

NCA SOCCER INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Soccer season is fast approaching and instead of holding a parent's meeting for I sign-ups and information, we are trying an information sheet this season to save you another evening out. Please read this paper, sign the section at the bottom of the second page and return it to the first practice (August 15th) with the rest of the signed forms and the \$30 athletic fee.

Student Expectations

- Students are expected to be at all practices unless arrangements have been made with the coach. Practices will be held Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri right after school until approx. 5:00 pm unless there is a game. Prior to school starting practice times will be decided by the coaches.
- Students are expected to be at all games as both the coach and the team are counting on you. Games will be played at 3:30 pm and 5:10 pm.
- Students are expected to dress in school dress code with no jeans for away games.
- Students must maintain a passing grade in each class to be able to play. If a player ends up on academic probation once, they are allowed to practice right after school but cannot play or go to away games. A second probation, the player is not allowed to practice and a third probation means that the player is off the team so keep your grades up.
- Students are expected to clean up the locker rooms after each practice and game, taking all of their belongings with them. Anything left behind will be put in the lost and found and eventually donated to the Good Will.
- While at away games, students are expected to treat guest facilities as they would our own. It is important that we are always displaying an attitude of Christ in everything that we do

Fundraising

- As we are a department of the school that runs mainly on fundraising, it is the responsibility of each student and family to participate in the fundraisers assigned to each sport.
- Each family will have to take turns working in the concession stand. This money is used to pay our officials each home game. I have included a copy of the schedule in this package and will need each family to either sign up for 2 concession slots. If you have a specific date you would like, add that to this form and I will try to schedule you there otherwise, I will fill in the schedule.
- Each player will also have to sell 1 Around the Town Coupon Book at a cost of \$20 each. These books will be sold by the whole school at the beginning of the school year but the money goes to the athletic department so please sell as many as possible. These books have lots of great coupons and sell themselves very easily.

Uniforms

Each player will receive 2 uniforms that will be theirs for the season. It is the player's responsibility to arrive at each game with the appropriate uniform, clean and ready to go. Please follow washing instructions on your jersey to make sure that your uniform is kept in good condition. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own socks at a cost of \$8 / pair from the athletic director and each student must have NOCSAE approved shin guards.

Awards

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to receive varsity letters, all students are eligible for the team awards. These awards will be handed out at a banquet at the end of soccer season.

Cell Phone use and Texting

Students are allowed to carry cell phones with them on the bus to away games but are only allowed to use them to call home for a ride or call ahead to give parents time to arrive at the school. Texting and cell phone use at any other time is not allowed and cell phones will be confiscated as per school rules.

Medications

The coach and/or Athletic Director must have a signed medical release/dispense form on file to issue any medications; indicating acceptable dosages and frequency of dispensing. Students may not possess any drugs. All drugs, prescription or otherwise, must be in the coach's possession. Over recent years the use of inhalers has increased. Any student requiring the use of an inhaler needs to have a written statement on hand signed by the parents or physician specifying the proper use of the inhaler for the athlete (i.e. do they use the inhaler prior to exertion, only as needed, or at specific times, number of puffs, maximum number of times athlete should use inhaler over the course of a game.) Inhalers should never be shared.

Jewelry

According to league and PIAA rules, no jewelry can be worn during games or practices because of the increased risk of injury to the players. This applies to both boys and girls.

Physicals

All students must have a physical prior to August 19th. PIAA Physical forms are available on the school website or the PIAA website. All physicals must have been completed after June 1, 2011 to be acceptable.

We, _____, have read the above information and understand
Parent & Student
what is expected of us.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

I would like to be scheduled for concessions for the following dates:

I am NOT available to do concessions on the following dates:

Permission Form for Sports Participation at NCA

To: Parents of NCA Athletes

From: Cathy Dunlap, Athletic Director

Re: Participation in NCA Interscholastic Sports

Date: July 30, 2011

This form and the corresponding fee must be returned before the first practice.

A \$30.00 non-refundable fee is required of each player. This fee helps to offset the expenses incurred during the season. If this is a difficulty for anyone, they need to see Mrs. Dunlap prior to the season.

Soccer socks will be available through the Athletic Office for \$8.00 per pair. If you have socks in good condition from last year, you will not need to purchase another pair.

A completed copy of the schedule will be available soon. As part of the team, attendance at practices and games is essential.

