# New Creation Christian Academy Athletic Packet

# 2023-2024

# NCCA Crusaders Athletic fees

Sport	NCCA Student	AES Student
FOOTBALL	\$500	\$575
JV AND VARSITY VOLLEYBALL	\$375	\$450
MIDDLE VOLLEYBALL	\$275	\$350
CROSS COUNTRY	\$275	\$350
TRACK and FIELD	\$300	\$375
JV AND VARSITY BASKETBALL (GIRLS AND BOYS)	\$475	\$525
MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL (GIRLS AND BOYS)	\$275	\$350
JV AND VARSITY BASEBALL	\$425	\$500
MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL	\$275	\$350
SOCCER	\$375	\$450
SOFTBALL	\$375	\$450
GOLF	\$300	\$375
TENNIS	\$300	\$375
MS and VARSITY CLAY TARGETING	\$475	\$550
Cheerleading	\$200(not including uniform)	\$275

#### **CRUSADER FEES**

The fees above DO NOT include warm-up gear. Warm-up gear is NOT to be worn to school as uniform. They are to be worn at practices and before games.

Half of fees are due the day after the roster is made and change to paid on the FACTS account. Players will not be eligible to practice until payments are made. The remainder of fees will be due by mid-point of the season. Players will not be eligible to play if payments are not made mid-season.

#### **AES/Homeschool Families:**

Athletes that are not NCCA full time students (3 classes or more), will be charged an additional athletic **fee of \$75. See Above chart.** 

Half of fees are due prior to AES players receiving their uniforms. Parents can pay by check, cash or credit card. The remainder of fees will be due by mid-point of the season.

#### **Other Athletic Fees:**

#### Volunteer charge of \$100 per family.

In order for our sports programs to run smoothly during the year, we need volunteers. Each family will be asked to volunteer 4 hours during some sporting events throughout the school year. Coaches will let parents know what volunteer hours will be needed for their sport to be successful. Volunteering is considered working the concession stand, helping during the sporting event with keeping books, lines or clocks or coming out to a work day at NCCA. However, if you are unable to commit to volunteering, a \$100 Fee will be charged to your account to help cover these services.

A google document will be available for parents to sign up to volunteer.

Please sign below stating that you understand the expectations for volunteering.

\_\_\_\_\_Yes, I plan to volunteer.

\_ No, I will not be able to volunteer and would rather pay the \$100

**Parent Signature** 

DATE

#### NEW CREATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SPORTS REGISTRATION FORM

Which sports do you plan to play:			
Player's Information		Date	
Name:			
Birth date:	Age:	Grade:	
Year student entered or is e	ntering 9 <sup>th</sup> grade:	T-shirt size_	
Previous School and sports	participation:		
Parents / Guardian's Name:_			
Address:			Zip:
Student's Cell Phone:			
□ Father's Cell Phone:			
□ Mother's Cell Phone:			-
(Please check box beside pr	eferred number for Ca	lling Post messages)	
Preferred E-mail address (im	portant for receiving i	nformation):	
Forms to be completed and Completed NCCA Re Current Sports Phys NCCA Waiver (attach Medical Release form Concussion Form (at AES Students: Report Card or Progr Declaration of Intent Birth Certificate (AES	submitted with applica gistration Form (Attac ical (OBTAIN FROM Pl ied) n (attached) itached) ress Report (AES stud to Homeschool (AES)	hed) HYSICIAN OF YOUR CHO ents, on Letterhead)	

## Please return completed form to the NCCA Athletic Office. **NEW CREATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

Participant's Name:				
Address/City/Zip:				
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	:	
DOES THE STUDENT HAV THE COURSES OR ATHLE EXPLAIN:	ETIC PROGRAM THAT T	HE STUDENT IS ENR	ROLLED IN?	
Name, Address and Phone N	umber of Student's Physici	an:		
Insurance Information				
Insurance Provider		Member's 1	name	
Policy Number	Group Number	Insurance Conta	act Phone number	
The information provided by signature below, I authorize		t to any emergency treat	atment of my minor child,	
include examination, anesthe general or special supervision of America. I acknowledge th Christian Academy does not 	sia, medical diagnosis, surg n and upon the advice of a p nat I will be responsible for provide health insurance to	gery or treatment and/or physician or surgeon lice any cost incurred by th	r hospital care of the mino censed to practice medicin his treatment. I understand	or child under the he in the United States I that New Creation
	omy.			
Signature of parent/guardian		Date		
The above signature was per-	formed in my presence.			

 Notary Public

 County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_\_

## **Eligibility**

NCCA Athletes <u>must be</u> academically eligible to participate in our athletic program. With the exception of full-time NCCA students, athletes must submit grades and sample course work each semester for all classes to insure that they are eligible to play.

#### To be Academically eligible to participate, a student must:

1. To be eligible to participate, practice, and/or try out in interscholastic activities, a student must be academically eligible. This means students must be passing all their classes to practice or play in a game.

2. Grades will be checked toward the beginning of each quarter every Monday until the next quarter. If a student is failing any classes, they will be required to sit out of games and practice that week until the grade has brought up.

3. Students must take three full-time classes at NCCA to be considered as a full-time enrolled student under the GAPPS rules.

4. A student must be taking the appropriate number of subjects each year to be on track to graduate in four years from the school or homeschool program.

5. A Student has eight consecutive semesters (4 consecutive years) of eligibility from the date of entry into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to be eligible for interscholastic competition. Eligibility in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be for 1 year only for varsity. Eligibility in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be for 1 year only for varsity. Which means, a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader who participates on the varsity level cannot repeat the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and play on the varsity level again in the same grade.

6. Summer school credits are limited to two credits. Cases with extreme circumstances can be appealed to the Dispute Committee and this rule will not have any effect on credits the school count toward graduation.

### **GAPPS** Eligibility

Please read over student eligibility in the GAPPS manual under Scholastic Standing. In the manual, GAPPS explains failing students and course requirements.

#### **Behavioral Eligibility**

- 1. NCCA athletics must follow the guidelines and rules set forth by the NCCA handbook and the Academic and Discipline Board. If a student athlete has 3 demerits, they will be contacted by the Discipline board but also will have a one game suspension. If an athlete receives and additional 3 demerits, they will have a two-game suspension.
- If a student receives 7 or more demerits in a semester, the player will be suspended from the team. A meeting will be set up with AD Dwayne McClelland to discuss when and if the player will be able to return to the sport.
- 3. If a student is suspended from a sport due to behavior, refunds will not be given.
- 4. Demerits for the school year will roll over for sports and must be addressed before returning to a sport.

#### After School:

 The High School building closes at 4:30 Monday – Thursday and 2:30 on Fridays. The Middle School building closes at 4:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

2- Students who have practice immediately after school may remain on school property. If practice is later than the closing of the school, players must leave and return to school when practice begins. If a player needs special arrangements, they must arrange something with their coach.

3- Students may not hang around campus after hours waiting on practice to begin.

# Please sign below stating that you have read the eligibility requirements and understand what is expected of students.

Parents Signature

#### Transfer Eligibility

1. A student who transfers from one GAPPS member school to another GAPPS member school without a legitimate move is ineligible for interscholastic participation for one full calendar year.

2. Any move that is not legitimate and is made for the purpose of creating eligibility will be considered illegal. The student will be ineligible at any GAPPS school for a period of one calendar year unless there are extenuating circumstances in which case the Dispute Committee would have to rule on.

3. A legitimate move is defined as the following: The family of the student moves closer to the school to which they are transferring than they were to the school previously enrolled. The new residence must be nearer to the school to which they are transferring than the old residence was.

4. If a parent is a full-time employee of a GAPPS member school and changes schools as a coach or fulltime employee, then the child of the employee can compete at the new school without losing eligibility. (Full-time employee is considered 20 or more work hours a week)

#### HOME SCHOOL / ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION STUDENTS (AES)

The purpose of having AES in the GAPPS is to help schools fill their rosters. AES athletes can only be used to fill rosters, not to gain a competitive advantage. The GAPPS further believes that all athletes should have the opportunity to participate in a competitive league.

The GAPPS will use the definition of the Georgia Accrediting Commission to define home school students or those using some other form of alternative education. The definition provides that students can spend a maximum of 60% of their time at a learning center. A minimum of 40% of their time must be spent studying at home or a place designated by the parents. These students can receive their education through home school groups or cyber schools.

