



**Grace Athletics Ministry**  
*"Ministry First, Sports Second!"*

*Coach's Covenant*

Grace Athletics is a Christ-centered athletic ministry with the mission of advancing and building God's kingdom through sports. We exist to create a competitive sports environment that honors Jesus Christ in all we do!

Within the leagues in which we participate, we encourage interaction and fellowship among team members, coaches, parents and churches. In order to fulfill our mission and to create a quality environment and experience for those we partner with, we ask that all our coaches read through and agree to practice the following principles listed below. These principles and guidelines will help us with keeping everyone involved with our organization accountable to the understanding that we are, "ministry first, sports seconds!"

With the above in mind, **in my role as a coach**, I will promise, to the best of my ability, to uphold the following:

- I will ensure that anyone who participates on my team is properly registered with Grace Evan and/or Crosscheck (if applicable) prior to beginning practice for a given season.
- I will read and subscribe to the rules of the league to which I am associated.
- I will commit to finding a team chaplain to serve our team, coaches, and parents through prayer and leading in devotions. (Coaches are able to operate in this role as well).
- I will be more concerned with developing the character of the young people I coach by helping them achieve their athletic potential and spiritual maturity than I will be with the score of the game.
- I will contribute to an atmosphere of teamwork, good sportsmanship, fun and fellowship.
- I will abstain from the use of tobacco and alcohol during all practices and games and will ensure my parents do the same.
- I will submit to the authority of the umpires/officials, recreation/site directors and the leadership of the league. I will not argue calls with the officials and I understand that it is ultimately my responsibility that my team and players' parents and spectators do the same.
- I will be responsible for the conduct of myself, coaches, players and fans, and I will be the first to admonish those involved in displays of poor sportsmanship.
- I will graciously submit to the disciplinary actions taken by Crosscheck leadership, knowing that my actions and those of other coaches, players and spectators have consequences to me and my team.
- I will be responsible for ensuring that my players will not play in any other league or on any other team within this league during the course of the given season.
- My team, including all players and coaching staff, will participate in a Gospel presentation and prayer prior to each game (and preferable each practice, led by the team chaplain).

By signing below, I am committing to upholding the above principles to the best of my abilities.

Coaches' Printed Name

Team Name & Division

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