

CHEF ATHLETICS

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He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the
hearts of the children to their fathers.

Malachi 4:6a (NIV)



Psalm 127:3-4

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CHEF (Christian Home Educators Fellowship) is a not for profit Christian organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. CHEF serves as a source for information to the homeschooling community and provides various support services to home educating families.

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CHEF ATHLETICS - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The focus and overriding purpose of CHEF Athletics is to provide a positive Christian environment for spiritual growth through athletics to current CHEF homeschooling families.

It is the desire of CHEF Athletics that Jesus Christ be expressed and glorified in the lives of coaches, parents and students not only in actions, but in words and thoughts.

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CHEF Athletics activities are self-supporting and made possible by the volunteer efforts of homeschool parents. Your participation as a family unit is the cornerstone to the sports ministry objectives.

CHEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

I. Family

WE believe that the family is the basic governmental, social and spiritual unit created by God. In it the child gradually learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior (Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20). The family also provides protection from overextensive government and overstimulating social involvements.

WE understand family to mean a male and a female parent with one or more children, all related by blood (Gen. 1:26-28),

though we realize the exceptions of a single parent and adopted children (James 1:27).

WE reject homosexual marriages or homosexual orientation because it is contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in Creation (Rom. 1:18-32), and we believe that such relationships are destructive to children and the very idea of family. As well, we reject transitory cohabitational relationships as being equally in violation of God's laws and incapable of providing the long term nurture and instruction needed by children and commanded by God (Prov. 1:8-9; 2:1-11; Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4). In view of this, no homosexual or merely cohabitating "parents" are eligible for membership.

II. Parental Rights and Responsibility in Education

WE believe the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents (Deut. 4:9; 6:1-25; 4:1-4). Thus, we believe this is an inalienable right given by God which the State cannot create, destroy, nor alter. Parents may allow another to teach some of the cognitive information that children need to know, but all education must be under the control and supervision of the parents.

WE believe education in the home to be the best form of education, but we recognize that many parents cannot educate at home for valid reasons and support the right of parents to send their children to private Christian schools.

III. Nature of Education

WE believe that all education is religious in nature since one's view of the world and life inevitably is involved in teaching (Prov. 2:1-8; 3:1-2; 6:20-23; Matt. 28:18-20). Every discipline of knowledge, whether it be subjects such as mathematics, science, or history, will have as its final reference point a theistic or humanistic view of reality (Col 1:15-20, 2:8-15), and there is no neutral academic discipline.

Thus, WE believe that all social, physical, and cognitive knowledge should have as its beginning the fear of God and its end, the glory of God (Prov. 1:7; Rom. 11:33-36).

IV. Additional Tenets of Christian Theology

WE affirm these additional tenets of Christian theology:

1. The Bible is the verbally inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God, inerrant in the autographs (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21).
2. God is one Being Who eternally exists as three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all of the Person are equal in power and glory (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).*
3. Jesus Christ is fully God and man (Jn 1:1, 14) born of a virgin (Matt. 1:18), sinless in His life (Heb. 4:15); He died vicariously on the cross as a substitution for sinful men (Heb. 9:15); He rose bodily from the grave (Jn. 20:1-9, 24-31; Acts 2:24); and reigns with the Father (Acts 2:33; Heb. 10:12); He will return visibly and

personally to the earth both in salvation and judgement (Acts 1:11; Heb. 9:28; Matt. 24:30).*

4. All humans are sinful by nature (Rom. 3:23; 5:12ff) and can only be forgiven by the expressions of trust in Jesus as Savior (Jn. 3:16) brought about by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5-7).
5. We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Rom. 8:1-17).
6. We reject the anti-Christian tenets of secular humanism including the general theory of evolution, one world government, government mandated sex education, government mandated parenting courses, modern feminist ideology, and abortion.

*As defined by the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds

DISCIPLINE

By virtue of participation in the athletic ministry, athletes and their families voluntarily accept the behavioral standards as stated by CHEF Athletics. All participants are expected and encouraged to exercise personal self-discipline, restraint, and genuine kindness toward others. In dealing with any of the offenses that may arise, it is the desire of this ministry that the Biblical approach to discipline be applied as found in Matthew 18:15-17.

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)

INCIDENT REPORT

Whenever an individual violates policy or rules, a parent, coach or administrator may submit an incident report. The individual will receive a copy of this report and details of what rule was violated. The incident report is used as documentation for disciplinary measures to be carried out by the administration and is confidential.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Forms of discipline may include fines, work assignments, probation, suspension, or dismissal.

- Fines will not exceed the cost to repair or replace property damaged by the individual.
- Work assignments are to be completed exactly as requested within a specified time limit.
- Probation may involve loss of privileges and exclusions from sports activities or the use of the facility.

- Suspension is a removal from the roster with an option to reapply after a specified period. This normally requires an individual to leave the facility immediately.
- Dismissal is the last resort and means of permanent removal from the program. A dismissed individual may not be present in any facilities or at any functions related to this ministry without the written permission of the Athletic Director.

Fines, work assignments and probation may be levied by the Athletic Director. Suspension may be levied by the Athletic Director. Dismissal may only be levied by the Athletic Committee.

An individual may appeal a disciplinary action to the Athletic Committee. An appeal must be made in writing within seven (7) days after a discipline has been enforced.

The CHEF Board reserves the right to make final decisions.