#### **Birth Certificates**

Member schools must submit birth certificates (not Live birth) and a report card or academic records of all AES athletes to the GAPPS by sport specific due date.

#### **Eligibility**

1. AES athletes and other students considered to be AES athletes will play under the authority of the GAPPS and must meet all eligibility requirements as stated in the Certification of Eligibility section.

2. All AES athletes have four years of eligibility beginning in the 9th grade.

3. According to Georgia homeschool regulations, homeschool students must take an appropriate nationally standardized test at the end of their 9th grade year. Once a homeschool student has taken this test in the 9th grade, he/she will have three years left of eligibility in the GAPPS.

4. According to Georgia homeschool regulations, homeschool students must take an appropriate nationally standardized test at the end of their 12th grade year. Once a home school student has taken this test in the 12th grade to fulfill graduation requirements, he/she is no longer eligible to play sports for a GAPPS school.

5. Students enrolled in less than three full-time classes at a member school are considered AES athletes. Students enrolled in three or more full-time classes at a member school are considered a full-time student.

6. Public school students who attend school at a physical building (out of home) are not eligible to participate with a GAPPS member school.

#### **Attendance at Practices and Games**

It is each individual player's responsibility to keep informed regarding practice and game schedules. Attendance at practices and games is required. The coach must be notified if a player is going to be absent for a practice or game. If an emergency prohibits attendance or advance notice, please notify the coach within 48 hours following the practice or game. It is up to each coach's discretion how to handle discipline regarding tardiness and/or missed games and practices.

We make every effort possible to schedule games and practices so that they do not conflict with NCCA classes, but in some cases it is unavoidable. It is each student's responsibility to contact his teacher for permission to miss class and for any make up work if game times conflict with a class. Athletic events can never be used as an excuse for unfinished academic work. No student will be allowed to participate in practices or games on a day that he/she was absent from school.

#### Students playing back to back sports

Students playing a sport in back to back seasons during the school year may attend some workouts, with coaches permission, of the next sport if it does not interfere with the sport the player is currently playing.

#### Uniforms and Practice Wear

Uniforms are the property of NCCA and will be collected at the end of the season. Parents/athletes are responsible for replacing any lost or damaged uniforms. No parts of game uniforms are to be worn at practice or at school during the school day, or at NCCA sponsored events except for participation in you sport. Practice attire should be modest and appropriate for the sport. (All shorts should have at least a 5" inseam.) Shoes must be appropriate for the sport.

#### Dress Code & Hair Code

Your coach will direct you in his/her expectations of pre-game, game and post-game attire. You can generally expect to be in full uniform at all times. Respect of and caring for your uniform is always expected.

For safety reasons, jewelry and/or watches are not permitted. Leave all jewelry (including necklaces and earrings) at home for all practices and games.

It is up to the coach's discretion whether a player needs to get a haircut, shave, change clothes, etc. We expect compliance with and respect for any coach's decision in these matters.

#### Parental Conduct

NCCA is very firm about appropriate parental behavior in the stands of each game. Abuse of referees, coaches and/or players is prohibited. Please cheer positively and encourage all the athletes, not just your own. Parents should never speak negatively about:

A. The school: A negative atmosphere can be contagious. Instead, create an atmosphere of gratitude.

B. Other students and parents: Only speak to parents concerning your students or their students. Speak to other students only in an encouraging manner. The only time another parent or student's name should be mentioned is in complementary fashion.

There is no parental coaching from the stands as this may contradict what the coaches are teaching. Parents are not to approach coaches or game officials at the games. Parents in violation of this rule will be asked to leave and possibly barred from attending future games. Parents are to contact the athletic director in writing regarding any issues for discussion 24 hours after the activity, unless deemed an emergency.

Any parent / adult ejected from an athletic event will be assessed a \$50 fine. This fine will be paid before admittance to any further NCCA athletic event. If a second ejection occurs in one sports year the parent / adult will be banned from all NCCA athletic events for 12 months and fined \$100.

