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## ABCSA Statement of Philosophy for Christian School Athletics

*“And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, **except he strive lawfully.**” (II Tim 2:5)*

The Words of Scripture leave no doubt that athletics were a part of the context in which the human writers of Scripture lived. References to sport, physical training, and competition suggest that they are not off-limits to followers of Christ. References to boxing, training, wrestling, and running a race confirm that athletics are legitimate in a Christian’s life. Paul acknowledged in 1 Timothy 4:8 that there is, indeed, profit from bodily exercise. He then reminds believers that bodily exercise, like other areas of life, pales in comparison to godliness. The believer’s body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and bodily exercise, properly undertaken, IS an exercise in godliness. Physical conditioning for God’s glory, for health and development as “good soldiers of Jesus Christ,” and not for sensuality or show, is a spiritual exercise.

As the Christian school movement developed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, athletic programs became part of most school programs. Those entrusted with the oversight of Christian school athletics have great influence on a highly visible aspect of the ministry. This includes the Christian school administrator, athletic director, and coaching staff. When a school offers intramural or interscholastic athletics participation to its students, it embraces a process that may serve to be a great blessing and useful tool of instruction. Often overlooked and/or neglected, however, are the perils that are ever-present in the realm of athletics. Following are a few of those perils:

- We reside in a sports-dominated society. Consider how much our conversation, television viewing, radio listening, and reading are related to sports. October focuses attention upon the World Series. From September through February, professional football dominates Sunday afternoons and Monday nights. Have you heard the expression “March Madness,” a time when collegiate basketball consumes most of America’s attention? Every two years, the whole world watches as elite athletes from many nations compete in summer or winter Olympics. These examples only begin to reveal the influence of sports and athletics on our culture. Over-emphasis is a continual peril to be avoided.
- Another danger of athletics is acceptance of the world’s norm in areas of attitude and behavior. Consider items that have become the norm in modern athletic competition.
  - Spectators question, criticize, and taunt officials, umpires, and referees. Taunting and hazing an opponent before, during, and after the performance has become part of the sport.
  - Players transgress established rules and it is deemed acceptable, as long as those officiating the game do not see the infraction or enforce the rule. It is often acceptable for a player to retaliate against an opponent if the other engaged first, and abusive body language or speech against a referee is expected if a call is not favorable.
  - Coaches are expected to “work” the officials in an effort to sway their judgment. Winning is everything, and that end justifies the means. Temper tantrums directed toward officials are deemed not only permissible, but necessary in certain circumstances.

To various degrees these behaviors and attitudes are accepted within modern sports and athletics. These professional and collegiate models “trickle down” into youth sports programs of all ages.

From this list of “normal” attitudes and behaviors, what can the Christian school administrator, athletic director, or coach accept? If we are to scrutinize our actions and attitudes in the light of biblical principle, the answer should be clear. The Christian cannot accept any of these!

Christian school leaders speak much of testimony and of being light in a dark world. Yet, too often Christian school athletics harm the cause of Christ and are far from being light to a dark world. Lip service is easy, but holding our athletic programs to biblical standards is hard work. Diligence and discernment must characterize those who administer sports programs.

What then is a biblical philosophy of athletics in the Christian school? At the foundational level Christian schools should recognize that sports programs are a means to an end and not an end in and of itself. Athletics is a tool by which many valuable lessons can be taught. Lessons include self-control in adversity, the value of hard work and practice, sportsmanship regardless of circumstance, consideration of opponents, and respect for authority. These opportunities for learning far exceed the importance of a winning season or League championship. “Athletes first, winning second” should be the mode of operation for every coach. Recognizing that each athlete is a multi-faceted individual who needs not only physical development, but spiritual, emotional, social, and mental, as well.

“Humble winning and gracious losing” should characterize the Christian school athletic team at the end of every contest. There is no room for pragmatism (whatever works, use it). Blatant or subtle breaking of rules to gain an advantage over an opponent is not striving lawfully. Officials, referees, and umpires are the designated authority over the athletic contest. Our response to their authority and decisions should look and sound no differently than what a student response should be to a teacher or a child’s response should be to a parent. Expressions of criticism and displeasure (verbal or body language) directed toward the officials/referees are expressions of disrespect and insubordination towards authority. Christian school athletic programs must have integrity and principle regarding what is right.

It is essential that adolescent energies be channeled into wholesome recreational development activities. This done “all to the glory of God” has a necessary place in the lives of Christians. Regrettably, the passion of the moment and desire to win often obscure the “big picture.” Biblically, the Christian’s goal is to glorify God in everything. That primary goal must not then be pre-empted amid the heat of athletic competition.

If a Christian school has an athletic program, it must never become a microcosm of society’s norms. It must never bring reproach upon the name of our Savior. Christian school athletics must be characterized by lawful striving in order to be that light to a dark world. There must be a difference!<sup>3</sup>

## **League Statement of Faith**

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God. The Authorized King James Version of the Bible shall be used in all member churches and in the activities of the ABCS.

We believe there is one triune God, eternally existent in the persons of the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the virgin birth of Christ, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, and His ascension into Heaven.

We believe that the Holy Spirit's work is to convict, regenerate, indwell, sanctify, and illuminate all who are born into God's family through Jesus Christ. We are opposed to the charismatic movement and its tongues and other sign manifestations.

We believe God created the heavens and earth in six literal days and that man was created in the image of God but chose to sin, therefore all persons inherit a depraved nature and are lost sinners in need of salvation.

We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. We believe that homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.

We believe Christ's blood, shed on Calvary, is the only atonement for man's sin. We believe that salvation is a free gift by grace through faith for "whosoever will." We believe that all men who accept Christ as their personal Savior are eternally secure. We do not believe that God pre-elects men to heaven or hell.

We believe that since the resurrection of Christ, God has ordained the church to carry out His work in the world. We believe in the following Baptist distinctives: biblical authority, autonomy of the local church, priesthood of all believers, the offices of pastor and deacons, individual soul liberty, saved and baptized church members, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper, separation of church and state, and separation of the believer from the world.

We believe that Satan rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven with a host of angels who followed him. He introduced sin to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He continues to turn people from the truth and against God. Eternal hell was created for Satan, his demons, and people who do not believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the saved to eternal life in heaven and the lost to eternal damnation in a literal lake of fire.

