Mountain View Christian Academy’s sports program is designed to encourage Christ-like character, teamwork, sportsmanship and school spirit within a competitive environment.

**Sportsmanship**

1. Athlete’s Testimony – Athletes should set the example of going the extra mile, and through their words and actions should show honor and respect to God, authority, and peers.
2. Parent’s Testimony – We expect our spectators to represent the academy in a manner that is respectful of others. While we encourage enthusiastic support, we expect all fans to uphold the same standards we have for our athletes. Referees, the opposing teams, and their fans are to be treated as respected guests.

**Description of Programs**

1. Middle School – 5th through 8th grade. The goal of middle school athletics is to develop individual and team skills for the high school level in a fun and competitive environment.
2. Junior Varsity – High school athletes. Occasionally an 8th grade athlete may be asked to play up to help fill a team. Players are placed on JV and varsity teams based on skill, not age. The goal of JV athletics is to develop individual and team skills for the varsity level in a fun and competitive environment.
3. Varsity – High school athletes. Players are placed on JV and varsity teams based on skill, not age. The most intense level of athletics, the goal of varsity athletics is to develop individual and team skills for the collegiate level in a fun and competitive environment.

**Athletic Department Policies**

##### Attendance - Regular attendance at school is mandatory in order to participate in the athletic programs.

##### Athletes must be in 2 out of 3 classes, 3 out of 4 or 5 classes, or 5 out of 6 or 7 classes on the day of a contest or they will be ineligible to play that day. A doctor’s excuse or office excused tardy is an exception. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the athletic director.

* 1. Unexcused absences from school will not be tolerated.
1. Eligibility
	1. Academic Eligibility –The athletic director will conduct official grade checks for student-athletes every 3 weeks (or 15 school days). Any student in grades 5-12 with an F in any subject or a D in any two subjects shall be ineligible to practice or play inter-scholastic sports for 2 weeks following grade checks. Ineligibility begins at the end of the school day on which official grade checks are conducted. As needed, the athletic director will work with students to monitor grades on a more frequent basis. For sports beginning in the fall, the previous year’s end-of-year grades will be used to determine eligibility.
	2. Academic Eligibility Reinstatement – In order to be reinstated to a team, a player must have a written note from the teacher of the subject in which they were ineligible. The note must have their current grade and the teacher’s signature and must be brought to the athletic director prior to participating in any practice or game.
	3. Behavioral Eligibility - The athletic director and administration reserve the right to enforce behavioral ineligibility based on disciplinary situations.
	4. Other Eligibility – All athletes must have a current athletic physical on file with the athletic director prior to the first practice. Athletic physicals clear athletes to participate in sports and are valid for one calendar year. In addition, athletes and their parents must read and sign the Athletic Handbook Agreement Sheet acknowledging they understand all of the policies in this document.

**Miscellaneous Information**

1. Physical Exams – Each student must have an athletic physical prior to participating in our athletic program. Athletic physicals are good for one calendar year.
2. Uniforms and Equipment – All athletes are to show good stewardship in the way they handle uniforms and equipment. All uniforms and equipment and must be returned to the coach who handed them out within ten days of the final game/competition. All lost, damaged, or unreturned uniforms must be paid for at the rate of replacement cost.
3. Fees – The athletic fee for homeschool students is $150 a year, regardless of the number of sports played. This fee must be paid prior to the first game of the athlete’s season.
4. Awards – At the conclusion of the school year, the athletic department hosts an awards night. Coaches are encouraged to have a team get together at the end of their specific season to recognize achievement within their own teams.

The athletic department will give the following awards:
	1. Participation Certificate – Awarded to anyone who participates in the sport. Any athlete who quits or is dismissed from a team will be ineligible for this award.
	2. Most Improved Player – Awarded to one player from each team who the coaches feel showed the most improvement from last year to this year, or from the beginning of the season to the end of the season.
	3. Sportsmanship Award – Awarded to one player from each team who the coaches feel demonstrated a high level of respect for themselves, their teammates, and the other teams.
	4. Most Valuable Player – Awarded to one player from each varsity team who the coaches feel was the most valuable player to the team in skill, character, leadership, and attitude.
	5. Scholar Athlete Award – Awarded to the male and female athlete with the highest grades at the time of awards night.
	6. Highest Team GPA Award – Awarded to the team with the highest average GPA at the time of awards night.

*(Keep this page for your records. Sign and return the attached agreement sheet to your child’s coach. Athletes will not be able to play until they have returned the athletic handbook agreement sheet.)*

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AGREEMENT SHEET**

**2016 - 2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print student name) have read, understood, and agree to uphold all of Mountain View Christian Academy’s athletic policies and will do my best to encourage Christ-like character, teamwork, sportsmanship and school spirit within a competitive environment while an athlete at MVCA.

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(Signature) (Date)

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print parent name) have read, understood, and agree to uphold all of Mountain View Christian Academy’s athletic policies and will do my best to encourage Christ-like character, teamwork, sportsmanship and school spirit within a competitive environment while the parent of an athlete at MVCA

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