



Phoenix Christian Jr/Sr High School

# **ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**

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## Mission Statement

The mission of Phoenix Christian Unified Schools, in partnership with the family, is to equip students to discover and develop their talents and spiritual gifts in order to live a life of service, impacting the world for Christ. Athletics at PCUS is to be an integral part of that mission.

## Philosophy of Athletics

The Phoenix Christian Athletic program exists for four primary purposes:

**1. Develop Christ-like character in each student-athlete.**

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” Galatians 5:22*

**2. To be an effective witness of Jesus Christ.**

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

**3. Fully develop the athletic abilities and talents of each athlete.**

*“And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.” 2 Timothy 2:5*

**4. To develop and maintain positive relationships with other schools, opponents, and coaches.**

*“Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” 1 Timothy 3:7*

## History of Phoenix Christian Athletics

The start of athletics of Phoenix Christian begins in 1949 when the doors were opened as the first Christian school in the Phoenix area. The school did not belong to any athletic league until 1957 but played in many non league games. In 1949 Phoenix Christian was able to sponsor a boy's basketball team, two volleyball teams and a cheer squad. The school colors were blue and gold and the mascot was a cougar. In 1950 the school colors were changed to green and grey.

In 1954-55 season the **boy's basketball** team had their first winning season by finishing 14-5. The team was coached by Donald Crawford and team members were: Duane Banks, Jerry Webb, Bill Weed, Don Lindsey, Gary Gillespie, Paul Van Liew, Ted Stubbs, Graham Reedy, CR Hayes, Ron Hill, Danny Henderson, John Lindsey and the manager was David Cain. During the basketball history the program has played in four state championship games winning two state titles. Don Thorp was the coach that led PC to its two state championships.

In 1955 **football** was organized at Phoenix Christian. Les Finger was hired as the first football coach. The football field that year was terrible, it was more like a rock field, no bleachers, the school had to rent bleachers for each home game and there were no lights. The first year the football team finished 5-1. The lone loss was to St John's. The team in their first year had outscored their opponents 102-25 with three shutouts. The first team set the bar high for Cougar football. The first state championship was in 1959 only four years after the football program began. During the history of football the school has played in 10 state championship games winning 7 of them. Coaches that have won football championships at PC are: Walt Bemis-2; Keith Brown-2; Jim Rattay-2; and Les Finger-1.

In 1956 the gym was built for Phoenix Christian.

**Baseball** did not become an interscholastic team until 1957. The first team was coached by Thomas Johnson and in their first year won 11 and lost only 2. The baseball program has played in five state championship games winning three of them. Coaches that have won baseball state championship at PC are: David Altopp-1, Danny Jacques-2.

In the fall of 1957 Phoenix Christian had joined AIA (Arizona Interscholastic Association) and has been a member for the past 54 years. In their history with AIA, PC has played in 44 state championships games winning 25 of them. The school has also won 79 region championships. During the 2011-12 season Phoenix Christian now will have 15 varsity sports.

## General Athletic Department Policies & Procedures

In addition to the policies and procedures included below, each team may publish a particular set of rules and/or policies that are an addendum to and governed under the athletic department.

**AIA Rules/Regulations:** In order to be eligible to participate in athletics at Phoenix Christian Unified Schools (PCUS), students must meet certain requirements. As a member of Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA), the school is bound to follow the rules as set forth in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws. Following is a summary of the AIA rules for participation:

**1. Enrollment Rule:**

A student must be in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, inclusive. Student must be enrolled and attending classes in high school no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> school day of the semester in order to establish eligibility.

**2. Academic Rule:**

Students must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) courses, per semester, the first six semesters of high school and a minimum as determined by the school during the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters of high school.

A student is required to earn a passing grade and maintain a 2.0 GPA, as determined by the school grading intervals, in each course in which the student is enrolled.

**3. Domicile Rule:**

Except as otherwise stated in Article 15, a student, whether an adult or not, is privileged with eligibility for interscholastic competition only at the school in the district in which his/her parents are domiciled.

**4. Age Limits/Birth Record Rule:**

If a student becomes 19 years of age on or before September 1, they are NOT eligible for any part of that school year.

Students must submit an acceptable record of birth before their name is placed on an eligibility list for varsity competition.

**5. Physical Examination Rule:**

Students must have a physician's record of a physical examination on file with the Administration stating they are fit for interscholastic competition.

**6. Maximum Participation Rule:**

A student has a maximum of eight semesters of opportunity and a maximum of four seasons of opportunity in each sport or activity.

**7. Transfer Rule:**

If a student transfers schools they will be ineligible for 365 days in the sports in which he/she has participated in.

Any student transferring from or into PCHS must check with the Athletic Director to determine how such a transfer affects his/her eligibility.

**8. Recruitment Rule:**

The bylaws prohibit recruiting of high school students for athletic purposes.

**9. Non-School Participating Rule:**

If a student is a member of a school team, they may not practice or compete with a non-school team in the same sport during the same season.

**10. Sportsmanship Rule:**

If an athlete is ejected from an interscholastic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be ineligible for their team's next contest.