We believe in the imminent, pre-tribulation return of Jesus Christ for all believers. The rapture of the saints will be followed by a seven year tribulation after which Christ will return in glory to

judge the world and set up His millennial reign on earth.

We believe that this statement of faith is basic for Christian fellowship. All born-again men and women who sincerely accept it and are separated from the world of apostasy and sin can and should live together in peace. It is their Christian duty to promote harmony among believers.

ABCSA League membership will not be afforded to those associated with, a member of, or in accord with the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, or modern charismaticism or ecumenism.

## **League Objectives**

- Through athletic competition, display Christian character as a testimony for the cause of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- To encourage participation in athletics as an integral part of the educational program.
- To govern interscholastic athletics for boys and girls in grades 5-12 in its member schools by developing, enforcing and revising (as needed) an ABCSA Handbook, containing policies, rules, by-laws and procedures for the League participants.
- To develop Christian values in athletics and to promote Christian living through fair play.
- To achieve “whole athlete” development spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally and academically.
- To be knowledgeable regarding rules of sports and to be prepared to adapt them to the unique needs of ABCSA participants.
- To conduct post-season tournaments.
- To produce a champion team for each of the sports sponsored by the League.

## **League Membership Eligibility**

Any member school of ABCS is eligible to participate in ABCSA. Any non-ABCS member school desiring to be a member of ABCSA must be vetted by the executive board, and then sign and agree to the New Member Contract and pay all applicable membership fees. Non-ABCS member schools will be placed under new member probation.

## **Organizational Policies**

All ABCSA activities fall under the auspices of the Executive Board of ABCS. Any handbook changes must be approved by a majority vote of that executive board.

There shall be a minimum of two ABCSA meetings per year (fall and spring). These meetings will be to discuss any handbook changes that have been approved, draft proposed handbook changes, schedule the upcoming season's games, and choose tournament hosts for the next season(s). The Sports Director may call special meetings (two weeks' notice must be provided to member schools).

The ABCS executive board will annually approve the handbook (with revisions noted). The effective date for any handbook revision must be announced to each of the member schools. The leadership will annually revise the ABCSA handbook in accordance with ABCSA meeting minutes or business passed by a voting quorum. The revision and production of the handbook should be completed over the summer and copies made available for distribution to member schools by the fall ABCSA meeting. Policy and procedure changes occurring during the course of the school year will be written and distributed to member schools on paper until the revised handbooks are available.

## **League Officers and Committees**

ABCS Sports Director is a paid position in ABCS, and is selected by the ABCS Executive Board. Any aspects of salary, term, and performance are handled by the executive board. The Sports Director serves as the board's representative to the member schools in regards to the athletic activities participated in by ABCS schools. The Director is responsible for enforcing the policies as outlined in this handbook. The Director may not make decisions outside the realm of these given policies without approval from the ABCS executive board.

The discipline committee will be made up of a minimum of three and a maximum of seven members. To be considered, the nominee must be either a pastor, administrator, athletic director, or coach of a member school. They are nominated by the Sports Director before the beginning of each new athletic year (August-July) and are voted in by the ABCS executive board. They will be responsible to assist the Sports Director in enforcing the discipline aspect of this handbook's policies. This may include emergency meetings to discuss urgent discipline situations.

## **Member Representatives**

One representative from each member school shall attend (physically or digitally) each ABCSA meeting (notification of ABCSA meetings to the school administrator or athletic director shall be at least one week in advance of the meeting). While a member school may elect to send more than one representative to ABCSA meetings, the member school is limited to one vote during



league business. Issues ending in tie votes shall be decided by the vote of the ABCS Sports Director. Prayer shall open and close each ABCSA meeting. An ABCSA officer shall produce and distribute meeting minutes to all member schools within two weeks after an ABCSA meeting.

## League Finances

Income shall include membership fees (assessed by ABCS) and excess tournament revenue (after expenses deducted). The leadership shall determine post-season tournament ticket prices. Expenses of ABCSA shall be determined by ABCSA. Expenses include cost of officials, awards, office expenses, etc. All budgets, requisitions, and approvals are handled by the ABCS executive board, and the ABCS treasurer.

## Concussion Protocol

It is the responsibility of member schools to have a concussion plan on file in the case of any students showing signs/symptoms of a concussion. ABCSA recommends that all League coaches take the free online course “Concussion in Sports” at [NFHSlearn.com](http://NFHSlearn.com).

## Player Eligibility

Regarding homeschool and dually-enrolled athletes, upon the date of his/her enrollment, a homeschool or dually-enrolled athlete may participate in athletics at a member school under the following conditions:

- The homeschool athlete is affiliated with the member school or the member school’s church (see below for **church affiliation requirements**).
- OR The homeschool athlete is enrolled in a member school’s homeschool umbrella that is registered with the State Department of Education to supervise home instruction.
- OR The homeschool athlete is enrolled in a homeschool umbrella that is registered with the State Department of Education to supervise home instruction that does not provide access to an athletics program. In this scenario the homeschool athlete may participate in a member school’s athletic program by being simultaneously (dually-) enrolled in at least one or more fulltime course(s) in the Christian school of the member school for the time spanning their athletic participation.
- OR A homeschool student who is dually-enrolled in both a declared member school’s homeschool umbrella (with an athletics program) and simultaneously at a member school (with an athletics program) for one or more courses may only participate in the member homeschool umbrella athletics program.
- OR A homeschool student who is dually-enrolled in a non-member homeschool umbrella (with an athletics program) and simultaneously at a member school (with an athletics program) for one or more courses must choose which athletic program he/she will participate in for the entire year (not sports season).

## **Participation Limitations and Discipline**

- Participation is limited to four years of Varsity competition upon entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time.
- Any suspected or observed abuses to the policies aforementioned may be evaluated within the ABCSA discipline committee for potential discipline/restrictions imposed on the school/athletes in question. Abuses may include but are not limited to:
  - Recruiting of athletes from homeschool umbrella programs by offering enrollment into one or more courses in your school.
  - The offering of sports scholarships to athletes in homeschool umbrella programs in order to enroll said athletes into your school.

