

I. Philosophy of Athletics

The following statement of philosophy and the objectives of participation are basic to the athletic program of Timothy Christian High School. They are given here to place athletics in the proper perspective in our high school.

Philosophy of Athletics at Timothy Christian High School

In keeping with the mission statement of Timothy Christian Schools: “to develop academically prepared Christian disciples who embrace Christ’s call to transform the world”, we believe interscholastic athletics must reflect our efforts to fulfill this mission through the total curriculum of the school. Since Timothy Christian is committed to providing a God-centered education, our coaches and athletes should pursue the goal of excellence with Christ-like character. We believe athletics is more than competition between two teams of individuals representing different schools; it is an educational experience between the coach and the team through practice, competition, and person-to-person relationships. Participation in athletics contributes to good character development, good sportsmanship and the development of God-given talents and abilities. We encourage our athletes to work hard, enjoy the sport, respect each other and their opponent and honor Christ in all they do.

Our athletic program provides a means to teach how a Christian should compete on the field or court as well as function in other aspects of life. Our teams must participate in such a way that honor comes to the team, the school and the Lord. A Timothy Christian High School athlete must play fairly, observe regulations and policies, treat others with courtesy and respect, and take adversity without complaining. Timothy Christian High School is committed to developing a perspective on winning and losing that is consistent with the teachings of scripture. We challenge our coaches and athletes to dedicate themselves to this goal. Our challenge is to be in contrast to a sports world that all too often emphasizes winning at any cost. Winning should be one of our goals, but we recognize that losing can present a beneficial learning experience. To this end, Timothy Christian strives for excellence in all athletic endeavors but will not condone a win-at-all-cost mentality. We will never equate the win-loss record with excellence. Successful Christian education results in the development of a balanced lifestyle in the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual dimensions of our total being.

“In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:6

“The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” I Timothy 1:5

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.” Luke 2:52

Objectives of Interscholastic Athletics at Timothy Christian High School

The objectives we have for our coaches, teams and players must be consistent with our philosophy.

1. To keep the well-being of the team and the individual as the priority in what we do and teach in our coaching. Coaching provides a unique opportunity to work with students.

Few jobs provide the satisfaction derived from playing a part in the development of young people.

2. To develop within our athletes the individual and team skills necessary to compete successfully and reach their God-given potential recognizing that athletic ability is a gift from God and should be used to His honor.
3. To encourage and instill an atmosphere where all players feel included and a valuable part of the program. The goal is to play as many athletes as possible without diluting the objective of winning the contest.
4. To teach our athletes to compete with a humble attitude, thanking God for all good things, and to win or lose with a heart that praises God for the opportunity to participate and learn from the experience.
5. To teach our athletes to submit to the rules of the game and the officials who enforce the regulations. The goal is to win, but only in an appropriate manner.
6. To treat each opponent as being worthy of respect.
7. To emphasize that "sportsmanship" is more important than "championship". How we win or lose must be consistent with the name we wear.
8. To provide the Timothy Christian School community with the enjoyment of athletics while they in turn encourage and support the students and coaches in both winning and losing efforts.
9. To experience respect and cooperation between all coaches within our school.
10. To teach each athlete that through caring, sharing, dedication and mutual respect, all participants contribute to a group that is greater than the sum of its parts. The goal is to build community and teamwork.
11. To understand the importance of maintaining a balanced, healthy lifestyle. Coaches and students have other tasks in life besides athletics; the demands on their time, energy and enthusiasm must be reasonable.
12. To help all participants experience the satisfaction of knowing they did their best to become the best they are capable of becoming.