#### Player Conduct

Players will conduct themselves respectfully at all times before, during and after a game. Arguing with a referee, coach or any player will not be tolerated. Abusive/foul language and/or unnecessary physical contact will result in immediate removal from that game and could result in dismissal from the program. If a player feels that an issue needs to be addressed with a referee, he/she must take that issue to the coach who will handle it with the referee. Any player ejected from a game will be required to pay the fine assessed by the conference. 1<sup>st</sup> ejection \$50 and minimum one game suspension. 2<sup>rd</sup> ejection \$100 and removal from team.

#### Time in Play

NCCA plays all sports in a competitive conference. We encourage playing your best and playing to win while doing so within the rules and behaving appropriately. This is different from recreational team play. Therefore, not all players will receive equal playing time. Athletic fees do not guarantee playing time. If there is a concern about playing time, the student should discuss that with their coach. Coaches will make decisions on who plays when, while considering what is best for the team. We feel practice time, training and being part of a competitive team are valuable aspects for students.

#### **Travel**

All athletes are responsible for their own transportation to away games within the county. When games are out of the county, coaches will make arrangements to take the bus or carpool with other parents for athletics to ride. The athlete must have parental permission presented to the Head Coach to ride home with his / her parents or another parent after away games. No athletes will be allowed to ride to games from the school or home with other students or non-adults.

#### Fees

Athletic fees are non-refundable and will not be prorated. If a player starts the season and is placed on a roster, athletic fees must be paid. In the event the player quits, becomes academically ineligible or is pulled from the team by a parent / guardian, fees must be paid in full at that time. All student's fees' must be paid by the halfway point of the season to maintain eligibility.

#### Volunteers, Crusaders Athletic Club and Tax Exempt Status

Our parent volunteers are an integral part of the success of our athletic programs. We encourage and welcome your assistance. Our Crusader Athletic Club provides many services to our teams and participants. We invite you to join, attend and support their activities. NCCA is recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. While membership and program fees are not tax deductible, donations are. Members are encouraged to consider donations and to solicit donations to the school and/or athletic program. Please contact the athletic director regarding any assistance you can provide.

Please sign below, stating that you understand the requirements and guidelines in being a NCCA Athlete.

Parent signature

Date

Player signature

Date

# Waiver/Release AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY Read before signing.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way on the New Creation Christian Academy team, in any related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that: 1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for minor, major and life threatening injuries, while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may aid in the risk, the potential risk of serious and life threatening injuries does exist; and,

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF RISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or others, and assume full responsibility for participation; and,

3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and, 4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS, the New Creation Christian Academy team, any coach, team member , volunteer, any Recreation Department or location of playing field or practice field, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lesser of premises used to conduct any event or practice, WITH RESEPCT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, LIFE THREAT, or the loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEE OR OTHERWISE.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Signature

Date Signed FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF PRESENTATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent to his/her release as provided above all the Releases, and for myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I release, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above Releases from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

Parent's Signature

Date Signed

**Emergency Phone Number** 

#### **Concussion Information and Acknowledgement Form**

Parent and Student:

It is important that parents and students are educated about concussions. All concussions are serious, and concussions can occur in any sport.

Definition of Concussion: A brain injury that interferes with the normal brain function.
 Causes of Concussions: A bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth.
 Signs and Symptoms of Concussions:

Headache	Memory Loss	<b>Concentration Problems</b>
Nausea	<b>Appears Dazed</b>	Slowed Thought Process
Vomiting	Slurred Speech	Difficulty Thinking Clearly
Dizziness	Moves Clumsily	Answers Questions Slowly
Confused	<b>Balance Problems</b>	Sensitivity to Light or Noise
Sluggish	<b>Forgets Instruction</b>	Unsure of Game, Score, Opponent
Fatigue	Numbness/Tingling	Shows Mood, Personality, Behavior Changes Blurry
Vision	Loses Consciousness	<b>Cannot Recall Events Prior To or After Injury</b>

4. In accordance with Georgia law, the following must occur if an individual exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors of a concussion:

a. The individual shall be immediately removed from practice or competition.

b. The individual shall not return to practice or competition the same day that the concussion or suspected concussion occurred.

c. The individual suspected of having a concussion shall be seen by an appropriate health care professional before the individual can return to athletic participation.

d. If no concussion has occurred, the individual can return immediately to practice or competition.

e. If a concussion has occurred, the individual cannot return to participation in practice or competition until medically cleared by an appropriate health care professional.

f. An individual should never return to participation if the individual still has any symptoms of a concussion.

g. After clearance has been issued, the individual's actual return to participation in practice and competition should follow a gradual procedure suggested by the National Federation of High Schools and directed by the appropriate health care provider clearing the athlete for activity.

h. An appropriate health care profession may include a licensed doctor or another licensed individual under the supervision of a licensed doctor such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.