Eligible participants must be in good standing accordance with the behavioral and academic policies of the member school and are subject to other limitations prescribed in this handbook. A student who has graduated from a secondary education program (domestic or foreign) is not eligible to participate in ABCSA competitions. It is highly recommended that all participating ABCSA athletes have a physical examination every year. The ABCSA Discipline Committee will render judgment, upon any member school's referral, regarding the eligibility status of a student-athlete.

## **Church Affiliation Requirements**

In addition to the above guidelines, our desire is for our student athletes to be growing in their relationship with Christ if they are saved, or that they will trust Christ as their personal Savior. Because of this, we desire for them to be in church. For a homeschooled or other non-enrolled athlete who wishes to participate in ABCSA competitions, they must either:

- 1) Be a member of the local church associated with the member school they are playing for.
- 2) Or, Their parent or guardian must be a member of the local church associated with the member school they are playing for.
- 3) Or, have a letter from the member school's pastor confirming their regular attendance at that church (including youth programs).

Note: Attendance at a church of like faith may be approved by the Sports Director and/or discipline committee in some cases (i.e. a child whose father is the pastor of a nearby church of like faith).

## **Player Roster Submission**

ABCSA schools will submit rosters to the ABCSA Sports Director. The Final Roster of athletes for each sport in progress is to be submitted by 3 weeks before the ABCSA tournament. The Final Roster form can be found in the Appendices of this handbook under Appendix A. The Sports Director will forward a complete duplicate set of Final Rosters to the host school for the ABCSA tournaments.

## **Age/Participation Limitations**

An athlete who has attained his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1<sup>st</sup> of a given academic year is not eligible to participate in ABCSA competitions. An athlete who has attained his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of a given academic year may participate only on the varsity level for the length of that academic year. An athlete who has attained his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday before September 1<sup>st</sup> of a given academic year is not eligible to participate in ABCSA JV competitions. An athlete who has attained his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of a given academic year may participate in ABCSA JV athletics for the length of that academic year. Participation is limited to four years of varsity competition upon entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time. An athlete may or may not play varsity seasons consecutively. A season begins at the team's first scheduled League game.

ABCSA Varsity teams are to be made up of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade athletes. ABCSA permits member schools to utilize 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes to fill a varsity team, but strongly advises against the use of 5<sup>th</sup> grade athletes. ABCSA JV teams are to be made up of 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade athletes. (For 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades, see **Dual-Rostering** below). ABCSA strongly advises against the use of 5<sup>th</sup> grade athletes. 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade athletes *may* be permitted to participate on a JV team upon review prior to the first League game of the season.

Transgender students are not eligible to participate in ABCSA competitions. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Allowing transgender athletes to participate in League competition can create unfair competitive advantages and can undermine the goal of parity within the league.

All ABCSA teams are to be rostered according to their gender description. Boys teams (JV and Varsity) are to be rostered only by biological males. Girls teams (JV and Varsity) are to be rostered only by biological females. ABCSA does not allow for co-ed teams on any level.

Any athlete who is dually rostered on a JV and/or Varsity team may not participate in more than three halves of soccer, five sets of volleyball, six quarters of basketball, or 14 innings of baseball on the same day (excludes overtime periods). Any appearance in a half of soccer, set of volleyball, quarter of basketball, or inning of baseball (regardless of the minutes played) counts as participation in that half, set, quarter, or inning. These dual rostered athletes may not be consistent starters at the higher level.

A member school's deliberate or inadvertent violation of the conditions of a student athlete's age or participation limitations will result in the forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student athlete participated.

Note: We must enlist the assistance of coaches and athletic directors to ensure that the developmental spirit of JV programs is honored. The previously listed guidelines were adopted with this in mind. Individual schools are asked to keep the amount of participation of dual rostered players above reproach.

## **Student Transfers**

Any student athlete transferring from one member-school to another member-school (migration) must sit out the sports season that is in effect when he/she transferred. Any student athlete transferring after the final roster deadline is not eligible to play in that sports season. Waivers for special cases (such as a geographical family move) may be filled out and directed to the Sports Director for consideration. The Waiver Request for Student Transfer form can be found as Appendix B in the back of this handbook.

## **Recruiting/Athletic Scholarships**

Recruiting between member schools is not tolerated. Schools that provide financial assistance and/or scholarships to student athletes for the purpose of athletics participation are ineligible to participate in any League sport or tournament.

## **Dual-Rostering**

Student athletes who desire to be a member of two teams in the same sport in the same season are restricted according to the following guidelines:

- No student may be a member of a ABCSA varsity school team and at the same time be a member of another team who is playing a high school schedule in the same sport in the same season.
  - Example #1: A varsity male member of a ABCSA school soccer team **may not** be a member of a homeschool varsity soccer team that is playing a high school schedule in the same sport in the same season.
  - Example #2: That same male soccer player **may be** a varsity member (individual school permitting) of a ABCSA team and also make a team commitment to a soccer club team that is not playing a high school schedule.
  - Example #3: A varsity male member of a ABCSA school soccer team may also be a member (individual school permitting) of a varsity cross country team in the same season either from his own ABCSA school or another school/team that plays a high school schedule.
- Individual schools may make participation policies for their school that are more restrictive than the stated ABCSA policies (i.e., a ABCSA school may prohibit dual-rostering of any kind for its student athletes).

## **Amateur Status**

Any ABCSA student athlete must be an amateur. As such, he/she may not receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, stipend, incentive, payment, award, gratuity, gift, educational expenses or expense allowance as a result of participation in any sport or sports team. To be eligible for college athletics, ABCSA athletes are required to adhere to the policies for avoiding “professionalism” as defined by the NCAA.

## **Sportsmanship**

Maintaining an optimal level of sportsmanship in ABCSA is a high priority. Starting with school administration, attitudes towards sportsmanship trickle down all the way to the spectators. Perhaps the most important individual in the hierarchy is the coach. The coach is directly responsible for his athletes’ conduct. His control over parents and spectators is limited but essential. The school administrator and athletic director appropriately share the responsibility of spectator conduct. If the coach does not have “his/her own house in order” the entire athletic environment can quickly spiral out of control, and often does. ABCSA’s expectations of behavior for coaches are higher than for the athlete or spectator. It only follows then that consequences for coach misconduct are more severe than for athlete misconduct. In the discipline section to follow, that precedent will be evident.