**11. Senior Athletes:**

Seniors may not compete on junior varsity or freshman teams.

**Questions concerning AIA Rules:**

Any questions concerning AIA Rules and Bylaws should be directed to the Athletic Director. ***THE AIA SHOULD NOT BE CONTACTED FOR RULE CLARIFICATION.***

<b>Phoenix Christian Unified Schools –Athletic Eligibility Rules</b>
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Please refer to the Student Handbook for the complete policy.

**General:**

1. Grade checks will happen every two weeks.
2. No F's and GPA of 2.0 and above.
3. To participate in practices or games a student-athlete must be at school before the beginning of second period.
4. If a student-athlete comes after second period, they must have a doctor's note.

<b>Student-Athletes Conduct /NAIA Champions of Character Values/AIA Pillars of Character</b>
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Student – athletes are expected to represent the highest ideals of Phoenix Christian Unified Schools, both on and off the campus. The NAIA ***Champions of Character*** program has established five core values that go well beyond the playing field to the daily decisions of our youth. These character values help young people — and those associated with their development — make good choices in all aspects of their life and reflect the true spirit of competition.

1. **Integrity:** Positive internal traits that guide behavior.
2. **Respect:** Treating others the way you want to be treated.
3. **Responsibility:** The social force that binds the individual to the good of the team.
4. **Sportsmanship:** Following the rules, spirit and etiquette of athletic competition.
5. **Servant Leadership:** Serving the greater good.

The AIA Pillars of Character Program is another program sponsored by the state association on the character development of our student-athletes. The six pillars are:

1. Trustworthiness
2. Respect
3. Responsibility
4. Fairness
5. Caring
6. Citizenship

**Conflict Resolution:**

Students and or/parents who have a concern should follow these procedures in order:

1. Student-athlete approaches the coach and asks for a time to discuss the issue.
2. If resolution is not reached, the parent should contact the coach to arrange for a meeting.
3. In the rare instance that there is still no resolution to the issue, the parent should contact the athletic director and arrange for a meeting with the student-athlete, the parent, the coach and the athletic director.
4. Other administrators are generally involved only to discuss the athletic director’s handling of the situation.

<b>Facilities</b>
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Student –athletes may use Phoenix Christian facilities only with Phoenix Christian athletic department approval and under the supervision of a faculty or coaching staff member.

<b>Participation Fees</b>
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There is an athletic fee for participating in sports. The fee helps to partially offset the following athletic costs:

Coaches	Uniforms	Officials
Equipment	Facilities	Awards
Transportation	Equipment Repair	Tournament Fees
AIA Fees	League Fees	Coaches Education

The athletic fee is as follows:

Junior High Football	\$100	Junior High –All other sports	\$75
High School – Football	\$125	High School- All other sports	\$100

1. The athletic department will collect the athletic fees.
2. A student-athlete will not be able to tryout in any sport until the fee has been paid.
3. If a student-athlete is cut from the team the fee will be refunded.
4. If a student-athlete quits the team the fee will be prorated by the athletic department.
5. No fee will be refunded after three weeks into the season.

## Game Day Rules and Regulations

### Early Dismissals for away games

1. The Athletic Director will determine the departure time based on travel time and the team's warm-up needs.
2. Students must get all homework in and follow up on class work for the preceding day.

### Dressing for Games

1. Teams must dress up for all games.
2. All members of the team must be dressed alike.
3. Any variations must be approved by the athletic director and administration 24 hours before game day.
4. Student-athletes are expected to maintain good behavior in the locker rooms while dressing out for practices/games.
5. Coaches are responsible for student-athletes' behavior while getting dressed for games.

### Travel

1. Transportation to and from away games are provided in Phoenix Christian vehicles.
2. On occasion due to the number of athletic and school events a team may have to use parents to take them to a game.
3. Teams are to make sure vehicles are clean when they return.
4. When the school provides transportation to a game the student-athlete must return in the vehicle unless prior approval has been given to the coach in writing from the parents.

### Game

1. All student-athletes must display sportsmanship and follow AIA Pursuing Victory with Honor and NAIA Champions of Character program guidelines.
2. If a student-athlete gets kicked out of a game they will be out for the next game as well.
3. Coaches have discretion regarding playing time for each athlete. As a general rule, Jr High athletes will all participate in each game, high school athletes all should participate during the season.

## Conflict Resolution-Athletics

Students and/or parents who have a concern should follow these procedures in order:

1. Student-athlete approaches the coach and request for a time to meet and discuss the issue. **(Never ask immediately after a game).**
2. If resolution is not reached, the parent should contact the coach to arrange for a meeting. **(Never ask immediately after a game.)**
3. In a rare instance that there is still no resolution to the issue, the parent should contact the Athletic Director and arrange a meeting with the student-athlete, the parent, the coach and the athletic director.

## Role of the Parent in Athletics

There are four roles in every game. You can play. You can coach. You can officiate. Or you can be a fan. But you can play only one role at a time.

1. Be positive and encourage all the players.
2. You are not the coach, so don't shout out instructions.
3. You are not the official, so don't offer opinions on a particular call.
4. Help your child keep it all in perspective by keeping it in perspective for yourself.

