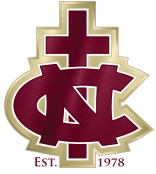


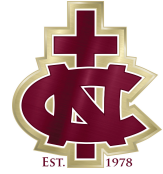
NCS ATHLETIC HANDBOOK





THE WOLVERINE WAY

- A Wolverine will ... THINK critically.
- A Wolverine will ... LEAD courageously.
- A Wolverine will ... SERVE faithfully.



A Northlake Christian Wolverine is a person who mirrors the character of Christ and leads others to do likewise, displaying prayerful obedience to the Father's plan, abandoning the kingdom of self for the Kingdom of Heaven, and seeking God's glory over personal convenience, comfort, and benefit -
that is the Wolverine Way.

Our purpose is to help each other achieve God's best for our lives - spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally. In that process, we hope to manifest and foster these qualities:

- Knowledge of God (Philippians 3:10)
- A personal, practical faith in Christ (James 2:17)
- Quality of character, manifested in the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)
- Spiritual discernment in every area of life (James 1:5)
- School spirit evidenced by a commitment to God's purpose at NCS (Col. 3:23)
- An appropriate understanding of and response to authority (I Peter 5:5-6)
- A passion for academic, spiritual, and physical excellence (Philippians 3:13-14)
- A diligent and cooperative attitude (Psalm 133:1)

PROFILE OF A WOLVERINE GRADUATE

"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers." Psalm 1:3

The Wolverine graduate will THINK critically and be academically prepared by:

- Excelling in academics, developing his or her gifts and talents
- Being fully prepared for the plans God has next, including higher education, workplace, etc.
- Being a lifelong learner who will engage in continuous learning

The Wolverine graduate will LEAD courageously and engage the world as Christ's ambassador by:

- Being equipped to fulfill God's call on his or her life
- Demonstrating Godly leadership in the family, church, and community
- Developing and valuing Godly relationships
- Serving within the community and the local Church
- Fulfilling the Great Commission

The Wolverine graduate will SERVE faithfully and possess a solid spiritual foundation by:

- Professing faith in Christ and walk in right relationship with Him
- Exemplifying integrity and Christ-like character
- Living a life marked by incessant prayer, thoughtful reflection, and righteous living

NORTHLAKE CHRISTIAN ATHLETIC'S PARENT/PLAYER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The Athletic Department calls for certain procedures to be followed to ensure communication is effective, respectful, and organized. The Matthew 18 principle is to be followed.

1. Initial Contact
 - a. If an athlete has a question or concern, they should try to approach the coach directly in a respectful manner. This is typically the most direct way to resolve issues.
 - b. Contact the coach when there's a specific concern (e.g., practice schedule, performance feedback, playing time). Ensure that communication is timely, not during an inappropriate time (like right before or after practice), and is respectful.
 - c. If parents are reaching out, it's generally best for them to follow this same principle but should only contact the coach if the matter involves their child's welfare, scheduling, or logistical questions that the athlete is unable to address independently.
 - d. If there's an emotional reaction to a situation (e.g., a disagreement during practice or a loss), athletes and parents should **wait 24 hours** before reaching out to the coach. This cooling-off period ensures that emotions aren't running high and that the message is more constructive and respectful.
2. When to go to the Assistant Coach
 - a. If the head coach is unavailable or not responding, contacting an assistant coach can be an appropriate next step.
3. If Unresolved
 - a. If the issue isn't resolved after talking to the coach or assistant coach, parents or athletes can escalate the issue to the athletic director or program director.
 - b. Always express your concerns clearly and provide any necessary documentation (e.g., emails, specific instances) if necessary.
4. Avoid Public Confrontations
 - a. Avoid confrontations or complaints during games or practices, and always keep communication respectful and private. Public confrontations, whether during a game or on social media, can escalate the issue unnecessarily and may be counterproductive.

PARENT ATHLETIC AGREEMENT

This agreement is designed to outline the expectations and responsibilities of parents/guardians whose children are participating in athletics at Northlake Christian School. By signing this agreement, parents acknowledge the importance of fostering a supportive, respectful, and positive environment for all athletes involved.

1. Support and Respect for the Coaches and Team
 - a. Parents are expected to respect the decisions of the coaches, understanding that they are responsible for making decisions that are in the best interest of the team. Any concerns regarding the team or coaching decisions should follow the **24-hour rule** and be addressed privately.