ABCSA member schools are expected to be proactive in the promotion of sportsmanship at their school. Following are a list of recommended activities for ABCSA members:

- Develop, publish, and promote a ministry philosophy of Christian school athletics.
- Develop, publish, and distribute a school athletic handbook to all athletes and parents.
- Have mandatory pre-season coaches meeting to give administration an opportunity to define school philosophy, policies, and procedures with regards to athletics.
- Utilize ABCSA Sportsmanship Rating Cards to allow official, umpires, referees to evaluate your school’s coaches, players, and spectators at each ABCSA competition.
- Have student meetings explaining the philosophy and stating behavioral expectations.
- Have athlete meetings at the beginning of the season clearly instructing the school’s position on athletics.
- Encourage each head coach to have a pre-season “Parents’ Night” to provide an avenue to communicate school and program philosophy along with parental/spectator expectations.
- Award recognition to athletes and teams who demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Encourage athlete participation in ABCSA events such as post- season all-star games.
- File a postseason report with ABCSA containing concrete and observable attempts to enhance sportsmanship at your school (due at conclusion of spring sports and see Appendix G).
- ABCSA will host a mandatory coaches meeting in the fall yearly for coaching staffs (all sports) from each ABCSA school. Location, date, time TBA.

## **Discipline**

### **Referral Process:**

When a suspected handbook violation has occurred any member school pastor, administrator, or athletic director may initiate a referral to the ABCSA Sports Director. All referrals must utilize the ABCSA Referral Form (Appendix C, or a form available on ABCS website) and be sent via mail, in-person, or electronically to the Sports Director. Upon receiving the referral, the Sports Director will determine if the referral should be sent to the ABCSA Discipline Committee, be handled at the officers' level, or warrant a special meeting of ABCSA member school representatives. The ABCSA Referral Form contains the following minimal information:

Name of Person Reporting the Concern (Pastor, AD or school administrator)  
Name of School Reporting the Concern  
Date of Referral  
Description of the Concern (be exact and thorough with time, place, etc.)Contact information for research and questioning  
Pastor/AD/Administrator Full Name  
Office Phone, Cell Phone, Home Phone, e-mail address

When a judgment has been rendered, the ABCSA Director will return, in writing, that judgment to the referring school and involved schools' pastor, administrators, or athletic directors. In turn, they should communicate the judgment to the appropriate school constituency. Referrals coming from any individual other than a member school pastor, athletic director, or administrator will be directed back to the reporting school administrator or athletic director.

### **Member School Discipline:**

#### **Reported and confirmed violation discipline process**

When a school, team, coach, or player has violated any of the policies of the ABCSA handbook or the ABCS code of conduct, the following order of discipline will occur:

- First violation: Upon receiving a reported violation, the Sports Director will investigate and then inform by email the pastor, administrator, and athletic director of the offending school that they have been reported, and if necessary give a deadline for being up to code.
- Second Violation: If the same school, team, coach, or player has not fixed the problem by the assessed deadline, the ABCS Executive Board head over sports will place a phone call to the offending school's pastor. He will inform him of what will happen if there is a third violation.
- Third Violation: If, after the phone call to the pastor has been completed, and the school, team, or player is still in violation, there will be a meeting with the ABCSA Sports Director and the ABCS Executive Board to discuss suspension from postseason play. The offending school will be informed in writing of their suspension from post season play, and issued a final warning and deadline to be up to code.
- Fourth Violation: If there is a fourth violation of the same nature, the Executive Board will meet to discuss the offending school's future in the association.

**Non-Coach or Athlete Reports:**

Handbook issues involving non-coach or non-athlete individuals (such as student body, parents, alumni, or other) must be referred to the ABCSA Director. He may elect to establish dialogue with the involved schools' administrators or athletic directors and handle it through consensus or he may seek judgment from the discipline committee or even the ABCS executive board. For example, a member school sends a referral regarding another member school that played rock music during a team warm-up. This referral, because of the non-coach/athlete nature of the concern would be referred to the Sports Director, who will either handle the matter with the schools involved or involve the discipline committee, or potentially involve the ABCS executive board.

**Ejection Rule for Coaches:**

A coach who is ejected from any contest is suspended from the next three ABCSA competitions (regardless of the point in the season - will carry over to next season if necessary). Game official's decisions are final and binding. A coach who is ejected a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a season or is ejected for physical or verbal abuse of a game official (1<sup>st</sup> time) will not be permitted to coach in any ABCSA competitions for the period of at least one complete calendar year. Verbal abuse is defined as profanity, vulgarity, or abusive speech that attacks the character or integrity of officials, players, or spectators. He/she may only return to coach in ABCSA with ABCSA review and approval. A coach returning to coach in ABCSA after a 1-year suspension will remain on probation for the next entire season. As with all discipline committee decisions, any suspension may be appealed following the appeals process (see below).

**Ejection Rule for Players:**

A player who is ejected from any contest is suspended from the next ABCSA competition (regardless of the point in the season - will carry over to next season if necessary). Game officials' decisions are final and binding. A player who is ejected a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a season will be suspended for the next three ABCSA competitions (regardless of the point in the season - will carry over to next season if necessary). A player who is ejected a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in a season will not be permitted to play in any ABCSA competitions for the period of at least one complete calendar year. Verbal abuse is defined as profanity, vulgarity, or abusive speech that attacks the character or integrity of officials, players, or spectators. A player who is ejected for verbal abuse (1<sup>st</sup> time) will be suspended for the next three ABCSA competitions. A player who is ejected a 2<sup>nd</sup> time for verbal abuse will not be permitted to play in any ABCSA competitions for the period of at least one complete calendar year. A player ejected for physical abuse will not be permitted to play in any ABCSA competitions for the period of at least one complete calendar year. He/she may only return to play in ABCSA with ABCSA review and approval. A player returning to participate in ABCSA after a 1-year suspension will remain on probation for the entire season.

\*Special soccer note: Yellow cards by their very nature are subject to interpretation and evaluation by schools and the ABCSA Discipline Committee. The two yellow card rule (soft red) does not fall under this ejection policy.