All students must have a physical **before** August 19th. There is a \$5.00 fee for the physical if you would like to have it done at the school. If you would rather have your son/daughter see your family physician, I will need a doctor signed physician form for my files.

Please read the attached uniform policy carefully. This form will need to be returned before a uniform will be assigned to your son/daughter. Notify my office of any concerns.

I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines set forth. I also understand the risk involved in any athletic participation and do not hold NCA or the coaches liable for injuries that may occur as a result of participation.

I/we give _____ permission to participate in Soccer at NCA.

Parent Signature

Athlete Signature

The Athlete's Pledge

Individual and team success in sports results from commitment. The extent to which young athletes are able to make such commitments reflects their maturity as well as their dedication to family, friends, school, and team. Your coach already has made a similar kind of commitment. For these reasons, we ask you to agree to the following.

Pledge:

As an athlete of New Covenant Academy, I promise:

1. To be a worthy representative of my teammates and coaches, abiding by school and community expectations and reflecting my team's values of commitment and hard work.
2. To maintain my health and fitness levels by following the training rules as prescribed by the Athletic Department.
3. To reflect the knowledge that a commitment to victory is nothing without the commitment to hard work in practice.
4. To attend every practice unless excused by my coach.
5. To understand that my future as a responsible adult relates more to my academic than my athletic activities.
6. To accept the responsibilities of team membership: cooperation, support of my teammates, shared responsibilities, positive interaction, and mutual respect.
7. To reflect maturity by expressing my feelings and ideas intelligently, appropriately, and in a way that is pleasing to God.
8. To reflect my belief that true strength involves gentleness and that even the toughest athlete is sensitive to others.
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I have read the above statements and promise to live up to them.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



The Parent's Pledge

Cooperation among coaches, athletes, parents, and school personnel is essential if students are to realize the values of athletic participation. Like coaches and athletes, parents must make commitments to the athletic program to assure such cooperation. We ask that you read the following Pledge, and as needed, discuss your reactions with your child's coach or the school's Athletic Director. Thanks for your help.

Pledge:

As the parent of an athlete of New Covenant Academy, I promise:

1. To accompany my child to as many orientation and informational meetings offered by the athletic department as my schedule will permit.
2. To work closely with all school personnel to assure an appropriate academic, as well as athletic, experience for my child while he or she is in high school.
3. To assure that my child will attend all scheduled practices and athletic contests.
4. To require my child to abide by the athletic department's training rules
5. To acknowledge the authority of the coach to determine strategy and player selection.
6. To promote mature behavior from students and parents during athletic contests.
7. To work cooperatively with other parents and school personnel to assure a wholesome and successful athletic program for our school.
8. To work closely with coaches and other school personnel to identify a reasonable and realistic future for my child as a student athlete, both in school and in college.

I have read the above statements and promise to live up to them:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Uniform Policy

Dear Athletes and Parents,

The Athletic Department has re-established its uniform policy for the sports programs at New Covenant Academy. This policy simply asks you to recognize that sports uniforms are maintained by the Athletic Department and your adherence to the following established guidelines are appreciated.

1. It is assumed that the athletic fee is paid before the athlete receives his/her uniform. (It is understood that this is not always possible. Prior arrangements can be made with the Athletic Director).
2. The athletes will be assigned their uniforms at the beginning of each season. They will be collected promptly at the end of the season. Athletes have 2 weeks after the last game to turn in their uniforms before a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed.
3. The uniforms are to be worn only at the times specified by the coach. They are not to be worn for personal use (ie. P.E. class, practices, etc).
4. The Athletic Department will need to be reimbursed for any uniform that is damaged or lost. The cost of a new uniform will be the amount needed. This will need to be taken care of before a report card, diploma, or transfer papers can be issued.
5. Students will be responsible for washing uniforms between games. (Refer to tags on shorts and jerseys for washing instructions). If you have any questions please notify the Athletic Department. Only athletes with complete, clean uniforms will be eligible to play in a game.
6. It will be necessary for each athlete to turn his/her signed uniform policy into the Athletic Director in order for the athlete to receive his/her uniform.

I _____ and _____ both understand and
Student Parent
agree to adhere to the NCA Athletic Department uniform policy.

2011 Soccer Season

Sport

Date

Thank you,
Cathy Dunlap, NCA Athletic Director