



Horizon Christian Academy

Warriors Baseball

2023-2024

Athlete/Parent Handbook

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JV Head Coach: Kris Corbin

Middle School Head Coach: TJ Smith

Middle School Assistant Coach: Aaron Monroe



2023-2024 Warrior Baseball Information Packet

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23-24 Horizon Christian Warrior Student-Athlete Contract

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Horizon Christian Warrior Baseball team. Below you will find important information that pertains to this season. Understanding and adhering to this information is imperative to your success and the success of this program.

PLEASE INITIAL EACH ITEM. YOUR INITIALS SHOW YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF EACH ITEM.

_____ I understand that afternoon practice starts after school. I will be on time to practice daily. 1st unexcused tardy will result in make up of work missed as well as additional work as determined by position coach. 2nd unexcused tardy will result in suspension from one-half of the next competition. 3rd unexcused tardy will result in a complete game suspension. 4th unexcused tardy will result in removal from the team or additional suspension at the discretion of the coaching staff.

_____ I understand that if I must miss practice, excused or unexcused, I **MUST** contact Coach Smith **PRIOR** to that practice. I understand that if I do not notify Coach Smith prior to missing practice I may **NOT** be allowed to participate in the next competition. Coach Smith will determine!

_____ I understand that my 1st unexcused* absence will result in a one-half game suspension. A parent/player meeting will be requested to discuss suspension.

_____ I understand that my 2nd unexcused* absences will result in a one game suspension. A parent/player meeting will be requested to discuss suspension.

_____ I understand that my 3rd unexcused* absences may result in dismissal from the team or additional suspension at the discretion of the coaching staff. A parent/player meeting will be requested with Head Master, Athletic Director, and Head Coach, to determine, if player will be dismissed from team.

***Unexcused is determined by the coaching staff.** *Failure to contact Coach Smith prior to missing practice will be considered an unexcused absence regardless of the reason you are missing.* Understand that you are making a commitment to this team. Practice is essential for improvement. Please plan accordingly in scheduling appointments, trips, etc.

***Injured Players.** Injured players are still required to attend practice. They will travel with their group as they are capable and mental practice each rep, drill, and scheme.

Being a student-athlete is a major responsibility. You must be able to manage your course work and your athletic work. Make every effort to schedule help sessions, make up work, etc, outside of practice time. Making up a test, finishing a project, etc. is **NOT** an excuse for missing practice. **Manage your time to fulfill all of your commitments.** On the rare occasion that you cannot schedule around practice due to your teacher's other commitments, you **MUST** tell Coach Smith prior to missing practice. Detentions must be served and parent must transport child to practice after serving.

I understand the above attendance policy and will abide by all of the guidelines defined by the HCA Baseball staff.

Student Signature

Date

Uniform Policy

_____ I understand that I will be issued a school Baseball uniform. The uniform will consist of pants, jersey, belt, and hat. I am responsible for this uniform. I understand that failure to return this uniform will result in a financial penalty equal to the cost of the lost item(s), in order to replace the uniform.

_____ I understand that it is TEAM policy that each member wears Warrior gear to all practices. I will NOT be permitted to attend without the proper attire. I understand I will be dismissed from practice and will NOT be given credit for attendance.

No exceptions, no excuses!

_____ It is your responsibility to bring or wear the proper attire EVERY DAY. It is your responsibility to take your attire home at the end of the day. Failure to clean up after practice workout will result in disciplinary action.

_____ I understand that my practice attire must be completely composed of school colors (Navy, Gold, and White) this includes my shorts, my shirt, and my socks.

_____ I have read the team guidelines and understand what is required of me at practice during the season. (See below team guidelines)

I understand the above Uniform policy and will abide by all of the guidelines defined by the HCA Baseball staff.

Student Signature

Date

HORIZON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BASEBALL TEAM GUIDELINES

1. Must be at Practice and Team Meeting on Time
2. No Profanity
3. All required equipment in proper place/worn
4. No hazing or cheap shots (Team Violation/Suspension)
5. No serious school rules infraction (Team Violation/Or game suspension)
6. Two Detentions during a week. (Team Violation/One Quarter to full game suspension)
7. Pass all grades during "Baseball Season." (Team Violation/One Quarter to full game suspension)
8. Treat Coaches with respect (Team Violation/Suspension/Removal from Team)

	Printed Name	Signature	Date
Player #1			

Program Rules

We are a team. We represent our school, our team, our coaches, our teammates, our families and above all Christ.

_____ I understand that I MUST have a valid physical on file in order to participate... I understand that the physical must include History Form, a Physical Examination Form and Clearance Form signed by a doctor, valid health insurance information, and the Transportation Consent and Liability Release. ALL information must be fully complete.