**Appeal Process:**

An appeal is an expression of disagreement of a judgment rendered by ABCSA Discipline Committee or other ABCSA judgment. The ABCSA officers' and/or memberships' final decision regarding any appeal should be reviewed with the Sports Director, who will bring it before the executive board of ABCS before a final decision is made.

All appeals must utilize the ABCSA Appeal Form (Appendix D, also on website as typeform) and be sent via mail, in-person, or electronically to the Sports Director. Upon receiving the appeal, the Sports Director will determine the needed course of action to achieve a final answer. An appeal must contain the following minimal information:

Name of Person Offering an Appeal (pastor, AD, or school administrator)

Name of School Appealing

What was the judgment of the ABCSA?

Reason for the appeal (be exact and thorough)

ABCSA response to the appeal (final)

Contact information for research and questioning

- Pastor/AD/Administrator Full Name

- Office Phone, Cell Phone, Home Phone

- E-mail address

Appeals coming from any individual other than a member school Pastor, AD, or administrator will be disregarded by the Sports Director.

## **Report of Yellow Cards, Red Cards, Technical Fouls and Ejections**

It is the responsibility of the coach/athletic director to report all yellow cards, red cards, technical fouls, and ejections to the ABCSA president within 48 hours of the infraction. Appendix E (Reports of Yellow/Red Cards, Technical fouls, Ejections) should be filled out completely by the athletic director and forwarded within the 48-hour window (electronic submission is strongly recommended). The team receiving the card, technical, or ejection is responsible to file the report.

## **Coach Dress Code for ABCSA Competitions**

Coaches set the standard for their players. As Christians we should set the standard for modesty and professionalism. For this reason, the following guidelines must be followed by any coach who wishes to coach in an ABCSA competition.

Male

Tops: Minimum standard is a collared shirt, preferred is shirt and tie. No T-shirts or hoodies. Jackets may be worn, preferably with your school branding.

Bottoms: Minimum standard is khaki-style pants, preferred is dress slacks. No shorts of any kind. No blue jeans, sweatpants, or joggers.

Shoes: Minimum standard is nice tennis/basketball shoes. Preferred is casual/dress shoes. No



flip-flops or crocs.

Hair: Haircuts that reflect a conservative style (not over the ears or excessively long in the back or front). Baseball caps may only be worn for outdoor coaching.

No body piercings, and any existing tattoos should be covered by clothing or skin-toned covering/bandage.

## Female

Tops: Minimum standard is a collared shirt or dressy blouse (modest dresses are acceptable as well). Necklines should follow modesty standards. No T-shirts or hoodies. Jackets may be worn, preferably with your school branding.

Bottoms: Minimum standard is a skirt or dress that covers the kneecap and is not form fitting. No pants or shorts of any kind.

Shoes: Minimum standard is nice tennis/basketball shoes. Preferred is casual/dress shoes. No flip-flops or crocs.

Hair: Hair should be a feminine style. Baseball caps may only be worn for outdoor coaching.

No body piercings, other than earrings, and any existing tattoos should be covered by clothing or skin-toned covering/bandage.

## Player Dress Code for ABCSA Competitions

Player appearance standards conform to the standards given in ABCS policy. This includes, but is not limited to:

Girls: Skirts, culottes, and the acceptable lengths thereof

Boys: Shorts, and the acceptable length thereof

Tightness of apparel

Hair standards

Piercings/Tattoos

For more information, see ABCSA Attire Standards document (attached).

## Member Team Participation Requirement

It is assumed that ABCSA member schools will enter teams into all varsity sports seasons and sports. Lack of student interest in a particular sport or financial constraints are legitimate reasons not to enter a team in a given sport during a given season. Weakness of team is not a legitimate reason to not enter a team into a ABCSA varsity season. At their discretion, schools may or may not enter JV teams into ABCSA sports offered at that level.

## Game Officials

All schools must use game officials approved by ABCSA for all home games. In general, ABCSA approves all local or state licensed officiating organizations. If a school has a question regarding the approval of officials, they may contact the Sports Director for clarification. If in an emergency situation both competing schools agree to utilize non-licensed officials, this is allowed but must be reported to ABCSA so that it does not become a continuing issue.

## **Season Start Dates/Game Limitations**

See ABCSA scheduling guidelines.

## **Game Day Guidelines**

Instrumental college fight songs are permitted for pre-game or halftime music for ABCSA competitions. Member schools should plan for crowd control. Please ensure that your facilities are safe, clean and comfortable. When possible, offer concessions stands for guests. Begin each contest with prayer and if possible, the national anthem, and a statement regarding sportsmanship. Have entrances and restrooms clearly marked. It is recommended that host schools have first aid equipment and personnel on-site for all games. An administrator or athletic director should be present and available for all ABCSA games.

## **Playing Your Schedule**

When schedules have been put into place, you are obligated to play your ABCSA schedule. In the event of game postponements, ADs should aggressively seek to reschedule the contest as soon as possible. Do not let non-League games pre-empt the make-up of a ABCSA game. ABCSA schools should not schedule any League games after the Tuesday of the week before ABCSA tournaments for the purpose of seeding the tournaments before Wednesday and to allow room for make-up games before the tournament. Any ABCSA school, without due cause, who refuses to make up a regular season League game or play a scheduled tournament game will be forced to forfeit that game as a loss and, and will lose any home field/court advantage during postseason play as applied if they are the higher seed. The Sports Director and/or discipline committee will make the final judgments in these cases. In general, with few exceptions, the rule of thumb is that a cancelation without an attempt to reschedule will be a forfeiture by the canceling team.

## **Reporting Scores and Results**

For all ABCSA contests (Varsity, JV) the home team must within 48 hours post results to MaxPreps or email or text results to the Sports Director (contact info below). ABCSA Athletic Directors and coaches may access ABCSA competition results on the ABCSA website or by group email. Athletic directors must either hold their coaches accountable for this duty or take it upon themselves to call in the scores from home ABCSA competitions.

