christian School student athlete must be a full-time student enrolled at the school for the semester in which they wish to participate on an athletic team. High school student athletes must be seated for four class periods in order to participate in a varsity sport. To maintain eligibility for participation in middle school and high school athletics, students must meet academic requirements at each grade checkpoint, which occurs every third week of the quarter. Students may not have any grade below 60 and may have no more than one grade below 70 in any course. Special exceptions may be made for a student who receives academic accommodations.

To assist in determining athletic eligibility, the Dean of Students will provide the Athletic Director with academic progress reports at each eligibility checkpoint, which occur during the third, sixth, and ninth weeks of each quarter. This process ensures shared accountability for maintaining our academic standards for student athletes.

Student athletes must have no failing grades in elective classes or on semester exams to be considered eligible for the following period. Grades received in Q4 will be evaluated, and players will be notified if probation is necessary to begin the following school year. If such action is taken, the student athlete's grades will be monitored for the first two weeks of the following school year to ensure they are meeting the academic standards.

CCS Administration, Athletic Director, and coaches will be made aware of any academic difficulties of student athletes. The AD will contact the student athletes and their parents to inform them of eligibility issues that may arise during a sports season.

The student athlete who has been placed on academic suspension may be reinstated if grades are brought to eligibility standards at the next grade checkpoint. The Athletic Director will communicate with the coach about grades at the eligibility checkpoint. Student athletes on academic suspension must not attend practice for one week and will not be allowed to travel to away games or dress out for home games. Student athletes on suspension may sit on the bench for home games in street attire until reinstated.

Homeschool students who participate in the CCS sports program are required to attend 85% of weekly chapel services during their respective sports season. The AD will maintain this list of chapel attendance for homeschool students.

Eligibility of Former CCS Students Enrolled in Homeschool Programs

Homeschooled students who were previously enrolled at Carolina Christian School and wish to participate in the CCS Athletic Program will be subject to an eligibility review. The review will include the following:

- Verification by the Director of Finance that no outstanding financial obligations are owed to CCS.
- A review of the student's conduct, character, and sportsmanship by the Athletic Director in consultation with the Principal, Dean of Students, and former CCS teachers, as applicable.

Eligibility for participation in the CCS Athletic Program will be determined based on the outcome of this review.

Students who have been expelled from Carolina Christian School are not eligible to participate in the CCS Athletic Program.

School Attendance for CCS Student Athletes

Student athletes must be seated for 3 class periods to attend a practice or a game. Period 6 would not be included as a seated class if athletes must leave early from school for their game. ***Senior student athletes must be present for at least one class period and attend a minimum of 50% of their scheduled classes on the day of an athletic event in order to be eligible to participate in practices or games. Exceptions may be considered for documented excused absences and must be approved by the school administration.***

Eligibility Standards

General Eligibility Policies

1. To be eligible for any level of CGAA, MAAC, or CSAA competition, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student in a CGAA, MAAC, or CSAA member school.
2. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic middle school competition, students must be enrolled in grades 5 through 8. Individual conferences may further restrict eligibility.
3. To be eligible to participate in interscholastic varsity competition, students must be enrolled in grades 7 through 12. Individual conferences may further restrict eligibility.
4. No player shall have reached his/her 19th birthday on or before August 1 of the current school year.
5. No player may receive any form of financial aid for athletic participation.

6. No student who has received a diploma or its equivalent from a school in the United States is eligible unless every team in any conference in which that student competes endorses his/her eligibility.
    a. The student must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation, with the expectation of meeting all graduation requirements.
    b. Under special circumstances, a student may also take college courses while pursuing his/her high school diploma.
    c. Home-schooled students are not eligible for CGAA, MAAC, or CSAA competition.

According to the CCAC bylaws: (copied from the bylaws)

- Student-Athlete Academic Eligibility:
    - To be eligible for any level of CCAC competition, a student-athlete must be enrolled in a CCAC member school. Students must meet the minimum requirement of a C average or a 2.0 gpa and must not have an overall F in any subject. Home school students are allowed to participate with CCAC member schools with a waiver.

- Homeschool Student Athletes:
    - Member schools may permit homeschool student athletes to play in all sub-varsity and varsity sports. A homeschool student must be enrolled and take a minimum of 1 class with the CCAC member school at which they are enrolled. A homeschool is defined as a non-public school consisting of the children of not more than two families or households, where the parents or legal guardians or members of either household determine the scope and sequence of the academic instruction, provide academic instruction, and determine additional sources of academic instruction.

      Only a student enrolled in a homeschool conducted by his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is eligible. The participating homeschool student-athlete must have a legal residence within 30 miles of the member school in which he/she is applying for participation.

      A homeschool student-athlete's eligibility will be established at the first member school with which the homeschool athlete participates. The homeschool student-athlete must meet all other CCAC eligibility requirements. The homeschool student-athlete must adhere to the same standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, and code of conduct as other student athletes.

      To be considered for CCAC participation, a homeschool must be registered with the state of NC and maintain compliance with said requirements.

      Verification of academic eligibility is to be submitted by the parent/guardian conducting the homeschool to the member school they are attending each semester or quarter. The CCAC Office has the authority to require additional information from the parent/guardian conducting the homeschool:
      to include, but not limited to:

      The student-athlete must be taking a minimum of (5) academic subjects or the equivalent administered by the parent(s) or guardian(s) which count

toward graduation. If a homeschool student-athlete's course of study does not include (5) academic subjects or the equivalent, which are being administered by the parent/guardian conducting the homeschool, then the parent/guardian conducting the homeschool shall develop an alternative measure of academic progress and submit it to the CCAC board for approval prior to any form of participation.

The homeschool must provide proof of basic primary medical insurance coverage and liability insurance coverage which names the CCAC as an insured party in the event the school's insurance provider does not extend coverage to students enrolled in homeschool programs.

No school shall have more homeschoolers than a majority on any roster.

- <u>Other Athletic Eligibility:</u>
    - Gender:
        - Sports teams shall be segregated by biological sex as recorded on their birth certificate unless co-ed teams are voted on and approved. We recognize the inherent value and worth of every individual, as each is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). This policy is crafted with a commitment to the well-being of all our student athletes taking into account the tenets of our biblical Christian faith. There are only two genders given by God and these are assigned at birth. God forbids any attempt to alter one's' gender by medical surgery or appearance (Lev. 18:22, Deut. 22:5, Exe. 22:8-11, Rom. 1 and 2)
    - Sports/Ages/Grades Eligibility:
        - Volleyball:
            - Middle School: 6th-8th grade girls *5th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
            - Varsity: 9th-12th grade girls *7th and 8th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
        - Soccer:
            - Middle School: 6th-8th grade CO-ED *5th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
            - Varsity: 9th-12th grade CO-ED *7th and 8th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
        - Basketball:
            - Middle School: 6th-8th grade girls and boys *5th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
            - Varsity: 9th-12th grade girls and boys *7th and 8th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
        - Archery:

    - Middle School: 6th-8th grade CO-ED *5th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
    - Varsity: 9th-12th grade CO-ED *7th and 8th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
- Golf:
    - Middle School: 6th-8th grade CO-ED *5th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
    - Varsity: 9th-12th grade CO-ED *7th and 8th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
- Tennis:
    - Middle School: 6th-8th grade CO-ED *5th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference
    - Varsity: 9th-12th grade CO-ED *7th and 8th graders can play up, if approved by AD and Conference