_____ I understand that I MUST have a signed Horizon Christian Athletic Code of Conduct Form on file.

_____ I understand that the coaching staff will check my grade reports. I understand that if I am failing any class, I will be assigned extra help sessions and will have to get a weekly progress report from each class in which I am failing.

_____ I understand that if I do ANYTHING on or off the field to discredit this program I will be subject to punishment and possible removal from the program at the discretion of the coaching staff.

_____ I understand that classroom misconduct will not be tolerated. I am here to receive an academic challenge.

_____ I understand that I MUST respect all teachers, coaches, teammates, officials, opposing coaches, opponents and fans at all times in all situations. I understand that throwing of equipment, use of profanity, and arguing with officials will not be tolerated.

_____ I will obey my coach's directions at all times.

_____ I understand that in order to leave a game with my parents, they must check me out in person with Coach Smith. It is not permitted that you travel with another parent unless pre-approved by the coach **prior** to the game date. Permission to travel with another parent must be in writing.

I accept the above terms of conduct and will abide by all policies of the HCA Baseball Staff.

Student Signature

Date

Lettering Requirements

1. Student-Athlete must begin and end Baseball season.
2. Student-Athlete must maintain a 2.5 grade-point-average.
3. Student-Athlete must be in good standing according to the coaching staff as it pertains to behavior, team spirit, and service.

Coaching staff reserves the right to modify stipulations as they feel necessary based on staff vote. This is designed to cover possibility of injury or unforeseen circumstances that may come about during the course of the season.

_____ I understand that I must meet all of the above standards in order to receive a school Letter. I also understand that these requirements may be altered as the coaching staff sees fit in each individual situation.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature Form

Acceptance of Student-Athlete Contract

I understand all of the information included in the Horizon Christian Student-Athlete Contract. I understand that it is my student-athlete's responsibility to abide by all of the items listed in the contract. I understand that my student-athletes will be subject to disciplinary action and possible removal from the team should my student-athlete fail to comply with the team policies included in this contract. I understand that disciplinary action taken is at the discretion of the coaching staff.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Contact Information

Name: _____ Athlete's Name _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Secondary Phone: _____



HORIZON CHRISTIAN BASEBALL PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Horizon Christian students chosen as member of athletic teams will conduct themselves at all times as Christian and gentlemen. Horizon Christian administration and coaches believe that high standards of conduct are essential to maintain a sound athletic program to assure these standards, coaches and sponsors will enforce the Athletic Code of Conduct. Team members who violate the code will be subject to immediate disciplinary action which may include expulsion from the team and the forfeiture of the privilege of engaging in athletics for the remainder of the school year.

1. A student-athlete who uses or possesses illegal drugs or alcohol on or off school will be suspended from athletic participation for equivalent of one sports season. A second offense will result in loss of athletic participation while a student at Horizon Christian, assuming that the student is allowed to remain at Horizon Christian. The coach may add other disciplinary action such as loss of team captain, running, or community service.
2. Any student-athlete convicted of possession of drugs with intent to distribute drugs will be permanently banned from athletics for the remainder of the year, if not expelled from the school.
3. A student-athlete who is arrested for or charged with a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or any felony crime will be automatically suspended from athletics until the Athletic Director and Head Master make a disciplinary ruling.
4. A student-athlete who commits the following offenses shall be disciplined by the team coach which may include but is not limited to suspension or permanent dismissal from the team: use of tobacco, theft, fighting, hazing, skipping practice, acting in an unsportsmanlike manner when representing the school, any act at school or away from school resulting discipline by school administration, any act at school or away from school which in the opinion of the coaches and administration reflects in a negative manner on the school or athletic program.
5. A student-athlete who loses school issued equipment or fails to return equipment or uniforms to the school must pay for the loss. The student-athlete is not allowed to participate in another sport or attend the sports awards program until all debts are cleared.
6. A student-athlete who is placed in out-of-school suspension cannot participate in or attend any games or practices during the suspension. A student-athlete who is placed into ISS cannot participate in games during the ISS days but is required to practice. The head coach may assign additional running drills.
7. A student-athlete who **quits a team or is removed** from the team once it has begun official practice cannot begin another sports season or practice until the sports season ends that he quit. If there is a mutual decision by the coach and player to discontinue a player's participation on a team, then the player can begin practice with another sport *without* penalty.
8. Each coach has the prerogative to establish additional rules pertaining to the activity supervised. These rules may include attendance at practices, dress, language, locker room cleanliness, horseplay, being on time, and general conduct on buses or at off-campus activities.

A student-athlete and his/her parents may appeal in writing to the Head Master and Athletic Director within three days of the disciplinary decision, requesting a hearing with the Head Master and Athletic Director. The Head Master and Athletic Director will hear the appeal within three days and act upon which they consider to be in the best interests of the student-athlete, the team and school. My signature acknowledges that I have read the Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to abide this code.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN