

## KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN ATHLETICS PHILOSOPHY & VISION



**It must begin here –**

*Christ seeks the lost, through the Cross/Open Tomb He transforms: character, community, competence, and compassion.*

**Therefore,**

- Athletes and coaches are not identified by victories, losses or ability.
- We all have flaws- learn from our failures, don't wallow in them.
- We "run to win the race" –what we do in preparation and competition is an act of worship and service to God with thankfulness. This involves constant repentance and correction. Our full effort in competing is an expression of what Christ has done for/in us.
- We play for the love of the game and to experience **His** pleasure.

*Because we trust Christ in our lives, we share this in our relationships as coaches and players. Intentional mutual respect and caring for one another is a result of this trust.*

**A Christ-centered athletic culture for King's Way athletes and coaching staff (with the support of families):**

- Models vulnerability along with confidence- **both are strengths.**
- The integrity of each person will purpose to honor God in word and deed.
- Shows respect for coaches, one another and opponents by being a good teammate and competitor.
- Looks to serve others (before, during, **and** after practices/games).

- Emphasis on hustle and excellence (seeking the best vs. just the good).
- Don't give up. Don't let your team down. Have heart, keep your head up (especially after failure).
- Plays and coaches for the enjoyment of the game.
- Celebrates little **and** big victories.
- All are under God's construction. We are here to grow and learn and forgive with thankfulness.
- Shares of the "good news" of Jesus Christ with others.

### **COACHING 101 CHECKLIST- Coaches will:**

- Be on time for everything.
- Have some consistent uniform apparel for **both** practices and games.
- Encourage A's and B's in the classroom.
- Practice plans/coaches meetings, and athletic correspondence will be communicated and created in a clear manner and communicated to all relevant parties regularly.
- A contact person (coach or helper) is identified for communication for each sport program (rosters and correspondence).
- No profanity will be allowed, no music that has profanity, sexual innuendo or extreme volume.
- All aspects of sports program are to be organized. Gear, facilities, communication, practices and game days. Outside events will be clearly supervised.
- Commit to maintain a positive, supportive and "can do" attitude toward all. (*Remember 5 positives to every negative in critiques*).
- Leave the practice or game facilities (including transportation vehicles) better than you found them.
- Learn and train athletes to "focus" on confronting anxiety and what others think of them during competition.
- Coaches need to be addressed in a manner of respect.
- Collaborate with coaches of other sports seasons to develop a year-long conditioning and strength training program.