SPECIFIC OFFENSES WHICH MAY LEAD TO DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

This listing is not intended to be all inclusive, and CHEF reserves the right to make final determination of what conduct is considered unsatisfactory. As we consider these matters, may we be mindful of the following verses:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Romans 12:1,5 (NIV)

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

- Theft, dishonesty
- Profanity, vulgarity, obscenity
- The possession of literature, pictures, posters, or recordings presenting an indecent or immoral activity or ungodly belief or philosophy
- Immoral conduct, immodesty, and conduct implying immorality
- Disorderly or destructive actions

- Gambling
- The on-site use of (or implied use of) tobacco, alcohol, or narcotic drugs
- Possession of and use of keys to facilities without an authorization
- Defiance of authority
- Any practices which are forbidden in Scripture

DRESS CODE

As in any large group of people, we have a great diversity of convictions and lifestyles. In an effort to minimize offenses to one another, it seems wisest to let the Lord's love restrain us in our selection of clothing and conduct.

At any athletic activity, the following dress code should be observed. This listing is not intended to be all inclusive.

- If shorts are worn, they should be modest, preferably with bikers underneath.
- If T-shirts are worn, full length short-sleeve T-shirts are best.

The following are **inappropriate**:

- Muscle shirts
- Skimpy, mesh, form-fitting shirts or blouses
- Tight shorts
- Tight sweat pants
- Earrings for men or boys

- Extreme hairstyles (for example: boy's ponytails or mohawks)
- Dress or accessories symbolic of gang activity
- Athletic spiked shoes or ladies spiked heels worn on the court
- Jewelry on the court at any time

Due to so much variety in clothing styles, the CHEF Board reserves the right to make final determination of what dress is considered unsatisfactory.

At all times, our dress should reflect godly character through neatness and modesty.

In order to minimize offense to one another and to demonstrate Christ-like love, cheerleading groups will not be a part of CHEF Athletics and music will not be played at any athletic activity.

UNIFORM

Each team member is responsible for his or her game uniform. Biker shorts are recommended underneath the shorts as part of the uniform. Team jerseys are to be worn only for games. Shirts and shoes are to be worn at all times.

INTERACTION

We believe that it's possible to have healthy social interaction and mature Christian relationships. For the protection of our families,

our Christian fellowship, and our testimony within the community, it is vital that we exercise ourselves with godliness at all times and adhere to moral purity. We are not a forum for dating or carousing activities. Therefore we ask that in all CHEF Athletics activities, the behavior between singles of the opposite sex be above reproach by avoiding the appearance of wrong doing. Flirtations or suggestive communications are unacceptable behavior. The CHEF Board reserves the right to make determination of what interaction is not considered satisfactory.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:29-32 (NIV)

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

Psalms 133:1-3 (NIV)

ATTENDANCE

1. Attendance at all games and practices is a priority.
2. If for some reason you, as a parent, are not able to be there for the entire practice, please be prompt to pick up your sport's participant.

SPONSORSHIP

Athletic competition is local, state and national. Therefore, it involves some travel away from home. In the event that an athlete's parents or guardians are unable to accompany him or her on a scheduled trip out of town, it is required that the parents provide an adult sponsor to take their place.

The parents are responsible for briefing the sponsor on CHEF Athletics policy, insuring that the sponsor will continue the commitment already indicated by the parents and athlete. The required form is available from your team administrator and must be signed by parents, athlete and sponsor. It should then be turned into the team administrator.

FACILITIES AND PARKING LOTS

1. Treatment of facilities will be in accordance with their existing rules (where to sit, where to bring food, where to allow children, etc.).

2. Parents must watch over their children at all times.
3. Be good stewards of the facilities by leaving each in a better condition than it was found. (Put the chairs back where they belong, put trash in trash cans, etc.). Each person needs to take a personal interest and responsibility for keeping the facility clean. This includes EVERYONE. Please assist us in the enforcement of this rule by lovingly reminding those around you. Our care of the facilities is a reflection on all of us. Let us do everything as unto the Lord.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

4. CHEF Athletics is not responsible for your personal belongings. Lost and found items will be automatically donated to a needy charity at the end of each month.
5. "Horseplay" is prohibited.
6. Electronic equipment is not allowed (headphones and walkmans, games, radios, etc.).
7. Loitering or hanging out in the facility is not allowed.
8. Advertising, surveys, or printed materials may not be distributed or left in any facility without written permission from the CHEF Athletics Committee.

FAMILY ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open to the CHEF student who has traditionally been and is currently being home educated, with less than half their courses outside the home (i.e. private schools, labs, private tutoring, etc.) and is showing satisfactory academic and spiritual progress. Participating athletes and their families are responsible for knowing the information contained in this handbook. Enrollment indicates that stated policy has been read, and applicants agree to adhere to it in its entirety. All applications must be turned in to the CHEF Athletics office. The CHEF Board reserves the right to make final determination of player eligibility.

FEES

Enrollment fees are due and payable along with a submitted application. Team fees and athletic related expenses will be announced as the need arises. These charges will be due and payable as requested prior to the activity. **NO EXPENSES ARE REFUNDABLE WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION.**

We accept, gratefully, donations to cover the many expenses not covered by the above athletic fees. All donations are greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist, please make checks payable to CHEF, designated to the athletic ministry.

Closing Thoughts

- May we all encourage one another to not only receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior but also to walk in the Spirit, growing up into Christ who is the Head, living out Christ in all aspects of leadership, self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity, and good citizenship.
- May we be ones that with our whole heart actively seek to be filled with the Lord, developing and maintaining an appetite for God's Word, diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit.
- May we be one with the Lord to such an extent that we bring into obedience to Christ our dress, appearance, thought life, conversation, attitudes, habits and relationships, glorying in the Lord and not ourselves.
- May we walk in humility before God and with one another, submitting to authority and being subject to one another in the Lord, for God resists the proud and gives grace to those that are humble.