

NEACHE Athletics
Vision, Mission, Values, &
Code of Conduct

The following document encompasses the Northeast Arkansas Christian Home Educators (NEACHE) Statement of Athletic Principles including the vision, mission, and values of NEACHE Athletics as well as the Code of Conduct.

Vision Statement

Our vision is that God will use NEACHE Athletics to develop leadership skills, athletic abilities, and Godly character in our student athletes that can be used for His kingdom glory.

Mission Statement

Our mission of NEACHE Athletics is to provide a challenging and enjoyable sports environment that is distinctively Christian for the home educated students of NEACHE. It is the desire of NEACHE Athletics for a Christ-like spirit to be evident in the actions and the attitudes of the coaches, staff, parents, and athletes for the benefit of all who attend NEACHE athletic events.

Values

NEACHE holds the following values in high regard:

- *servanthood
- *humility
- *teamwork
- *competitive play
- *submission to authority
- *excellence
- *love

Code of Conduct

- I. Player Participation Eligibility:
 - A. All players must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for participation on an NEACHE Athletics sponsored team:
 1. The player must be home educated a minimum of 51% of school hours, a member of NEACHE during the entire season of the sport activity, and must provide an intent to Homeschool Form for the current school year.
 2. The player's age division is determined by his/her age on September 1st of the current school year.
 3. At least one parent and the student athlete must sign a Parent/Player Contract for each sport in which they will participate.
 4. All student athletes must be in satisfactory academic standing and passing all subjects as determined by the teaching parent.
 5. Any student athlete found to be engaged in substance use or abuse, as well as any legal/court issues, will be subject to loss of player eligibility.
 - B. REFER to Section III. Of the AOC Document for general athletic policies.

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II. Family/Visitors Code of Conduct:

- A. NEACHE Athletics is made possible by the volunteer efforts of NEACHE parents. Your participation as a family is vital to the success of the program.
- B. All family members and visitors are expected to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner and exercise personal self-discipline, restraint, and genuine kindness toward all others at NEACHE athletic events.
All family members and visitors are expected to submit to the authority of the coaches, Athletic Director, Athletic Oversight Committee (AOC), and the NEACHE Board.
- C. All family members are expected to work to promote unity among team members by being an ambassador for Christ, reaching out to those who have needs and treating all members with respect.
- D. In the event of a player or parent issue involving coaches, the coach will be the first point of contact and the Athletic Director will be the second. There will be a 24 hour "cooling off" period before addressing coaches following a game. The Athletic Director will not consider any issues from parents or players that concern the amount of playing time that a player receives while being coached. If the matter or issue cannot be satisfactorily handled by the Athletic Director, then the issue would be reviewed and handled by the AOC. All issues sent to the AOC must be in writing via email or letter not by text message or via phone. All issues that cannot be resolved by the AOC will be sent to the CHE Board of Directors.
- E. Discipline / Suspension: By signing the contract below, players, parents, and coaches agree to comply with the NEACHE Code of Conduct (which is outlined in this document). Any violations to the Code of Conduct will result in either the coach, the NEACHE AOC, and/or the NEACHE Board taking appropriate disciplinary action. Appropriate disciplinary action can and will include suspension from practices, games, and/or the athletic season.

III. Family Participation Guidelines:

- A. Team participation fees and travel expenses are the sole responsibility of the participating family.
- B. Any fund raising activity by parents or players of a team must have prior approval by the NEACHE AOC.
- C. Treatment of gymnasiums secured by NEACHE Athletics will be in accordance with that gym's existing rules (ex. where to sit, where food is allowed, where children may play). Siblings of participating players may not be left unattended at gymnasiums which NEACHE Athletics has secured for the purpose of practices or games. Families or individuals remaining in any gym during NEACHE team practices are asked to keep noise levels and activity at a minimum.

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Athletics Contract

I. Player Contract:

I make the following the commitments to my Lord, my parents, my coaches, my team, and myself.

1. I will be at all practices and games, unless otherwise excused by my coach or due to an unpreventable emergency. I understand that this means I will need to manage my time in terms of my school schedule, study time, completing projects prior to deadlines, and arranging my work schedule in order to prevent conflicts.
2. I will do my best to improve as a player and a teammate. I understand that this will require me to put the team before my own personal accomplishments on the field or court. I will encourage my teammates at all times (on and off the court).
3. I will subject myself to the authorities that God has allowed to rule over me throughout this season. These authorities include: my parents, my coaches, game officials, AOC committee and NEACHE Board.
4. I will take good care of my uniform and equipment and return it in reasonable condition at the end of the season.
5. I will pay my registration and uniform fee at the deadline given by the Athletic Director.

II. Parent Contract:

I commit to support the authorities that God has placed in the NEACHE athletic program. I understand those to be the NEACHE Board, the AOC committee, the coaches, and the game officials. I will do my best not to criticize, complain, or in any way undermine the leadership position that God has given them.

III. Coach Contract:

I commit to do the following:

1. I will do my very best to help you grow as a player, a person, and a follower of Jesus Christ.
2. I will subject myself to the authorities that God has placed in my life, including my church family, the NEACHE Board, AOC committee, and game officials.
3. I will do my best to exhibit conduct that provides an example of Christian excellence.
4. I will pray for you.

It is our hope that NEACHE athletics will be a blessing to all and bring glory to Jesus Christ.

PLAYER'S NAME /DATE

FAMILY NAME/DATE

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE/DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE ON BEHALF
Of Family

COACH'S SIGNATURE/DATE