

Christian Football Association League Adopted Guidelines

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Recruiting and Scholarshipping of Athletes

The recruiting and scholarshipping of athletes is strictly forbidden by the Christian Football Association (see Article 8.9 of the CFA Operations Manual). A comprehensive definition and explanation has been adopted by the CFA and is a part of these adopted guidelines. The administrator of each member school is responsible for any and all recruiting violations, and therefore must assume responsibility for educating his/her coaches, faculty, parents, and others associated with the school of CFA rules governing recruiting and scholarshipping. (Adopted June 2004)

RECRUITMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPPING OF ATHLETES EXPLAINED AND DEFINED

Recruiting

Initiating contact with or seeking to influence a student's enrollment for the purpose of improving your school's athletic program or to advance a student primarily for athletic purposes is prohibited. Athletic recruiting is not allowed by any school/church employee, volunteer, parent, or any other person associated with or representing your school.

School administration and athletic departments are responsible to carefully monitor the enrollment of new students to ensure that no student enrolls in any CFA school as an athletic "recruit."

School administration and athletic departments are responsible to educate their people regarding the unethical practice of athletic recruitment in high school amateur sports.

Penalty – minimum – player ineligible; maximum – player ineligible and school forfeits games where ineligible players participated.

Scholarships

Any incentive offered to any student athlete, monetary or otherwise, that is based on participation or performance in any athletic program is a clear violation of the CFA operations policy. This includes, but is not limited to, cash or monetary payments, reduced or free tuition, stipends for travel or performance, or other enticements to enroll in school, participate in school's athletic program, or perform at a certain performance level in an athletic contest.

In cases where schools provide some form of tuition assistance, all students should be considered on an equal basis. No preference shall be given to athletes or athletic students. Schools will be asked to apprise the CFA of its policy and adherence to said policy.

No parent, alumni, church member, or any party with an interest in a member school may provide any tuition assistance, monetary gifts, or incentives for athletes. The school should monitor who is paying for a student's tuition and fees.

School administration is responsible for educating their people regarding the unethical practice of providing athletic scholarships to amateur athletes participating in sanctioned play.

Penalty – minimum – player ineligible and school forfeit any games where ineligible players participate; maximum – same as minimum with school potentially being sanctioned.
(Adopted June 2004)

Adding Players to Roster

Players may be added to the roster at any time before the annual published date as approved by CFA. Players added to the roster must wait one playing date before they can dress out and play.
(Adopted May 2005)

Pass List and Coaches Cards

Coaches' cards issued by the Alabama Christian Athletic Association may be purchased by CFA member schools and will be accepted for all CFA games. A CFA game-day pass list can also be used. The game-day pass list should be sent by the visiting school to the host school prior to game night.
(Adopted May 2006)

CFA Website Link

Go to www.alabamachristianathletics.com; choose CFA Football link for forms. The CFA link will be maintained by Pam Cason. CFA will endeavor to have up-to-date standings throughout the season. Each CFA school must make it a priority to provide Pam with needed information. Send football scores to the following email address, **Pam Cason:** pamcasonacaa@gmail.com.

Medical Emergencies

It is strongly recommended that all CFA games have an ambulance on site with appropriate emergency medical personnel prepared to respond to medical emergencies. If an ambulance service is not available to the school because of restricted service in the school's community, the school must adopt a medical emergency plan that includes having emergency medical technicians (EMT's) at all games and providing the necessary equipment to transport a severely injured athlete. The school must know which hospital to take an injured athlete to and the time it takes to get there. Trained people must be available to assist the EMT's if necessary. A written plan known to selected people of the host school and to the coach of the visiting school is required. (Adopted March 2007)

Each CFA school must have a defibrillator for all practices and games with trained people available to use if necessary. Each coach must have on file in the CFA/ACEA office a Concussion Training Certificate. (Adopted March 2007)