



Newell Christian School Amateur Athletics

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Applies To: Staff, Students, Members of the NCS Community

Introduction

At [Newell Christian School](#), athletics are an extension of our mission to provide Christ-centered education that develops students' gifts and prepares them for life and service. Sports are an opportunity to learn discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and integrity. This document outlines the eligibility policies and code of conducts/responsibilities that guide participation in amateur competitive sports.

Part I: Athlete Eligibility Policy

1. Purpose

This policy establishes clear guidelines for athlete eligibility in amateur competitive sports at [Newell Christian School](#) ensuring compliance with Alberta Education requirements and alignment with our school's Christian mission to promote fair play, integrity, and student well-being.

2. Guiding Principles

- **Christ-Centered Approach:** Participation reflects our commitment to developing God-given gifts, promoting teamwork, character, and perseverance (Colossians 3:23).
- **Student Safety and Well-being:** Eligibility decisions prioritize physical, emotional, and developmental well-being.
- **Fair Play and Equity:** Teams are organized for fair competition, respect among participants, and opportunities to thrive.
- **Compliance with Alberta Education:** This policy upholds Alberta Education's directive that amateur competitive sports be age-appropriate and governed by eligibility standards.

3. Eligibility Criteria

1. **Age and Grade Appropriateness**
 - Athletes must compete in divisions appropriate to their age/grade, consistent with Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) or league regulations.
 - Exceptions require approval from the principal or athletic director.
2. **Enrollment Status**
 - Athletes must be enrolled with the [Newell Christian School](#) board.
 - Non-enrolled students are not eligible to participate.
3. **Academic Standing**

- Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
 - Eligibility may be suspended if academic expectations are not met, with teacher and administrator support provided.
4. **Behavior and Conduct**
- Athletes are expected to demonstrate Christian character, respect, and sportsmanship.
 - Serious misconduct, repeated violations of the Student Code of Conduct, or unsportsmanlike behavior may lead to suspension or removal.
5. **Health and Safety**
- Athletes must have parental consent and medical clearance (if required).
 - Equipment and safety standards must be followed.
6. **Residency/Transfer Students**
- Transfer athletes must meet ASAA or league eligibility rules.
 - Students transferring solely for athletic purposes will be reviewed according to association guidelines.

4. Appeals

Parents/guardians may appeal eligibility decisions in writing to the principal and/or the athletic director. A review committee (principal, athletic director, and one teacher representative) will make a final decision.

5. Review and Communication

This handbook will be distributed to families, coaches, and students at the beginning of each school year.

Part II: Athlete Code of Conduct

Commitment to Character

- Honour God with attitude, attitude, words and actions (Colossians 3:17).
- Show respect to teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and fans.
- Demonstrate honesty, humility, and fairness in competition.

Academic and School Responsibility

- Keep academics as a priority.
- Meet behavior expectations.

Sportsmanship and Teamwork

- Play fairly, encourage others, and put the team above personal recognition.
- Practice diligently and accept coaching with a positive attitude.

Health and Safety

- Care for the body, avoid harmful substances, and report injuries honestly.
- Use equipment responsibly and follow safety guidelines

Part III: Parent/Guardian Commitment

Parents are expected to:

- Encourage sportsmanship and respect.
- Support balance between academics, athletics, and spiritual growth.
- Partner with coaches and school staff in fostering a Christ-centered athletic environment.

Part IV: Coach's Commitment

As a coach at [Newell Christian School](#), I acknowledge that I am both a mentor and a role model. I commit to leading student-athletes in a way that reflects Christ's character and the mission of our school.

My Commitment:

- **Faith and Example:** I will model Christlike behavior in speech, conduct, and attitude.
 - **Student Safety:** I will prioritize the health, safety, and developmental readiness of all athletes.
 - **Fair Play:** I will respect officials, opponents, and league rules, and I will not encourage dishonesty or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - **Encouragement and Accountability:** I will coach with both encouragement and accountability, seeking to build character as well as skill.
 - **Partnership with Parents:** I will communicate respectfully with parents/guardians and support their role in their child's growth.
 - **Professional Responsibility:** I will uphold ASAA/league regulations, and school expectations for athletics.
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Newell Christian School Athletics Permission Form, Agreements and Consent to Participate

Student Information

- Student Name: _____
- Grade: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Home Phone: _____
- Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
- Parent/Guardian Cell/Work Phone: _____
- Emergency Contact (if parent unavailable):
 - Name: _____
 - Relationship: _____
 - Phone: _____

Medical Information

- Medical Conditions / Allergies: _____
- Medications: _____
- Health Insurance #: _____

Please describe any limitations or precautions for physical activity:

Parent Consent for Student Participation

- I give permission for my child, **[Student's Name]**, to participate in all **Newell Christian School** athletic programs, practices, and competitions. I understand that participation in athletics carries inherent risks, including injury, and I release **Newell Christian School**, its staff, and volunteers from liability in the event of accident or injury, except where caused by gross negligence.

Emergency Treatment Authorization

- In the event of an emergency, if I cannot be reached or my emergency contact person cannot be reached, I authorize **Newell Christian School** staff to obtain necessary medical treatment for my child, including transportation to a medical facility (if necessary) or the summoning of an ambulance for my child to be transported to a medical facility.

Areas Covered:

- Athlete Eligibility Policy
- Athletic Code of Conduct
- Parent Commitment
- Coach's Commitment

Agreements:

Student-Athlete

- I have read and agree to follow the **Athletic Code of Conduct**.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian

- I have read and agree to support the **Athletic Code of Conduct**, the **Parent Commitment** and the other school's expectations for my child participating in sporting games and special sporting events.
- I agree to support my child in following all policies, and expectations and I understand that failure to adhere may result in my child being suspended or removed from athletic participation.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Coach Agreement

- I have read and agree to uphold the **Coach's Commitment** and to lead with integrity and Christlike character.

Coach Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
