

**CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL
LEAGUE**

**Constitution
And
Bylaws**

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ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1:

The name of this organization shall be the Christian School League of Southern California.

Section 2:

The purpose of the league is:

- a. To promote and foster the ideals of Christian education through the medium of interscholastic sports among member schools.
- b. To cultivate and promote friendly and cordial relationships among member schools by means of an organized and supervised program of athletic activities,
- c. To promote adherence to good sportsmanship.
- d. To provide an opportunity for coaches and athletic officials of member schools to discuss ways and means of improving the sports programs in their schools,
- e. To prepare students to participate in the field of athletics at a higher level.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1:

Membership in the League is open to Christian Junior High Schools, provided such schools subscribe to the Statement of Faith adhered to by the Christian School League,

Section 2:

Admission to membership shall be by application in writing to the League. The member schools will vote upon acceptance,

Section 3:

A school, which is accepted for membership, shall serve a one-year probationary period. At the end of this period, the League shall review the record and vote to accept the school for full membership or reject the school. Rejection of any school requires a full explanation of the reasons in writing to that school upon request by that school. During the probation period, they are not eligible to vote, but may participate in the championship playoffs of the League.

Section 4:

The member schools of this League shall be listed in By-Law #1.

Section 5:

Any school not represented at any League meeting will be levied a fine. The amount of the fine as determined by the Administrators is \$50.00 per representative not present at required meetings

ARTICLE III

Government

Section 1:

The government of the League rests with the administrators of the member schools. They may exercise their authority directly or delegate it to the athletic directors and/or other officials of the school

Section 2:

All actions taken by the League shall be determined by a vote of the member schools. In all votes, accept to amend this constitution, a simple majority of the members voting shall be sufficient to pass any measure. Each school is empowered to cast one vote, through the representative delegated by the administrator.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1:

The officers of the League shall consist of a commissioner (an administrator) and two presidents (one for the boys and one for the girls, with both being full-time coaches/employees of the League schools). There shall also be a Secretary (a full-time coach/employee of the League schools).

Section 2:

The term of office shall be three years for Presidents and Secretary, and two years for Commissioner. Officers shall be eligible for re-election after leaving office for at least one term.

ARTICLE V

Election of Officers

Section 1:

Officers for the Christian School League shall be elected.

Section 2:

Nominations and Elections:

- a. The Commissioner shall be an administrator of a member school. The two Presidents and the Secretary shall be full-time coaches/employees of League schools.
- b. Nominations may be made by any school representative in attendance at League meetings. All nominations are to be made to the Commissioner before the final Coach's meeting in May.
- c. In order to be eligible for nomination, the prospective nominee must be present at the nominating meeting, or have indicated his/her willingness to accept an office in the League.
- d. After nominations have been closed, the names of the nominees and the offices for which they have been nominated shall be displayed for the benefit of the electors. Each member school shall have one vote in the election to be cast by the administrator or delegated representative. A simple majority of votes cast shall determine the winner. The vote shall be taken by ballot.
- e. The new officers shall assume office on the first day of July.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of the Officers

Section 1:

The Commissioner shall:

- a. Preside at all League meetings.
- b. Appoint a time and place for the holding of meetings.
- c. Call emergency meetings upon the request from any three-member schools.
- d. Notify member schools at least two weeks in advance of the date of meetings.
- e. Be an ex-officio member of all committees of the League.
- f. Have charge of all League finances, keep a detailed account of the finances, and submit a written report of all financial transactions of the League at least once a year.
- g. Make only such expenditures from the treasury as are required for:
 - a) All trophies and awards
 - b) Rental of facilities for championships or necessary playoff games.
 - c) Fees for game officials for championships or playoff games.
 - d) Incidental expenses of championship, playoff games, or all-star events (Le. printing of programs, passes, etc.)
 - e) Postage, supplies for newsletters and phone calls and correspondence.
 - f) Any other expenditure authorized by a majority vote or those present in any officially called meeting.

- h. In consultation with the Presidents, draw up an agenda for each League meeting to be brought to each League meeting.
- i. Coordinate and tabulate the Sportsmanship voting and evaluation sheets. Retrieve the perpetual Sportsmanship trophies and have them engraved in the week after each season and have them ready for the championship event.
- j. Levy fines for absentee, tardy, or early departing representatives to coach's and/or administrator's meetings and also to championship and/or all-start events.
- k. Make and send a tentative league master calendar to League Administrators by the end of January (to be finalized at the June Administrator's meeting).
- l. Provide the weekly score sheet service to all schools in the League.
- m. Present awards at championship events.

Section 2:

The League Presidents shall:

- a. Order and secure awards
- b. Secure officials for all League championships and playoff games.
- c. Secure and coordinate workers to handle League championships, playoffs, track and cross country events.
- d. Preside over their specified area (boys/girls) during League meetings and provide an agenda for said meetings.
- e. Make provision for minutes to be recorded and sent to League Secretary (who will then forward them to all member schools). Copies of these minutes should be sent to coaches and administrators. This should be accomplished within ten days of the meeting.
- f. Contact all schools involved in playoffs and championships.
- g. Organize any all-star events.
- h. Attend summer Administrator's meeting to forward coach's recommendations.
- i. One to two weeks before playoffs, send the following to league coaches:
 - a) Assignments for coaches at championships and/or all-star games.
 - b) Tickets for championships (10 per school).
 - c) Flier for championship games (including maps).
- j. Help with championship game set up and tear down.
- k. Provide C.I.F. rulebooks and special league rulebooks for pre-season meetings.

ARTICLE VII

League Operations

Section 1:

An administrator's meeting will be held once a year in June to set the master calendar and to make any changes of a significant nature for the upcoming year. Coaches' meetings shall be held four times a year in September, November, March and June. Purposes of these meetings (coaches') are:

- a. To promote unity.
- b. To confirm scheduling.
- c. To review rules and procedures and to make or recommend changes:
 - a) Minor rule changes that have little or no financial impact and that promote execution and/or safety of the game may be made, subject to administrator's review, and implemented during the current sport season.
 - b) Major rules changes that may have some financial impact may be made subject to administrator's review, and implemented during the following year's sport season.
 - c) Financial or policy decisions may be recommended to the administrators for their decision during the annual administrator's meeting.

Section 2:

An emergency meeting shall be held at the earliest possible time after the receipt of such requests.

Section 3:

Each member school shall send three representatives for the fall and spring meetings (one for boys, one for girls and one for cheer if the school has a cheer squad). Two representatives are required for

the winter meeting (one for boys, one for girls). All will have voting privileges. At the administrator's meeting each school will have one vote.

Section 4:

Quorum. Representatives from 3/5 (60%) of the member schools constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting on any measure, provided due notice has been given to all member schools pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 (d) of this constitution.

Section 5:

Voting on all measures presented to a meeting will be "aye-nay", unless any members present requests a secret ballot, in which case must be allowed. The Commissioner shall be responsible for collecting and tallying votes in such cases.

Section 6:

Action taken by the League shall be deemed legal under this constitution as reviewed by the administrator or designated voting member of all member schools.

- a. Any minor coaches' change for the current sport season may be reviewed by any administrator and challenged by contacting the League Commissioner. The Commissioner will determine a majority opinion of administrators within five days and notify all schools if the change is reversed.
- b. Any major change (coaches) for the following year's sport season may be reviewed by any administrator and challenged by contacting the League Commissioner and requesting discussion and vote at the administrator's meeting.
- c. Any policy or financial recommendation from coaches will be discussed and voted upon at the administrator's meeting.

Section 7:

Failure to communicate a protest against any League ruling within five school days of the date of the administrator's meeting, at which the ruling was made, shall be taken to signify approval. Such protests must be made to the Commissioner in writing.

ARTICLE VIII

Finances

Section 1:

By the approval of this constitution, the member schools shall be presumed to approve the acquisition and disposition of all monies held by the League at the discretion of its officers and representatives as outlined in Article VI, Section 1 (g).

Section 2:

No monies shall be disposed of by an official of the League without the expressed approval of the members indicated by a vote taken at a meeting. The only exception to this shall be the undertaking of small and necessary expenses by the Commissioner. In such cases, these expenditures must appear on the financial report presented at the close of the year.

Section 3:

There shall be dues levied against all members of the League for its maintenance and operation.

Section 4:

The League shall not make loans, or incur any expense beyond its means.