Sports Director Contact:

Email: JRFABCS@gmail.com

Text: 732-278-8290

## **Postponing a Game**

It is the responsibility of the home team to communicate with the visiting school that a game will be postponed. Impending weather, field conditions, and referee cancellation are just some scenarios that may require postponement. The host school should make the decision by no later than 1:00 PM and immediately communicate the decision to the visiting school. On rare occasions, the visiting school may have to postpone due to transportation issues or weather

conditions that are affecting their region. In the event of any postponement, both schools should seek to reschedule the competition on the next available play date (even if it means canceling a non-League contest). See *Playing Your Schedule* above.

## Tournament Seeding Policies

In order to qualify for tournament play the following regular season guidelines will be followed:

See also ABCSA Scheduling Guidelines

**Varsity Sports:** Each Varsity ABCSA team is required to play each other at least once per season. ABCSA teams should alternate home and away games between opponents each season. When more than one game is played versus the same opponent, only the first game will count towards the League record. Each Varsity ABCSA team, however, is required to play the member schools of their division twice, and the member schools of the other division(s) once. If more than two games are played versus the same opponent, then only the first two games will count toward the League record. **However, if prior to the season the league announces that there will be no divisions in a particular sport (due to imbalanced divisions or not enough participating teams), each team will only be required to play each other once, but more than once is welcomed.**

**Junior Varsity Sports:** Each Junior Varsity ABCSA team is required to play each other at least once. ABCSA teams should alternate home and away games between opponents each season. When more than one game is played versus the same opponent, only the first game will count towards the League record. This is to avoid a team “beating up” on a weaker opponent to pad their record.

The following criteria will be used to determine seeding for the tournament:

JV and Varsity Sports

1. Overall League record
2. Head-to-head regular season results
3. Total point differential among teams involved in a tie
4. Out-of-League results against common opponents
5. Coin toss

In the event of a tie involving three or more teams, once one team is selected as the higher seed, according to our criteria, then the other seeds are selected by repeating our criteria process.

## ABCSA Special Circumstances Facility/Field Usage

Some ABCSA schools are restricted to using or renting facilities other than their own. It is the responsibility of any ABCSA school that may have special circumstances regarding the use of facilities or fields to communicate that information to all ABCSA members in writing or in the meeting preceding the coming sports season. Special circumstances are not limited to but may include:

- Member school is renting a gymnasium or ball field and limited to a time window which they cannot exceed.
- Member school has facilities or fields that do not meet National Federation of High School standards (in this circumstance the host school who is not able to provide NFHS approved facilities must either provide such facilities, agree to play the varsity ABCSA contest at the opponent's facility, or establish agreement with the visiting school that they will play the competition at the site that does not meet the NFHS standard).

If special unforeseen circumstances arise during the sports season, the member school must communicate the special circumstance to the opposing team at least one day in advance of the contest. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting the contest (even if played).

## Hosting an ABCSA Tournament

The ABCSA representatives in an official meeting will decide hosts for ABCSA tournaments. The host school athletic director along with ABCSA officers will take responsibility to ensure that the following duties are performed:

- Have a responsible person collecting gate fees.
- Have a responsible person operating the score clock/scoreboard (when applicable).
- For soccer games, have two ball runners per field per game (one for each sideline).
- Have a table available for awards presentation.
- Produce a program with all participating tournament team rosters listed.
- Have visible brackets to publicize competition results.
- Secure and confirm all officials for the proper competition times.
- Upon deducting tournament expenses, forward excess revenue to the ABCS treasurer (keep careful documentation and send with money).
- Send a copy of the referee bill to the ABCS treasurer for school reimbursement.

Fees for all ABCSA tournaments shall be as follows:

Adults = \$4.00      Students = \$3.00      Family Max. = \$12.00

These fees are a per day (not tournament) rate. A hand stamp or wristband should be utilized to allow payingspectators to come and go from tournament sites for that day. Free admission is granted to ABCSA pastors, administrators, and athletic directors. Non-players who are performing functions directly related to the team (coaches, managers, book-keepers, etc.) are granted free admission.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded for all varsity tournaments (assuming a consolation game) and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies will be awarded for all JV tournaments.

All-Tournament Teams (medallions) will be awarded at the conclusion of any varsity championship tournament game. Coaches will be given ballots to vote for each team's all tournament selections and the tournament MVP. The votes will be collected and tabulated by the host school tournament director or ABCSA Sports Director.

ABCSA Tournament eligibility requires member schools to complete several responsibilities by published deadline dates:

- Rosters (remember Final Roster deadline).
- Inform the host school in writing what personnel are to receive free passes.
- Include current team w-l-t records in the program.

Referee expenses are only reimbursed to host schools for consolation and championship games. The high seed host will cover costs of officials in the playoff games leading up to the final championship and consolation games. All excess revenues from ABCSA gate receipts (after officials and support personnel paid) should be forwarded to the ABCS treasurer.

Tournament game times will be decided according to host site.

## **ABCSA Post-Season Awards**

### **All-League:**

ABCSA All-League awards are given for performance of varsity athletes within the regular ABCSA season schedule. At the end of each season, the head coach will select a maximum of five players from his roster to be nominated for All-League recognition. These nominations are submitted to the ABCSA Sports Director by the prescribed deadline. All nominations are organized on a voting ballot per sport and distributed to the head coaches of that particular sport. Head coaches will then make selections based upon the directions on the ballot and return the ballot to the Sports Director by the prescribed deadline. Nominations and ballots will not be accepted after the prescribed deadline (that school forfeits the right to nominate or vote). From the returned ballots a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team will be selected and announced at tournament time. Honorable mention will be awarded to athletes who receive votes but do not make the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

### **All-Tournament:**

The All-Tournament team will be selected directly by all the head coaches of the teams participating in the tournament in question. The evaluation is based upon tournament (not regular season) performance. Coaches will be given ballots to vote for each team's all tournament selections and the tournament MVP. The votes will be collected by halftime of the championship games and tabulated by the host school tournament director, ABCSA Sports Director, or pre-approved representative. Each head coach gets one vote for their entire coaching staff. All-Tournament and Tournament MsVP awards will be presented at tournament time.

## **Individual Sports Guidelines**

Unless otherwise denoted below, The National Federation of High School Athletics Association rules apply to all sports.

