



## Christian Home Educators Fellowship of Baton Rouge Patriots Coach Agreement

By signing below, the coach agrees to the following:

1. To coach any C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletics team, the coach must be a member of C.H.E.F. - B.R. Although participating in a voluntary capacity as other C.H.E.F. – B.R. officials, in order to maintain order, the coach agrees to respect the organization’s line of authority from the C.H.E.F. – B.R. President, C.H.E.F. – B.R. Vice-President and Athletic Director. As a “face” of C.H.E.F. - B.R. in a leadership position involving minors, the coach understands that it is best to use discretion regarding behavior and public comments, internet postings, etc. especially which support positions out-of-line with the C.H.E.F. – B.R. Vision, Statement of Faith, Statement on Family and Education, Coach Agreement, Parent & Student-Athlete agreement, and/or the Bible, and/or support breaking or flaunting local, state, and/or national laws that are not contrary to the Word of God. In order to build and maintain cohesiveness within C.H.E.F. – B.R., the coach agrees to support, to the extent reasonably possible, other C.H.E.F. – B.R. events and programs, athletic and non-athletic, when scheduling practices and games and determining excused absences and to utilize the team colors of red, dark blue, white, and gray, the C.H.E.F. – B.R. Patriot mascot, and the C.H.E.F. – B.R. Patriot logo in uniform and related apparel.
2. A main goal of C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletics is to promote fitness, leadership, healthy competition, and self-discipline in a Christian environment and the coach must support that goal.
3. Coaches are expected to always act in an appropriate manner as a Christian example for our students. Coaches are expected to always conduct themselves in a manner that represents good sportsmanship. Being hostile or using inappropriate language, taunting, baiting, or the use of unwarranted verbal attacks or physical contact directed at a player, coach, referee/umpire, or spectator is contrary to the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship and will not be tolerated.
4. Coaches must never use profanity or the Lord’s name in vain at any time in the presence of any student-athlete. Team cheers, chants, game music, game public address comments/announcements, etc. if utilized, formally or informally, must likewise not include either but instead be of the neutral or supportive type as in line with Scripture and avoid any controversial or “gray” areas. The coach agrees to administer his/her team’s games in the aforementioned manner. As song lyrics, or perceived lyrics, can be controversial, instrumental-only selections may be a wise alternative.
5. Coaches shall support rules that prevent the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and e-cigarettes. Coaches will report any alcohol, drug, tobacco, or e-cigarette use by players to the C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletic Board or C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletic Director.
6. C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletic teams participate in the Association of Christian Educators of Louisiana (“ACEL”) sports league. The coach understands his/her primary focus is to prepare student-athletes for ACEL league play, if applicable. Non-league as well as off-season play is encouraged in order to provide additional playing time and gauge and develop interest in the program. It is also encouraged to develop and maintain a junior varsity team whether for league play or otherwise. Various opportunities are available for national home-school competition and those should be explored.

7. Coaches are expected to play the most competitive players, to win each and every game where reasonably possible, and to prepare C.H.E.F. - B.R. athletic teams for state playoff and championship competition in order to reward hard work and build team morale. It is important for student-athletes to see the relationship of hard work, improvement, and playing time. Exceptions are allowed where disciplinary or attendance issues exist with an individual student-athlete. Coaches are granted reasonable discretion in these cases. However, coaches understand they are accountable for decisions they make in game situations and may be asked to explain the reasons for those decisions.
8. Coaches are encouraged to substitute and play as many players as possible after a comfortable margin for victory has been established. Coaches may also freely substitute in games in which the chance of victory has become remote. Coaches are expected to use reasonable discretion with substitutions.
9. The coach must never place winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
10. The coach understands that C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletics has extended an invitation for him/her to coach a particular sport for a single season. C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletics reserves the right to revoke that invitation at any time for any reason. In determining and renewing coach appointments, C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletics representatives may consult with student-athletes' parents, review any evaluations or information available such as provided by background checks, social media or other internet postings, references, etc.
11. C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletic teams are governed by ACEL rules and regulations posted at [www.theacel.com](http://www.theacel.com). Coaches agree to abide by all ACEL rules, regulations, and requirements for athletic participation. For the purposes of participation on an ACEL home education athletic association team, a homeschool student-athlete must spend 51% of his/her class time in the home setting, unless the student athlete is a graduating senior, in which case he/she may spend up to 66% of class time outside the home setting. Any student taking classes through a state-approved public school, virtual school, charter school, or any blending of such that will result in the student receiving a diploma from such school, does not meet the definition of a ACEL homeschooled student. The coach understands the large financial penalty to the team for not playing a scheduled ACEL game without adequate notice and for not fielding a team once the ACEL schedule has been produced. The coach agrees to timely complete any course required by the ACEL for him/her to coach in an ACEL league game, such as an on-line concussion course. The coach agrees to provide a current team roster, as of and by the date of the first ACEL league game, to the C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletic Director which includes each student-athlete's name, parents' telephone number, and parents' e-mail address. The coach agrees to prepare and present to the Athletic Director a budget each season prior to collecting any fees.
12. At no time will a coach be alone with a student-athlete unless the two are related. If a parent is to bring a student-athlete to a practice, game, etc. and the coach is the only person present, the parent must wait until another student-athlete arrives before the parent can leave. The same procedure must be followed when student-athletes are being picked up. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Failure to abide by this requirement is grounds for immediate dismissal as a C.H.E.F. - B.R. coach.
13. The coach has read the expectations above as well as the C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletics Handbook and agrees to abide by them.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

C.H.E.F. - B.R. Athletics team: \_\_\_\_\_