Section 5:

The League shall reimburse members for legitimate expenses incurred in the interest of the League.

Section 6:

There shall be fines (amount to be determined by the administrative body) levied against schools for failure to send two representatives to League coaches' meetings or three when required, or a voting representative to the administrator's meeting. Fines may also be levied for being late to Meetings or

League events (such as championship and all-star games). Lateness takes effect at 30 minutes after the designated start time. All participants of meetings must remain for the entire meeting (not just certain portions). Fines will also be levied for a school's failure to send a coach or representative to work at the following championship events:

- a. Volleyball finals
- b. Football finals
- c. Cross Country Race
- d. Basketball finals (boys and girls on the same day)
- e. Softball finals
- f. Baseball finals
- g. Track Meet

In addition, fines will be levied for a school's failure to send a coach or representative to work the all-star events for volleyball, boys' basketball and girls basketball. (NOTE: The amount has been \$20.00 per fine as of the 97/98 year).

In the event of a fine being levied, the League Presidents will inform the League Commissioner who will call the School Administrator of the school being fined.

Section 7:

Any school that forfeits or postpones a contest must bare the full responsibility of the officials' fee.

ARTICLE IX

Amendment

Section 1:

The Constitution may be amended by a 315 vote of the membership of the League.

Section 2:

After the reading of a motion to amend the Constitution, and time for discussion, the amendment may then be brought to a vote. The quorum required for a vote to amend the Constitution shall be 4/5 of the member schools of the League.

ARTICLE X

By-Laws

Section 1:

The League may enact such by-laws as may be deemed necessary and useful for the smooth and efficient functioning of the League.

Section 2:

By-laws may be enacted at any regular or special meeting of the League. No previous notice of intention is necessary and they may take affect from the date of their passage, unless otherwise stipulated in the by-law itself. A quorum of 3/5 is sufficient to vote by-laws and a simple majority of voting members is necessary for their passage.

ARTICLE XI

Authority of the Constitution

This Constitution together with any by-laws, which may be enacted by the League, shall constitute the sole governing authority of the League, and nullify, upon their adoption, any and all former rules, by-laws, or customs previously in effect. This Constitution shall take affect immediately upon their approval and adoption by a 4/5 majority of the member schools of the League.

BY-LAWS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LEAGUE

BY-LAW #1: MEMBERSHIP

The member schools of the Christian School League are:

Friends Christian School
Pasadena Christian School
San Gabriel Christian School
Valley Christian Middle School
West Covina Christian School
Whittier Christian Junior High School
Heights Christian Junior High School
Ontario Christian School

BY-LAW #2: ELIGIBILITY

- A. All students in grades seven and eight are eligible to play, provided they have not played for more than one other year in these grades. Students in the sixth grade are eligible.
- B. No boy is eligible to play on girls' teams. Only in baseball is a girl eligible to play on a boy's team.

BY-LAW #3: OFFICIALS

- A. All officials for all League contests and meets shall be at least high school graduates.
- B. The home team shall provide the official(s) unless by previous mutual agreement.
- C. Officials shall be treated with due respect.
- D. Payment of the officials is to be shared by the participating schools. Exception: If there is a sport where there are two officials and one official does not show, the home team will provide the money for the referee (even if the one official needs to be paid more).
- E. Officials shall not be a part of the staff of the same school unless by previous mutual agreement.
- F. Each official should be knowledgeable of our League rules.
- G. Home schools in the early rounds of the playoffs are required to schedule an extra official in the following sports:
 - a) Two officials for Volleyball
 - b) Two umpires for Softball and Baseball

BY-LAW #4: PROTESTS

- A. All protests must be made at the time of the action being protested. The game officials and the opposing coach must be notified at this time that the contest is being played under protest.
- B. All protests must be submitted in writing within 48 hours to the Commissioner. Copies of the protest must be sent to the Principal of the other school.
- C. The official of officials involved shall submit a report on the protest to the League.
- D. The League Commissioner will consult the Administrators of the non-participating schools. After securing all pertinent information, the League will determine whether to allow or disallow the protest. The decision shall be final.