### **Boys' Varsity and JV Soccer:**

Regular and Post Season

- 40-minute halves (Varsity) ; 30-minute halves (JV)
- When tied at the end of regulation, play 2 sudden victory overtime periods of 10 minutes each.
- If still tied, play penalty kicks to determine the winner.

Must have six or more participating regular season ABCSA teams in order to have a tournament consolation game.

### **Girls' Varsity and JV Volleyball:**

- Matches consist of best three out of five (Varsity) and best two out of three (JV).
- 1 official may be used in regular season play.
- Each school must provide 1 linesperson.
- 2 officials should be used for ABCSA tournament.
- Tie-breaker games played to 15.
- Uniforms: see "Dress Code" section on page 17.

Must have six or more participating regular season ABCSA teams in order to have a tournament consolation game.

### **Boys' Varsity Basketball:**

- 8-minute quarters
- No shot clock (regular season and tournament).
- No artificial noise makers by spectators.
- 35-point differential rule causing a running clock in the 4th quarter that stops only for injuries, timeouts, and free throws.

Must have six or more participating regular season ABCSA teams in order to have a tournament consolation game.

### **Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball:**

- 7-minute quarters
- No shot clock (regular season and tournament).
- No artificial noise makers by spectators.
- 35-point differential rule causing a running clock in the 4th quarter that stops only for injuries, timeouts, and free throws.

No tournament consolation game for junior varsity ABCSA.

### **Girls' Varsity Basketball:**

- 7-minute quarters\*
- No shot clock (regular season and tournament).

- No artificial noise makers by spectators.
- 35-point differential rule causing a running clock in the 4th quarter that stops only for injuries, timeouts, and free throws.
- Uniforms: see “dress code” section on page 17.

Must have six or more participating regular season ABCSA teams in order to have a tournament consolation game.

\*During tournament games, 8 minute quarters only.

#### **Girls’ Junior Varsity Basketball:**

- 6-minute quarters
- No shot clock (regular season and tournament).
- No artificial noise makers by spectators.
- 35-point differential rule causing a running clock in the 4th quarter that stops only for injuries, timeouts, and free throws.

No tournament consolation game for junior varsity ABCSA.

#### **Boys’ Varsity Baseball:**

- 7-inning games
- 10-run rule by the end of the 5<sup>th</sup>
- If a game is suspended during regular or post-season play, resume where the game left off. A game is complete after 5 innings for a regular season game, all 7 innings need to be played for a post-season game.

Must have six or more participating regular season ABCSA teams in order to have a tournament consolation game.

#### **Girls’ Soccer:**

Regular and Post-Season

- 40-minute halves
- When tied at the end of regulation, play 2 sudden victory overtime periods of 10 minutes each.
- If still tied, play penalty kicks to determine the winner.

Must have six or more participating regular season ABCSA teams in order to have a tournament consolation game.

#### **Boys’ Varsity Flag Football:**

- 15 minute running quarters (stops for extra points, timeouts, referee discussions, and injuries).
- 8 men on the field at a time.
- Special Overtime rules
- Specific rules, field requirements, etc. can be found at...

#### **Boys’ Varsity and JV Volleyball:**

- Matches consist of best three out of five (Varsity) and best two out of three (JV).
- 1 official may be used in regular season play.



- Each school must provide 1 linesperson.
- 2 officials should be used for ABCSA tournament.
- Tie-breaker games played to 15.
- Uniforms: see “Dress Code” section on page 17.

Must have six or more participating regular season ABCSA teams in order to have a tournament consolation game.

### **Girls’ Cheerleading:**

Cheerleading parameters:

- Cheers should be neutral or positive and never antagonistic towards opposing coaches, players, or fans.
- Examples of derogatory cheers
  - Making noise during an opponent’s free throw.
  - Cheers that single out opponent mistakes (walking, double dribble, fouling).
  - Deliberately distracting an opposing player while they are performing.
  - “Start the bus” chanted at a losing opponent at the end of a game.
- Cheers should avoid “pop culture” elements, songs, and phrases.
- Excessive hip movements and moves resembling dance are not permitted.

Apparel for non-stunting/non-tumbling squads:

- May wear skirts of modest length (at least close to the knee).
- Shorts past mid-thigh should be worn underneath all skirts.
- Tops should be non-form-fitting and cover the mid-section when arms are raised.
- ABCSA reserves the right to judge appropriateness of fit.

Apparel for stunting/tumbling squads:

- Any cheerleader who stunts or tumbles must be in a skort/split skirt/skirt-appearing culottes.
  - Special exception – due to a possible safety issue, skirts to the knee with knee length bike shorts of the same color of the skirt may be worn for stunts that require climbing.
- Shorts past mid-thigh should be worn underneath all skort/split skirt/skirt-appearing culottes.
- Tops should be non-form-fitting and cover the mid-section when arms are raised.
- ABCSA reserves the right to judge appropriateness of fit.

Stunting/Tumbling Parameters:

- Any ABCSA schools that instruct/permit stunting and tumbling must ensure that the instructors are certified by an authentic cheerleader association (e.g., AACCA, CCA, etc.).
- Stunting where the skort/split skirt/skirt-appearing culottes rides up the thigh is not permitted (heel stretches, scorpion, etc.).
- Stationary or standing stunts that cause the skort/split skirt/skirt-appearing culottes to ride up the thigh are not permitted (splitstunts).

Tournament Competition:

- A stunt competition and a spirit competition will be offered to ABCSA schools who have cheer squads (squads may enter both).
- Any school that has a cheerleading squad active during the regular season is expected to enter

the tournament competition in either the stunt and/or spirit category.

- The tournament competition will be scheduled between the boy's consolation basketball game and the girls' championship game.
- Qualified judges from outside ABCSA will be secured for competition judging.

## **\*\*ABCSA CHEERLEADING COMPETITION GUIDELINES\*\***

### **WHO CAN ENTER:**

Any member school varsity cheerleading team. Members must be actively enrolled in the cheerleading program of the school and must have cheered in at least one-half of the games for which they were scheduled. JV cheerleaders may move up to varsity for the competition as long as they are active members of the JV cheer team and in grades 7-12. A cheer team is allowed to participate in the competition regardless of the status of their athletic team in the League tournament. Numbers will be drawn for the order of appearance at a coach's meeting just prior to beginning of competition.