5. The following information can be found online and is recommended for parents and students to read concerning concussions:

a. 2013 NFHS Suggested Guidelines for Management of Concussions in Sports

b. A Parent's Guide to Concussions in Sports (NFHS)

6. Parent and student should sign the form below. The school and parent should maintain a copy of this form.

#### I have read this form and I understand the facts presented in

it	
Parent/Guardian Printed Name	Student Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

#### GAPPS Alternative Education Student (AES) Participant Agreement

The school that you will be participating in sports and/or other activities is a member of the Georgia Association Private and Parochial Schools. The GAPPS has a policy concerning the participation of AES in sports and activities within the guidelines of the association which can be found in the Division II manual at www.gicaasports.com.

Every AES participant and parent(s) must read and understand the policy of the GAPPS prior to participating in any activity with the GAPPS member school. A summary of the policy is listed below. The athletic director or school administrator should be able to answer any questions about the policy.

#### **Birth Certificate and Age**

1. A copy of the birth certificate must be provided by the parent. A student who turns 19 prior to May 1st preceding the school year of participation will not be eligible to play varsity sports the following school year.

#### **Academic Eligibility**

1. A copy of a report card or academic record must be provided by the parent.

2. All AES must be academically eligible before try-outs or participation in interscholastic activities

3. All AES must be on track to graduate in four years after entering the 9th grade.

4. All AES must meet the eligibility requirements in the Certification of Eligibility section of the GAPPS manual.

5. An AES participant taking four or more classes can only fail one class in order to remain eligible to participate.

#### "Home Base" School

1. All AES will have a "home base" school that they will be eligible in for the duration of their eligibility.

2. AES participants must live within a 30-mile radius of the GAPPS "home base" school.

3. The "home base" school must have the parent and student sign the GAPPS AES Participant Agreement. It states that the AES participant is agreeing to participate in sports and other activities only with that particular school.

4. An AES participant who transfers from one GAPPS member school to another GAPPS member school without a legitimate move is ineligible for interscholastic participation for one full calendar year. A legitimate move would be defined as a move outside of the 30-mile radius of the "home base" school. This applies to those in the 9th -12th grade and any 7th and 8th graders who participated in a varsity level sport.

5. All AES participants must be covered through their "home base" school for the GAPPS catastrophic insurance which is a one-time annual fee that covers them for all GAPPS activities for the complete school year.

#### **Limits of Participation**

1. An AES participant has eight consecutive semesters or four consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into the 9th grade to be eligible for interscholastic activities. Eligibility in the 7th and 8th grade will be for one year only per grade for varsity. In other words, a 7th or 8th grader who participates on the varsity level cannot repeat the 7th or 8th grade and play on the varsity level again in the same grade.

2. According to Georgia homeschool regulations, homeschool students must take an appropriate nationally standardized test at the end of their 9th and 12th grade years. Once homeschool students have taken this test in the 9th grade, they will have three years of eligibility left in the GAPPS. Once they have taken this test in the 12th grade to fulfill graduation requirements, they are no longer eligible to play sports for a GAPPS school.

3. If an AES plays one sport at a GAPPS member school, then the AES cannot play another sport for a different GAPPS member school in Division II or III.

4. Public school students who attend school at a physical building (out of home) are not eligible to participate.5. An AES cannot participate in any athletic contest as a professional under contract.

I have read this form and understand the GAPPS policy. I agree to abide by all of the information contained in this agreement as well as other rules and regulations about AES participants listed in the GAPPS manual.

Parent/Guardian Signature AES Participant Signature Date I have explained the GAPPS policy regarding AES to both the parent and participant.

Athletic Director Signature "Home Base" School Date