BY-LAW #5: SCHEDULING

- A. The Commissioner, who will designate the weeks that teams will meet, will do league scheduling. Member schools may adjust their schedule as necessary by mutual agreement.
- B. All scheduling will be done at the June Administrator's meeting and finalized during the summer months.

BY-LAW #6: FOOTBALL

Interscholastic eight-man flag football shall be played according to the rules established by the League.

BY-LAW #7: VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball shall be played according to the rules of the National Federation Volleyball Rules Committee.

In Volleyball the tie will be broken using point differential versus the other teams involved in the ties.

BY-LAW #8: BASKETBALL

Basketball shall be played according to the rules of the National Federation Basketball Rules Committee with minor additions or changes established by the League.

BY-LAW #9: BASEBALL

- A. Baseball diamond measurements shall be the same as Pony League Baseball (80 ft. base paths and 54 ft. distance from mound to the plate).
- B. All other rules shall be the same as high school rules established by the National Federation of State High School Associations with minor additions or changes established by the League.
- C. Tie-breaker rule for baseball:
 - a. Play out game, if at all possible.
 - b. Schedule a new game (Do this immediately)
 - i. Every effort to reschedule a game that has an impact on playoff seeding should be made.
 - ii. This new "tie-breaker" game starts over from scratch and a pitcher's inning availability is based on the week of the rescheduled game, not on the week of the original game.
 - c. If no rescheduling can be worked out, the League Commissioner must either approve or reject explanation.
 - i. If the Commissioner hears the explanation and finds a way to reschedule the game, it must be played.
 - ii. If the Commissioner approves the explanation, the game remains as a tie in the standings and will be used to determine playoff seeds. See the example below:
(A 3-2-1 team gets a higher seed than a 3-3 team and 2-3-1 team would miss the playoffs.)

BY-LAW #10: SOFTBALL

All rules shall be the same as high school rules established by the National Federation of State High School Associations. For the 2003/2004 season a 15 run after 5-inning mercy rule will be used.

Tie-breaker rule: Softball will go by the International Tie-Breaker rule for softball games that end in a tie. No new inning after 1 hour 45 minutes. The teams then proceed to the international tiebreaker rule and complete one inning having the last batter start on second base. This continues until a winner is determined.

BY-LAW #11: TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY

There shall be an annual all-league meet sponsored by the League.

BY-LAW #12: DUES

The League dues are established at the June Administrator's meeting and must be paid by July 15 to be eligible for continued participation. The dues will cover both boys and girls sports in their entirety. **\$350 starting 2003/2004.**

BY-LAW #13: TIE BREAKERS

- A. In case of a two-way tie, the winner of the game between the schools advances into the playoffs.
- B. In case of a three-way tie, the following would be the method to break the tie:

- a. Head to head meetings during the season.
- b. Record versus contending teams (defined as teams with "potential playoff eligibility" after the regular season play.
- c. *Tabulate the points allowed by each team in the tie. The team with the largest number of points allowed will be dropped to the lowest position. The tie between the two remaining teams will be broken by the result of their head to head meeting during the regular season. Note: if the remaining two team remain in a tie, then go back to points allowed.*
- d. Coin flip.

BY-LAW #14: SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. A perpetual trophy will be offered in football, varsity and jv volleyball, varsity boys and girls basketball, jv boys, basketball, jv girls basketball, baseball, softball and varsity cheer (during the basketball season). Each team winning sportsmanship will also be given a plaque to keep.
- B. Voting will be done by coaches based upon a sportsmanship evaluation sheet. .
- C. The purpose is to encourage Christ-like qualities in athletic endeavors.
- D. It is the responsibility of very coach in the League to look at ways to perpetuate sportsmanship during competition. Displaying a "friendly" attitude toward the other coach and players does not take away from the competitive nature of the game. This can be accomplished by implementing techniques such as: 1) Pulling starting players out of the game when the score begins to get lopsided (in any sport), 2) Keeping base runners from stealing when the score is lopsided (in baseball and softball), 3) Stopping the fast break and/or passing the ball numerous times before shooting (in basketball), 4) Helping the other team up when they have been knocked down and/or giving their flags back to them (in flag football), 5) Rotating out the dominating server or front-line blocker from the line up (in volleyball). Coaches who used methods such as those mentioned above would be exhibiting the type of sportsmanlike behavior that would be expected from our League coaches. If a coach demonstrates multiple acts of coaching techniques that are deemed as contrary to this philosophy, he/she would be subject to the disciplinary procedures listed in By-Law #17 (C).