### **SQUAD SIZE:**

There must be a minimum of four and a maximum of twenty members on the cheer team.

### **UNIFORM:**

All cheer uniforms must meet ABCSA standards as stated in the ABCSA handbook. Any squad who is in violation of the uniform standard will not be eligible to place.

### **TYPE OF COMPETITION:**

Competition will consist of a 2 minute 30 second routine including at least one cheer and one sideline. A ten-point penalty will be assessed for going over the 2:30 time limit. A fifteen second grace period will be given before point deduction is given. A continuously flowing routine of a start/stop routine is acceptable; however, time begins when the first word of the first cheer of the routine is yelled and ends when the last word is cheered. "Spiriting" on and off the court does not count in the time limit. NO MUSIC IS ALLOWED in the routine. All material must be crowd oriented. This means appropriate and suitable for use in an actual ball game situation and of a nature that encourages and allows a crowd to respond by yelling with the cheerleaders or answering back when the cheerleaders indicate. Teams will not be judged by the loudness or size of their crowd of fans so as not to penalize smaller schools or those coming from greater distances. Instead, they will be judged on whether or not the material in their routine is actually suitable for crowd usage and encouraging to the crowd.

### **SAFETY:**

AACCA Safety Rules apply in all divisions. You are REQUIRED to have a copy of the AACCA School

Rules for the current year. You may find these rules at the AACCA website, [www.aacca.org](http://www.aacca.org).

If your routine has safety infractions, you will be assessed a penalty of ten points for MAJOR safety infractions and five points for MINOR safety infractions (such as stepping on a sign or pom) in your routine. Also, please note that signs and poms may be used in your routine. These may be handed or carefully dropped down on the floor after use. They may not be thrown or hurled in the air because of the danger of hitting and injuring others. They may be scooted across the floor or gently tossed to the front, back or sides away from other cheerleaders. You may not toss signs to the floor or across the room from a stunt after using them. This will be considered a minor safety infraction and five points will be deducted. Nothing may be thrown from the floor to the stands. See deduction sheet for other possible deductions.

#### SPIRIT COMPETITION STUNT/TUMBLING RULE:

For Spirit Competition Only:

There will be no stunts allowed in the Spirit competition and the only tumbling allowed are a cartwheel, roundoff and forward roll.

#### JUDGES:

Judges will be secured from the Christian Cheerleaders of America, will be impartial, and have expertise in cheerleading. They will not be connected with any participating school. Their decision will be final. Judges may have access to videotaping of the performance if desired to use in judging. There will be a separate timekeeper and if possible separate safety spotters. The head judge will tally the scores and give to the tournament director. Score sheets will be delivered to participating schools at the spring ABCSA Athletic Director's Meeting.

**Member School Listing and Contact Information:**

HOME TEAM MUST REPORT ALL  
ABCSA CONTESTS (INCLUDING  
NON-League WHETHER HOME  
OR AWAY) WITHIN 48 HOURS

MaxPreps.com

Any school failing to report a score, after an initial warning, within this time period, will be fined \$10.00 per violation.

# ABCSA Final Roster

*Submit to Sports Director*

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Team (e.g. Boys' Varsity Baseball): \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Colors: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Mascot: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ABCSA Waiver Request for Student Transfer

*Submit to Sports Director*

Athlete Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

School Departing From: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Enrolling In: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Enrolling: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge the above written explanations of departure and enrollment are accurately described.

Receiving School Administrator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Upon completion, this document should be forwarded to the ABCSA sports director by the receiving school administrator or athletic director.*

# ABCSA Incident Referral Form

*Submit to Sports Director*

Name, title, position of person reporting the concern: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Referring School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Concern (be exact and thorough including location, date, time, etc.):

\*You may use an attachment if necessary

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Contact information for ABCSA Director:

Response made to (school administrator or AD name): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# ABCSA Appeal Form

*Submit to ABCSA Director:*

Name, title, position of person appealing: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Appealing School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

ABCSA decision being appealed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reason for Appeal (be exact and thorough):

\*You may use an attachment if necessary

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Final Decision of ABCSA: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact information for ABCSA Director:

Response made to (school administrator or AD name): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# ABCSA Report of Yellow/Red Cards, Technical Fouls, and Ejections

*Submit to ABCSA Director*

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Coach/Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Opponent: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of ABCSA Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ABCSA Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name	Uniform #	Grade Level	Description of Infraction

Comments or School Action Already Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

# ABCSA School Report of Efforts to Enhance Sportsmanship

*Submit to ABCSA Director*

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Coach/Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Efforts Taken to Enhance Sportsmanship (See Page 12 in Handbook)

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# ABCSA Tournament Report

*Submit to ABCSA Director*

Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports/Levels: \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Report:

Gate Receipts: \_\_\_\_\_

Officials and Assignor's fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Workers (gate/clock): \_\_\_\_\_

Total ABCSA profit: \_\_\_\_\_

## Results:

Sport/Level: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st: \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd: \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd: \_\_\_\_\_  
4th: \_\_\_\_\_

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4th: \_\_\_\_\_

# ABCSA Varsity All-Tournament Team

*Submit to ABCSA Director*

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

MVP: \_\_\_\_\_

All Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOLS ATHLETICS**  
**AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN ABCSA LEAGUE COMPETITION**

By signing this contract, our school agrees to abide by the eligibility criteria in the ABCSA handbook, which is summarized here:

- a. All competing schools agree with the ABCS statement of faith (found in ABCS Bylaws)
- b. All competing schools agree to abide by the following, but are not limited to: player eligibility, age/participation limitations, recruiting and transfer policies, game day and sportsmanship guidelines.
- c. All competing schools agree to the seeding/tournament format established by the League.
- d. All competing schools agree to play all scheduled games within the League and scheduled by the League and will promptly submit team rosters and game scores.

Fee structure of the League is as follows: **\$100 per varsity sport**, and **\$75 per JV sport**. Be aware that there will be no separate tournament fees charged to your school. Your school will be billed for these sports. Please indicate below which and how many teams your school will enter into ABCSA competition.

Junior Varsity: \_\_\_\_\_

Varsity: \_\_\_\_\_

We, at \_\_\_\_\_ School/Academy, do agree to abide by the terms of this contract.

Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ AD Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

