

Michigan Christian School
Athletics Association



Association Handbook

1. Mission

The MCSAA exists to foster Christlike, competitive relationships between Christian schools to the glory of God.

2. Statement of Faith

As a service association, the MCSAA is committed to developing a caring and loving relationship with all student-athletes, coaches, and administrators entrusted to us via our membership. Knowing that cultural trends will ebb and flow and that our membership's student-athletes will have to navigate such cultural trends, we commit to the following beliefs:

We believe that the Bible alone and the Bible in its entirety is the Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We believe in salvation by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9).

We believe there is one God, the creator and preserver of all things. Through Him, male and female were created, and all human life is sacred and cared for from conception (Genesis 1:27). Relative to male and female being the two created and assigned sexes, we offer sanctioned sports according to that construct.

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, our Savior (John 1:1). In him divine and human natures were united in one person, and He alone is our sole Redeemer. Through no other source can we receive redemption.

We believe that at the end of the age the bodies of the dead shall be raised. The righteous shall enter into the eternal presence of God, and those who rejected His Son shall be condemned (Revelation 20 & 21).

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the true God. He applies to man the work of Christ in salvation (John 14:15-16).

We believe in righteous living and good works as an evidence of salvation (James 2:17).

3. Philosophy

The MCSAA philosophy is to produce Christ-honoring coaches and athletes. The game plan is devised to draw out the student-athlete's greatest potential – body, mind and spirit – focusing on four of Christ's biblical traits: LOVE, INTEGRITY, FAITH and EXCELLENCE. The goal of honoring Christ is a lifelong endeavor.

The MCSAA believes:

That athletics are a means to an end, not an end in themselves.

That the process is as important as the performance.

That the person (student-athlete) is more important than the program.

The MCSAA is committed to:

1. Supporting coaches and their institutions in a plan that will impact the lives of student-athletes for Christ in the present as well as in the future.
2. Challenging the student-athlete via athletic competition.
4. Expecting academic excellence.
5. Encouraging Christians to be able to best serve family, school, church, and our world.
6. Making a positive impact in developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Athletic participation is a unique experience that prepares Christian men and women for a life of meaningful work and service. The athletic experience provides a dynamic growth process for learning discipline, team work, leadership, and mutual respect where the student-athlete and his/her preparation for life is more important to the coaches and the athletic administration than win-loss records and

championships.

4. MCSAA Administrators' and Coaches' Code of Ethics

- Athletics play a significant role in the holistic education of student-athletes. It is a powerful tool to develop leadership skills and Godly character. Thus, every effort should be made to demonstrate the highest standard of excellence and Christian character. Therefore, relying on God, I am accountable for the student-athletes entrusted to me and, as an administrator or coach, I will strive to:
- Carry out all aspects of our athletic program in a Godly manner, in concert with the mission of the institution and the goal of the student-athletes' education.
- Follow all MCSAA guidelines in both letter and spirit and place myself, my student-athletes and my institution in compliance with the association.
- Provide accurate information concerning all aspects of our athletic programs to the MCSAA and other public forums.
- Ensure honesty and integrity when competing against and interacting with other student athletes.
- Treat all student-athletes with equal respect and dignity as unique image-bearers created by God
- Instill in my student-athletes Godly character by demonstrating high standards of honesty and personal integrity while expecting the same from them. I will encourage spiritual growth in their walk with the Lord or attempt to lead them to a saving knowledge of Christ.
- Put the needs, safety and protection of the student-athletes above winning or personal desires. I will strive to give balance to each individual as it relates to their performance and their spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and physical well-being.
- Develop independence in my student-athletes. Student-athletes must be encouraged and guided to accept responsibility for their behavior and performance in training and competition, as well as all aspects of their life.

- Set and monitor appropriate boundaries between a working relationship and friendship with my student-athletes. I will not engage in behavior that is harassing or demeaning to any student-athlete.
- Respect the rights and privacy of my student-athletes by not sharing information that should remain confidential.
- Demonstrate high personal standards and a Christ-like image to the student-athletes, parents, fans, officials, coaches and media.
- Continue to maintain competence in my sport and ensure a safe environment. I will use careful judgment in protecting the welfare of all student-athletes.
- Uphold professional standards of conduct and accept responsibility for my behavior. I will comply with standards and this code of conduct and ask my colleagues to hold me accountable.