BY-LAW #15: FIELDS

All fields or courts will be regulation size, appropriately marked, and safe for all participants.

BY-LAW #16: CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

- A. Coaches must attend all championship games (even if their team is not involved), and all-star events.
- B. The League Presidents will assign specific duties for each coach.
- C. A fine will be levied against any school that does not send a representative to the championship or all-star games. The amount of the fine is to be determined by the Administrators at the Administrator's meeting in June.

BY-LAW #17: PROCEDURE FOR ARBITRATION OF CONFLICTS

- A. The chain of command in resolving a conflict will follow the principles established in Matthew 18: 15-17 ("And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax-gatherer.") and will be as follows:
 - a. Coach to coach
 - b. Coach to League President
 - c. League President to offending coach
 - d. League President to School Administrator
 - e. League President to Commissioner
 - f. Commissioner to School Administrator
- B. In case the League President is one of the parties involved, the President of the opposite division would act in the role named above.
- C. Actions to be taken will include the following:

- a. Coach to Coach. Offended coach confronts opposing coach with the problem. The situation may be resolved by apology and forgiveness.
 - b. Coach to League President. Offended coach states unresolved problem to League President.
 - c. League President to offending coach. League President contacts offending coach to hear both sides. Determines coach with greater responsibility. Requires resolution to be initiated by coach with greater responsibility within 2 school days. Offers to mediate.
 - d. League President to School Administrator of offending coach. League President states problem and offer of mediation, declares that requirement for resolution not met. Two school days for matter to be resolved. Verbal apology/forgiveness should be followed up with written statement, a copy of same to be submitted to League President.
 - e. League President to Commissioner. Resolution has not taken place. League President recommends to League Commissioner suspension of offending coach until resolution takes place. Coach automatically is put on probation for rest of season.
 - f. Commissioner to School Administrator. Notification of probation and of League President's recommendation of suspension of coach. Twenty-four hour notice before suspension is in affect. Resolution may be achieved by verbal apology/forgiveness, followed with a written statement, copies of same to be submitted to League President and League Commissioner.
 - g. If resolution does not take place prior to the deadline, Commissioner suspends offending coach until resolution takes place. Coach remains on probation until end of season. Any game coached by a suspended coach is an automatic forfeit.
 - h. A coach may also be placed on a year's probation for 3 incidents in one school year (or 2 incidents in consecutive coaching seasons), which need to be mediated by League President (step c above).
 - i. A coach on probation receives an automatic one game suspension for an additional incident.
 - j. A coach who has been placed on probation more than once within a school year (or twice in consecutive coaching seasons) may cause the Commissioner to recommend to the School Administrator termination of coaching responsibilities in the Christian School League.
 - k. Unwillingness of the School Administration to follow the Commissioner's recommendation may be grounds for termination of a school from the Christian School League.
- D. PLAYOFF SCHEDULING CONFLICT: In case of a conflict in playoff scheduling (date, time, etc.), the following procedure will take place. The playoff dates are scheduled on the League Calendar, but sometimes there is a conflict with the home school (or possibly the visiting school).
- a. Have the game at the Home Site at a different time.
 - b. Have the game at a Neutral Site at the scheduled time.
 - c. Have the game on a Different Day at the Home Site.
 - d. Have the game on a Different Day at a Neutral Site.
 - e. Have the game at the Visiting Team's Site with the traveling team still designated as the "home team".

BY-LAW #18: Terms of League Officers

League Officers shall be listed in this By-Law and it shall be updated as the officers change. The term of office shall be three years for Presidents and Secretary, and two years for Commissioner. Officers shall be eligible for re-election after leaving office for at least one term. (Article IV, section 2 of Constitution).