- b. Parents should encourage positive behavior from their child both on and off the field, reinforcing respect for coaches, teammates, officials, and opponents.
 - c. Parents should refrain from giving instructions or coaching their child during games or practices, as this can create confusion and undermine the coach's authority.
 - d. Any concerns should be communicated directly to the coach following the Matthew 18 principle and chain of command and after the **24-hour** cooling period.
- 2. Athlete Commitment and Responsibility
 - a. All practices and games are mandatory. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child attends all practices and games. If an athlete is unable to attend, the coach should be notified in advance. Coaches will determine consequences for missing team events by sport.
 - b. Parents should be aware of the time commitment involved in the sport (including practices, games, and travel) and ensure that their child is prepared to meet these expectations.
 - c. Parents should help their child maintain a balance between academics and athletics, ensuring that schoolwork remains a priority.
 - d. We encourage athletes to be involved in multiple sports. We are a small school and need all sports and coaches to work with each other to allow these athletes the opportunity to play multiple sports. A spirit of supporting athletes in multiple sports will be placed on the seasons of overlap (ie. winter sport beginning before a fall sport season concludes) and summer training and game opportunities.
 - e. Athletes are discouraged from participating in multiple sports **in the same season**. For this to take place, a meeting with both coaches, parents, athlete, and the AD must take place to lay out all expectations before the athlete may participate in a second sport in the same season.
 - f. Athletes may **NOT** quit a sport during the season and start another sport during the same season. The athlete will be ineligible to participate in games or events with the new sport until the existing season is completed including playoffs.
- 3. Sportsmanship and Conduct
 - a. Parents are expected to model good sportsmanship at all times, treating other players, fans, coaches, and officials with respect, both during games and practices. Unacceptable behavior may result in removal from future athletic events.
 - b. Parents should avoid making negative or critical comments about other players, coaches, or officials in public settings, such as during games or in front of other team members.
 - c. If conflicts arise, parents should handle them respectfully and follow the appropriate communication channels to address the issue.
 - d. Parents should remember that their role is to support their child and the overall success of the team, fostering an environment of encouragement rather than criticism.
- 4. Uniforms and Uniform Care
 - a. Teams will have required items to be purchased through the TeamShop. The items listed as required must be purchased by families. Optional items may be purchased at the discretion of the family.

- b. Athletes and Families are responsible to take care of the uniform that is given out by the school. Families will pay the full replacement cost for any lost or damaged uniforms that the school needs to replace. Uniforms need to be returned to the coach within two weeks of the end of the season.
- 5. Summer and Spring Workouts for the following school year
 - a. Students must be re enrolled or newly and fully enrolled
 - b. Coaches need to have a list of Athletes interested in training for spring and summer workouts submitted to the AD prior to any workouts.
 - c. Business office will check the list given to make sure all athletes are enrolled for the next school year. This applies to all athletes and all sports.

NORTHLAKE CHRISTIAN ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM (AAP) NCS is an accelerated and challenging learning environment. In order to provide the best opportunity for students to fully meet their potential, some students may be better served with extra attention and support from teachers, parents and administrators.

Students may be placed upon Academic Accountability for any of these reasons:

1. A GPA of less than 2.0
2. A pattern of missed homework assignments
3. Transfer into NCS
4. Teacher recommendation

Students on AAP will be closely monitored by one teacher whose purpose will be:

1. to counsel and encourage that student and
2. to communicate educational deficiencies or progress to the parents.

Monitoring teachers will make an extra effort to communicate with parents. At the same time, parents should recognize their responsibility to follow-up on a regular basis with the monitoring teacher and take the initiative in this regard, if necessary.

ATHLETIC ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

NCS holds to a higher standard of participation in athletics. A minimum 2.0 GPA and passing grades in at least seven of eight classes for full-time students and in all classes taken at NCS for homeschool partners are required in order for athletes to participate. Grades are checked at every 2 week grading period and at the end of each nine week grading period. Any athlete who falls below a 2.0 GPA or is not passing the required amount of classes is ineligible to play sports, is placed upon Academic Accountability (AAP), and has until mid-term reports are issued to pull grades up to a 2.0. The Secondary Principal or their designee then decides whether the student is eligible or ineligible for athletics. Students on AAP are required to attend all practices, attend all home games and be with the team on the bench, and NOT travel to away games.

Students who do not achieve a 2.0 GPA after remaining on Academic Accountability for a full nine-week grading period will be moved to Academic Probation. A student must achieve a 2.0 GPA during that nine-week period. If the student does not meet the minimum 2.0 GPA during his or her period of Academic Probation or fails three or more subjects for the semester, he or she will be ineligible to continue at NCS for the following semester.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are allowed 10 total absences, excused and unexcused, per class for the school year. Students missing more than 10 classes will have to attend mandatory seat time recovery sessions during the summer in order to receive credit for the course. **Students must attend at least half of a class period to be considered present for that class.**

Northlake Christian Homeschool Athletic Guidelines

Is my son/daughter Eligible Immediately through LHSAA Guidelines

- High School Athletes need to live in the Fontainebleau District, meaning if you were to attend a Public School it would be Fontainebleau High School
- Home-School Athlete has been at Northlake Christian for “One Calendar Year” plus one day

Why was my son/ daughter deemed Ineligible through LHSAA Guidelines

- Home School Athletes or Full-Time Students who live outside the School District (Fontainebleau School District) meaning they would attend Covington High School, Mandeville High School, Lakeshore High School, etc.
- Home School or Full-Time Student Athlete who attended Fontainebleau High School (one class, one day, one year, etc.)
- Homeschool Athlete who transfers mid-year
- Homeschool Athlete who does not turn in correct paperwork by deadline that was set out by LHSAA (see below)
- Home School or Full-Time Student Athlete who does not take required amount of School Credits (6 Classes)
- Home School or Full-Time Student Athlete who does not have required GPA of a 2.0

HomeSchool Documents to be Eligible to play through LHSAA *(Must be turned in 11 days after the start of the school year)*

- Birth Certificate
- Transcript
- Physical Forms(Permission, Substance Abuse, Physical)
- Home School Registration through LHSAA (Home School)
- BESE Letter through State Approved Organization (Home School)
- Supporting Documents(Water/electric bill) (Transfer, Homeschool)
- Parent Letter indicating all intended sports that the student participates in (Home School)

Eligibility

The LHSAA is the sole determining authority on all matters pertaining to student athlete eligibility. NCS supports the decisions made by the LHSAA.