



SEEDS OF EXCELLENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
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## Seeds of Excellence Christian Academy Athletic Policy

**Purpose:** The athletic program at SOECA aims to foster the physical, mental, and spiritual development of our scholars in alignment with Christian values. Participation in sports activities is a privilege that supports the overall mission of our school: to nurture a Christ-centered environment that encourages academic excellence, personal integrity, and a heart for service.

### Eligibility:

- All scholars must maintain a minimum of a "C" average in all academic subjects to participate in athletic activities.
- Weekly academics performance may also be used to determine if a scholar/athlete is able to participate in games and/or a tournament.
- Scholars must demonstrate good conduct in accordance with the school's code of behavior and Christian principles.
- A completed and signed parental consent form must be submitted prior to participation.
- Scholars must attend at least half the school day to be eligible to participate in a sporting event the same day.

### Code of Conduct:

- Scholar/athletes are expected to always exhibit Christ-like behavior, both on and off the field. This includes showing respect for coaches, teammates, opponents, referees, and spectators.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to, verbal abuse, physical altercations, and cheating, will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension from the team. More than one incident could result in termination from the team.
- Scholars must attend all scheduled practices and games unless excused by the coach for valid reasons.

### Safety and Health:

- For the safety of the scholar, we ask that parents disclose any health limitations the scholar/athlete may have.
- All participants must undergo an annual physical examination and submit a health clearance form.

**"The role of a GREAT TEACHER is not to give greatness to (little) human beings, but to help them extract the greatness they already have inside them." – J. Buchan**



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- Scholars are required to use appropriate protective gear and follow safety guidelines to minimize the risk of injury.
- In the event of an injury, students must receive medical clearance before returning to athletic activities.

#### **Parental Involvement:**

- Parents are encouraged to support their children by attending games and practices, volunteering when needed, and reinforcing the school's Christian values.
- Parents must adhere to the school's code of conduct while attending athletic events and maintain a positive and supportive environment.

#### **Facilities and Equipment:**

- The school will provide necessary equipment and facilities that meet safety standards for all sports activities.
- Scholars are responsible for the proper care and return of any school-issued equipment.

#### **Non-Discrimination Policy:**

- The athletic program at SOECA is inclusive and does not discriminate based on race, gender, or socio-economic status.

**Conclusion:** Our athletic program is an extension of our commitment to developing well-rounded individuals who honor God in all aspects of their lives. By adhering to this policy, we aim to create a safe, supportive, and spiritually enriching environment for all student-athletes.