Commissioner:	Robert Sowell (Whittier)	June 2010
Boys President:	Luis Rivera (San Gabriel)	June 2011
Girls President:	Steve Green (Heights)	June 2009
Secretary:	Kim Looney (Valley)	June 2011

COMMISSIONER POSITION SCHOOL ROTATION:

Whittier Christian	Starts June, 2008	Finishes June 2010
Valley Christian	Starts June, 2010	Finishes June 2012
Pasadena Christian	Starts June, 2012	Finishes June 2014
Friends Christian	Starts June, 2014	Finishes June 2016
West Covina Christian	Starts June, 2016	Finishes June 2018
Heights Christian	Starts June, 2018	Finishes June 2020
Ontario Christian	Starts June 2020	Finishes June, 2022

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His resurrection from the dead, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection on life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of the believers in Christ.

THE COACHES RESPONSIBILITY IN ATHLETICS

Key Word – Leadership

I. Spiritual Leadership - 1 Corinthians 11:1

- A. Personal Example- fruit of the Spirit
- B. Devotions and Prayer
 1. Pray individually for each team member; ask them to pray for me as a coach
 2. Devotions at team meetings
 3. Prayer partners; weekly prayer times
- C. Scripture Memorization
 - Suggested passages: Col. 3:23; 1 Pet. 4:11; Provo 16:18; II Cor.12: 9-10; II Tim. 1:7; Isa. 40:31; Ps. 18:29; Ps. 108:15; I Cor. 15:57; II Cor. 2:14

II. Ethical Leadership- Philippians 1:27

- A. Conduct
 1. Toward opposing coach and players
 2. Toward officials
 3. Toward own player, successful or unsuccessful
- B. Attitudes - set goals (instead of letting the score determine the victory) such as beat the other team down the court when you transition to defense

III. Practical Leadership - Colossians 3:23

- A. Knowledge of the game
 1. Know the rules
 2. Know game strategy
 3. Know about proper conditioning, basic safety guidelines, and first aid
- B. Practice Time
 1. Organization-plan, write out your plan, work your plan
 2. Require 100% effort
 3. Drills should be 3-5 minutes in length and should simulates game situations
- C. During the game
 1. Teach in a positive way
 - a. Only constructive criticism
 - b. Give lots of encouragement
 2. Guide players to proper treatment of teammates, opponents, officials
 3. When there is a large margin in the score
 - a. Remind players of goals other than the score
 - b. Be sure everyone plays
 - c. Execute a new skill

Adapted from Outline and Notes on The Coaches Responsibility in Girls' Athletics by Ruth Sutton, Coach, Regular Baptist High School, Martinez, California

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

CHRISTIAN COACHING PRINCIPLES

I. The Supreme Goal--That Christ may be honored above all else: *Matthew 6:33*

- A. Because we use the name of Christ in our league.
- B. Because God asks us to. Duet. 10:12
- C. Because it is a witness to the unsaved world.

II. How to attain the goal as a Christian League: *Phil 2:1-4*

- A. Like-minded-all glorifying Christ
- B. Same Love
- C. One in Spirit
- D. Abolish selfish ambition and vain conceit
- E. Have the attitude of Christ Jesus

III. How to attain the goal as a Christian coach:

- A. Prayer. *Phil. 4:6*
- B. Self-control. *James 1:26 and I Timothy 1: 7*
- C. Strive for excellence. *II Peter 1:5*
- D. Have an attitude of praise and thankfulness. *Phil 2:14-18 and Phil 4:6*
- E. Practice what you coach. *Phil 4:9 and James 1:22*

Conclusion: Phil 3: 7-8 "to know Christ Jesus and to be found in Him"

Dan Fuller
San Gabriel Christian School
Circa 1979

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LEAGUE

GUIDELINE TO SPORTSMANSHIP EVALUATION

PLAYERS:

1. Responsiveness to coach:

- a. Players do as the coach directs them upon arrival at the field or court, during warm-ups, and throughout the game or match.
- b. Players follow team standards at all times.
- c. Players who are counseled for misbehavior or inappropriate attitudes respond positively.
- d. Players who receive instruction concerning fundamentals in their sport (or playing strategy) make an effort to carry out those instructions.

2. Self-discipline (arrogant, angry, language):

- a. Players on the field or court or on the bench do not demonstrate through looks, words, or actions an inappropriate response to leading or winning a game or match.
- b. Individually, players who have made a successful or outstanding play do not celebrate excessively.
- c. Individual players who have made a bad play or whose teammate has made a bad play do not overreact negatively.
- d. Teams who are losing a game do not give the appearance of no longer trying.
- e. Teammates do not yell at each other or at their coach.
- f. Players do not use swearing or cussing or coarse gestures, nor do they put down others involved in the contest.