5. MCSAA Student-Athletes' Code of Conduct

- Athletics plays a significant role in the holistic education of student-athletes. It is a powerful tool to develop leadership skills and godly character development. Therefore, every effort should be made to demonstrate the highest standard of excellence and godly character. Therefore, relying on God, with the help of my coaches and teammates, I will strive to:
- Follow all guidelines of the Michigan Christian School Athletic Association (MCSAA) in both letter and spirit, and place myself in compliance with the association.
- Provide student records as well as accurate and complete information concerning all aspects of my playing to the MCSAA and other public forums.
- Treat coaches, administrators and officials with respect as the authority figures placed over me as I represent my institution and the MCSAA.
- Treat fellow student-athletes with equal respect and dignity as unique image-bearers created by God.
- Instill godly character in my teammates by demonstrating high standards of personal honesty and integrity.

- Accept responsibility for my behavior and performance in the academic arena as well as the athletic arena.

6. MCSAA Dress Code Expectations

The MCSAA requires that all uniforms be loose-fitting and modest. Spandex as part of the main uniform will not be permitted. While it is preferred that shorts come to the top of the knee when standing still, we trust that each school and coach will maintain standards in the area of dress code for their respective teams.

7. MCSAA Sports

Fall	Winter	Spring
Boys Soccer	Boys & Girls Basketball	Boys Baseball
Girls Volleyball	Boys Wrestling	Girls Soccer
		Boys & Girls Golf

8. General Information

1. The MCSAA leadership team is comprised of Daniel Galdamez (Bridgeport Baptist), Paula Bronsing (Rochester Hills Christian), Lou DiAntonio (Oakdale), and Stephen Lund (Washtenaw Christian).
2. Decisions and changes to the bylaws (including the decision to invite new teams to join the conference) will be made by the MCSAA Leadership team after hearing deliberation from all MCSAA members.
3. An annual bylaw review meeting will be held in early June.
4. Each member school will be responsible for paying an annual membership fee. This fee may fluctuate annually and will only be used to cover league costs including, but not necessarily limited to tournament champion trophies, individual champion medals, a

tournament MVP trophy, officials, and facility rentals for championship games. In the interest of transparency, a detailed breakdown of league costs will be made available to all schools each year so it is clear how the fee was determined.

5. At each meeting, a designated member will record the proceedings including any bylaw changes, scheduling decisions, or major discussion. These notes will be distributed to all members within two days of the meeting and will be kept on file for future reference.
6. In the interest of following the biblical model of conflict resolution as described by Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17, the MCSAA agrees to a "24 Hour Rule" by which schools agree to wait for one day following a conflict before contacting another school with a concern. Concerns should first be addressed from Athletic Director to Athletic Director.
7. Admission for MCSAA games may not exceed the following: \$5 Adults, \$3 Students, \$20 Family Cap, 65+ FREE, School Staff FREE
8. Schools are not required to offer every sport governed by the MCSAA.

9. Student - Athlete Eligibility

1. Student-athletes may only participate on the team that corresponds with their biological birth gender
2. Home School student-athletes may participate in MCSAA tournaments if they are enrolled in at least one class for which they are earning credit.
3. No student may participate in MCSAA tournaments who has reached his/her 19th birthday before September 1st of the current school year
4. Once a student-athlete begins his/her Freshman year of high school, he/she shall have athletic eligibility for four consecutive school years.
5. Each school shall submit a final tournament roster of eligible student-athletes by the seasonal deadline (Fall - Sept 15th, Winter - Dec 15th, Spring - April 15th). Players may not be added to the roster following this deadline without MCSAA approval.

10. MCSAA Tournaments Scheduling and Seeding

1. See attached spreadsheet for tournament dates for the next five years. Seed meetings will occur as scheduled on the spreadsheet.
2. Inasmuch as possible, all MCSAA schools should attempt to play at least five regular season games versus other MCSAA schools for the purposes of seeding
3. MCSAA will consider the following items, in order of priority:
 - Overall Record
 - Overall Record against MCSAA schools
 - Head-to-Head Record
 - Record Against Common Opponents (Not necessarily MCSAA schools)
 - Coin flip
(Teams are encouraged to use Max Preps to make seeding more efficient.)
4. First round games & Quarterfinal Games will be hosted by the higher seed.
 - At the request of the lower seeded team, if the distance between schools scheduled to compete in first round or quarterfinal games is greater than two hours, the MCSAA leadership team will work to find a suitable game site between the schools.
 - As these situations arise, if your school is willing to host the first round or quarterfinal game to accommodate travel times, please contact the MCSAA leadership team.
 - The higher seeded school shall be responsible for securing MHSAA registered officials for first round and quarterfinal games and for providing all necessary volunteers (line judges, scoreboard operators, book keepers, etc.)
 - If a school has a legitimate conflict with a first round or quarterfinal date, the game may be played on an alternate date that is agreeable to both teams

- The school with the conflict should first contact the opposing school to seek an alternate, agreeable date
- If a separate date can not be found between the two schools, the MCSAA leadership team will make a final decision on the game date.

5. Semifinal and Championship games will be hosted at a predetermined site.

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