### **Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with coaches:**

1. Other student-athletes.
2. Playing time.
3. Play-calling/strategy/positions/

*Please do not confront a coach BEFORE, AFTER, OR DURING A GAME. These can be emotional times and meeting of this nature do not promote resolutions.*

### **Issues that ARE appropriate to discuss with coaches:**

1. Concerns about athletic eligibility.
2. Concerns about your child's behavior.
3. Ways to help your child improve.
4. Treatment of your child.

### **Parent Help**

Phoenix Christian is blessed to have a strong tradition of supportive parents in our athletic program. Often, parents are eager to get involved and help but sometimes do not know how to proceed. As a parent of a Phoenix Christian athlete, there are multiple volunteer and ministry opportunities available. Please contact the athletic department at 602.265.4707 ext 243 for further information.

## Parent Access to Athletic Information Online

This section will discuss how parents, student-athletes, alumni, friends, Cougar athletic supporters, etc. can access the most current information related to the Phoenix Christian Athletic Department online through a number of different channels.

On the Phoenix Christian home-page you can access the "Athletics" tab, which takes you directly to [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net) where you can access information including practice times, roster information, game/venue information, etc.

We have included a few examples below...

Open up your favorite web browser and go to this link: <http://phoenixchristian.org>

### **1. Athletics Tab**



## 2. Athletic Schedules

<http://www.highschoolsports.net/school/Phoenix-Christian-HS-Phoenix-AZ/All/All/All/>

The screenshot shows the website interface for Phoenix Christian HS. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, My School (change), Training, Headlines, USA TODAY, Contests, and Team Ranki. Below this is a sub-navigation bar for Phoenix Christian HS with links for Photos & Videos, Scoreboard, News Archive, and Team Rankings. The main header area includes the school's name, address (1751 W Indian School Rd Phoenix, AZ 85015-5235), phone number (602-265-4707 ext 242), and a map link. There is also a section for 'Help YOUR favorite mascot win.' with a 'Join the Mascot Battle Today' link. A navigation menu below the mascot section has 'SCHEDULES' highlighted with a red circle and an arrow pointing to it. Other menu items include ANNOUNCEMENTS, LOCAL NEWS, MUST SEE VIDEO, and WHAT'S NEW. Below the menu, there are filters for Home/Away, a 'Change Sport' button, and options for 'Next 5 Days', 'Month', 'Season', and 'Custom'. A date range of 07/21/11 - 07/25/11 is shown, along with 'Display Preferences', 'Print', 'Share', and 'Sync' options. A 'Reset to Today's Date' link is also present. The main content area displays a table of events for the week of 7/21 to 7/26.

Thursday 7/21	Friday 7/22	Saturday 7/23	Monday 7/25	Tuesday 7/26
Club Softball- Field 10am -noon	8:00PM B HS Football Summer Conditioning	Sat 7/23 12:00PM G HS Basketball vs. AZ Dynasty@ Valley Lutheran	8:30AM G V Cheer vs. Cheer Practioe	Boys Summer Basketball League 5- 9pm



## Regulations Governing the Season

### **Athletic Participation**

No student-athlete may try-out for a team or play with a team until his or her **Athletic Release Card** have been completed and turned into the athletic department.

### **Try-Outs**

Any student-athlete who intends to try-out for a team must complete an athletic release card and attend any informational meeting with the coach. All student-athletes must try-out for the designated level for their class. Student-athletes will be given at least three try-out dates.

In many cases making a team is highly competitive. While some sports have a no cut policy, many others have a limited number of positions available. Therefore, student-athletes trying out for a team must realize that they may not make the team. The coach has the exclusive right to determine if the student-athlete demonstrated the talent, ability, and attitude to successfully compete in the program.

### **Quitting a Team**

To emphasize the importance of commitment asked of any Phoenix Christian athlete; any student-athlete who quits a team once they have been selected for that team:

1. Must first notify the coach.
2. Return any equipment that was assigned.
3. May not join any other PC team until the conclusion of that first sport's season.

*This rule may be waived at the sole discretion of the athletic administration.*

### **Doctor's Note**

All student-athletes that have seen a doctor for any reason must have a **written medical release** in order to participate in practices or contests.

## Athletic Awards

The athletic department presents four types of rewards: Letter Awards, Participation Certificates, Team Plaques and Scholar Athlete Awards.

### **Participation Awards**

These certificates are presented to all student-athletes who were active and consistent members of a particular team.

### **Letter Awards**

Each head coach determines which athletes are to receive letters based on criteria that includes playing time, attendance at practice, and exemplary attitude. Students will be given a certificate for the letter from their coach. That certificate will then be taken to the athletic office for the student's athletic letter.

**Team Plaques**

These awards are chosen by the coaches for each team. Varsity teams are allowed three awards and all other teams are allowed two awards. The coach chooses the names for the plaques (i.e. MVP, Coaches Award, Best Defense, etc...).

**Scholar Athlete Awards**

This award comes from the AIA office. Players and teams must meet all requirements set forth by AIA.

***Participation in Phoenix Christian athletic programs  
is a privilege, not a right.***