3. Encouraging teammates:

- a. Players on the bench applaud and cheer, either spontaneously and/or in an organized, player-led manner, their entire team or individuals making outstanding plays.
- b. Players on the field or court verbally congratulate or console teammates; or shake hands, give a high five or a pat on the back whenever appropriate.
- c. Players coming off the playing field or court are greeted by teammates in an encouraging manner.

4. Treatment of other players:

- a. If a player rather than a coach leads in prayer, prays for safety and well being of the other team.
- b. Home team players make the visitors feel welcome by greeting them appropriately.
- c. Players show courtesy to opponents in all pre-game contacts.
- d. Players wish each other well at pre-game meeting.
- e. Players do not taunt the opponent with actions or words, including the use of sarcasm.
- f. When appropriate, players help a fallen opponent up.
- g. When appropriate, players congratulate an opponent on an outstanding play.
- h. Players do not clap derisively if an opponent falls or fouls out.
- i. Players do apologize for accidental or unintentionally rough contact.
- j. Players encourage an injured opponent leaving the playing area or returning to their position, or in the case of a more serious situation, the team prays for the injured opponent.
- k. Players shake hands after the game or match, showing no rudeness or excessive roughness.
- l. After the game or match, players individually or as a team initiate or respond to friendly gestures from the opponent.

5. Responsiveness to officials:

- a. Players do not argue with calls.
- b. Players do not express dissatisfaction over calls to their coach in such a way that the spectators or opponents are apprised of their displeasure.
- c. Players do not demonstrate disagreement over calls by exaggerated looks of shock, waving arms in disbelief or dismissal, pantomiming or ridiculing the official, or by inappropriate gestures.
- d. Captains who talk with officials before a game or match do so respectfully.
- e. A player addressing an official during a game or match with the purpose of rectifying an error does so respectfully.

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6. Professionalism:

- a. Playing area is properly prepared and as near to official standard as facility allows.
- b. Team warm-ups are organized, conducted with precision.
- c. Coach is prepared with necessary equipment, line-up, officials' fees, etc.
- d. Team arrives in time for proper warm-up.
- e. Game strategy demonstrates understanding of fundamentals of game.
- f. Whether winning or losing, coach always puts welfare of players as top priority by keeping emotions under control and criticism constructive.
- g. Coach helps to keep fans informed and under control whenever possible.

7. Team management (organized, controlled players during/after game):

- a. Team runs through warm-up procedure with a focused attitude and with minimal on-the-spot coaching instruction.
- b. Players are working together as a unit.
- c. Players do not appear confused with substitution moves, changes in strategy, etc.
- d. Players with problems are immediately taken from game and counseled.
- e. As coach instructs or corrects players, he or she keeps a calm demeanor.

8. Conduct toward opposing coach (friendly, hospitable, helpful):

- a. Visiting coach is welcomed by the host coach, upon arrival.
- b. Host coach informs visiting coach where team bench will be, where restrooms and water fountains are located.
- c. Host coach provides for warm-up area and informs visiting coach of same.
- d. Visiting coach responds graciously.
- e. Coach is polite and courteous toward opposing coach at all times.
- f. Coach looks for opportunities to encourage opposing coach and to engage in friendly conversation.

9. Conduct toward opposing players:

- a. Coach greets opposing team upon arrival of visitors.
- b. Host coach invites opposing players to center court or playing field for prayer.
- c. Coach seeks out opposing players before contest begins.
- d. When possible, coach calls opposing player by name.
- e. When possible, coach congratulates an opposing player on an outstanding play.
- f. After game, coach makes a point of congratulating opposing player who has made a significant contribution to his/her team.
- g. Coach speaks to opposing players with respect and courtesy.

10. Conduct toward officials:

- a. Coach is polite and courteous to officials at all times.
- b. Visiting coach provides host coach with official's fees as soon as possible.
- c. Host coach pays official upon arrival, before contest begins.
- d. Coach primarily discusses rule violations, not judgment calls, with an official.
- e. Coach does not make public allegation of rule violations, but brings such to official's attention privately.