

# HISTORY

The Alabama Christian Education Association (ACEA) started sponsoring sports in 1977 which makes it the longest ongoing high school Christian sports program in Alabama. Today sanctioned, organized, competitive sports with all the trimmings highlight our sports program. ACEA sports has grown from sponsoring an invitational end-of-the season basketball tournament to sponsoring a post season championship format for both junior and senior high boys and girls in volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball. Champions are also crowned each year in archery, bass fishing, cheerleading, cross country, golf and track and field.

ACEA sports began first with Varsity and Junior High boys' basketball, then girls' volleyball emerged in the late 1970's and were an immediate success. Baseball was added in the early 1980's. Girls' sports in basketball and softball were soon up and running and now have skilled players and excited followers. One day events have been added to what is now known as ACAA (Alabama Christian Athletic Association) that include archery, bass fishing, cheerleading, cross country, golf, and track and field. More than 1,000 students presently participate in ACAA sports.

The *ACAA Athletic Manual* is revised every 3-5 years to ensure that we are offering top quality athletics for our student athletes.

Though the history and development of ACAA is always a work in progress, our goal is still the same. As an association we continue to pursue our slogan: "Working together to better serve." As a sports league we seek to "Build Christian character through athletics."

Thank you for being a part of history in the making!