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Dear Parents of student-athlete,

We at Trinity Christian Academy appreciate the opportunity of having your son/daughter participate in our athletic program. We believe athletics provide an outstanding opportunity to teach meaningful values to our students.

Attached is our Student-Athlete Code of Conduct and we asking that you read it carefully with your student-athlete. Please sign and return the Parent's Consent form to either school office.

We recognize your importance in this process and request your cooperation and assistance in implementing our athletic policies. I look forward to the upcoming athletic seasons. Please continue to pray for Trinity that God will bless us as we work together to "train young champions for Christ."

Serving Him,

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Student-Athlete Code of Conduct 2008-2009

The interscholastic athletic program at Trinity Christian Academy facilitates the personal growth and education of students through their participation in a comprehensive program of high school and middle school sports. As an integral part of our school, the athletic program actively promotes fair competition, fosters the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, and provides community enrichment. The purpose of the athletic program at Trinity is to provide students a setting in which to glorify God through the development and exercise of personal character, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and athletic ability. Student-athletes are encouraged to do their best and to learn the vital skill of being a team player. In victory or defeat, students are taught to demonstrate both grace and dignity.

Trinity is proud of the high caliber of its student-athletes. Trinity's athletic program is committed to the guiding principles of honesty, integrity, respect, ethical conduct, teamwork, and hard work in support of student-athletes in their role as scholars, athletes, campus leaders and community members.

Trinity expects its student-athletes to train and strive for their highest degree of athletic excellence and sportsmanship; to demonstrate academic integrity and accomplishment; and to conduct themselves responsibly as members of the student body and larger community.

Standards of Conduct

It is a privilege and not a right to be a student-athlete and every student-athlete is expected to conduct him or herself in a manner which will reflect honor and glory to God. Attitude, language, behavior during class, practice and games shall be in keeping with the high standards of Trinity Christian Academy.

Student-athletes are expected to keep their priorities in order. Academic work shall always be the primary responsibility of the student-athlete. In accordance with the *TCA Handbook for Middle and High School*, all students who participate in extra-curricular activities will be required to maintain a passing average in each core subjects per 9 weeks. If a student fails a core subject, the student will be placed on academic probation for 2 weeks, meaning the student will be ineligible to participate in games. Eligibility may be jeopardized for the remaining weeks of the grading period if the grade does not improve during the probation period. The student's eligibility will be evaluated by the principal and members of the faculty. Student-athletes whose grades decline or whose attitude toward their academics deteriorates may be dropped from the team.

As student-athletes are often looked up to by the student body, especially those in the lower grades, it is expected that their attitude, conduct, morals, manners, and school spirit shall reflect favorably the name of Trinity Christian Academy in the school community. Student-athletes are expected to refrain from the use of any dangerous or harmful substances, maintain proper dietary and rest habits, and follow the rules and training program established by the school, the athletic department and the coaching staff.

Student-athletes are expected to refrain from any act of hazing. In accordance with the *TCA Handbook for Middle and High School*, hazing is defined as any action that recklessly or intentionally endangers the physical and mental health or safety of students. No members of any student organization shall harass, intimidate, mock, or ridicule anyone else or commit any other similar or initiation-type act as a formal or informal requirement for membership, admission, or participation in any student group. Students should take every reasonable precaution to avoid being hazed or initiated. Therefore, it shall be an offense under these guidelines for a student to permit him or herself to be hazed, with the only defense being that the student could not reasonably have prevented the hazing.

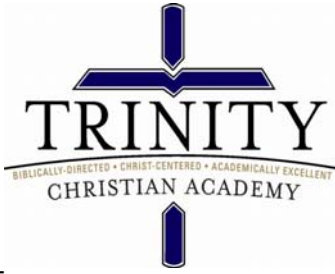
Student-athletes are expected to display sportsmanship on and off the competition field. In general, a true sportsperson is defined as one who can take a defeat without complaint, a victory without gloating, and who treats opponents with fairness, generosity, and courtesy. Sportsmanship is respect for oneself, teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and property. Sportsmanship also requires maintaining self-control, and refusing to be drawn into or encouraged physical conflict not otherwise required by proper execution of the sport. All student-athletes are obligated to represent themselves, the team, the athletic department, the school, their families, and their communities, with the highest level of sportsmanship.

Student-athletes are expected to make a commitment to the team, their teammates and coaches when they elect to participate in Trinity's interscholastic sports program. Their obligation to the team and coaches shall be carried on in the following manner:

- 1) Practice and game schedules shall be met faithfully and punctually. Generally, no excuse for missing a practice or a game not excused under the school's policy of absences from school shall be acceptable.
- 2) Student-athletes should not ask or expect to receive special consideration. Their obligation is to the team and no team will ever be stronger than the attitude of its weakest member.
- 3) Student-athletes who quit or are dismissed from a sport's team will not be eligible to participate athletically until the season of that sport has been completed.
- 4) Student-athletes are expected to report any injury immediately to their coach.

Athletic Mission:

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Parent's Consent

We at Trinity Christian Academy appreciate the opportunity of having your son/daughter participate in our athletic program. We believe athletics provide an outstanding opportunity to teach meaningful values to our students. We recognize your importance in this process and request your cooperation and assistance in implementing our athletic policies.

1. Student-athletes will be required to maintain a passing average in each core subjects per 9 weeks. If a student fails a core subject, the student will be placed on academic probation for 2 weeks, meaning the student will be ineligible to participate in games. Eligibility may be jeopardized for the remaining weeks of the grading period if the grade does not improve during the probation period. The student's eligibility will be evaluated by the principal and members of the faculty. Student-athletes whose grades decline or whose attitude toward their academics deteriorates may be dropped from the team.
2. Athletes are required to be at school for at least ½ day (7:50-11:30 or 11:30-2:50) in order to participate in games or practices. Exceptions may be made by the Principal for emergencies.
3. Athletes must be on time for all practices and games.
4. Parents should consult with the Head Coach and Athletic Director before taking any action that may affect their son's/daughter's status on the team. You must realize your son/daughter is a member of a team representing the school and that any decision affecting their position on the team should be made jointly.
5. Parents should understand that not all students trying out will necessarily be selected for the team and should support the final decision of the coaches.
6. Parents understand and support that the Head Coach runs the team and that decisions made as to who plays when, where, and for how long are completely the coach's decision. Parents should take all questions and concerns in this matter directly to the Head Coach.
7. Parents must agree to have their son/daughter pass a thorough physical exam each year before competing in any sport.
8. Athletes and parents should understand that any student-athlete who either quits a sport or is dismissed from a team will not be eligible to participate athletically until the season of that sport has been completed.
9. We hereby release the School and its staff from any liability for accidents incurred at practices and games or transportation to or from such.
10. I have read and concur with the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

Please sign below and return form to either school office. This parental consent form will be kept on file in the Athletic Director's office.

STUDENT'S NAME _____
(Please Print) (Grade)

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____