

Georgia Force Christian Athletics
Player's Code of Conduct

- 1) I hereby pledge to follow the Player's Code of Conduct.
- 2) I understand and agree that my education is my first and foremost responsibility, that I must complete my school work and that I must meet the academic expectations of my parents and my school (if applicable).
- 3) I will play with a positive attitude, reflecting Christian values.
- 4) I will participate cleanly at all times, in a true sportsmanship-like manner with never any intent to harm a squad member.
- 5) I will play any position assigned to me and will do my best at all times, using good sportsmanship with no intent to ever harm an opposing player or one of my teammates.
- 6) I will place the emotional, physical and spiritual well-being of each of my teammates and coaches above all other considerations, including my own success on the team and winning games.
- 7) I will be open to my coaches efforts to shepherd my heart, create a relationship built on discipleship while under their authority and will think the best of my coaches and teammates.
- 8) I understand that, while my coaches will make best efforts to teach and develop me as a player in the context of a team practice, my personal athletic development and physical fitness is largely my responsibility on my own time.
- 9) I accept Georgia Force Christian Athletics' commitment to excellence as a way to Glorify God and hereby agree with their policy that playing time and my role on the team is earned by me and not given.
- 10) I will make best efforts to develop an appropriate working relationship with each of my coaches and teammates based on mutual respect.
- 11) I will take responsibility for my own behavior and performance
- 12) I will seek clarity on expectations from my coach if I feel that clarity has not been provided.
- 13) Should I have a question or take issue with a coach regarding decisions about game strategy, playing time or my role on the team I will avoid sharing my frustrations with others and commit to personally approaching my coach in accordance with Matthew 18 found in the Holy Scriptures and to participate in the Matthew 18 process for resolving conflict and/or discontent.
- 14) Should I have a question or take issue with a teammate I will avoid sharing my frustrations with others and commit to personally approaching my teammate (with the participation of a coach or parent if necessary) in accordance with Matthew 18 found in the Holy Scriptures and to participate in the Matthew 18 process for resolving conflict and/or discontent.
- 15) If a conversation or meeting with my coach is needed, I will request a meeting outside of normal practice time and to make the request no less than 24 hours after the completion of the last game.
- 16) I will set a good example for my teammates to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical standards

- 17) I will not, in any way, damage or deface any property, buildings, or equipment.
- 18) I will abide by the decisions of the coaches and game officials and will not display any unsportsmanlike behavior or gestures.
- 19) I will act as a gentleman at all times, consistently display high standards and appearance, and treat others like I would like to be treated on and off the field, including via social media
- 20) I will not trash talk, use profanity (aka cuss words), slang words (words that have been altered but essentially mean the same as the original profanity or cuss words) or derogatory nicknames
- 21) I will participate in a moment of prayer before practices and games with my coaches and teammates.
- 22) I will treat my coaches, teammates, parents, officials, and other individuals, including opponents, with respect at all times, on or off the playing field regardless of race, sex, creed, color or ability.
- 23) I will maintain a positive presence on all social media platforms as well as Georgia Force Christian Athletics communication boards. I understand these platforms are not the place to air or respond to trash talk, frustrations about the program, my teammates, other players, coaches, officials, board members or parents, fans or spectators.
- 24) I understand that my personal social media activity represents the values of the Georgia Force and are subject to review by my coaches and board of directors. Inappropriate social media activity can and will result in disciplinary action. I will not post social media content that embarrasses myself, my teammates, or any member of Georgia Force Athletics. Inappropriate social media activity can result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the organization.
- 25) Cyberbullying **WILL NOT** be tolerated under any circumstances and is zero tolerance behavior. Cyberbullying will result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the organization.
- 26) I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or any form of the aforementioned, on or off the playing field and understand that any violation of this agreement can and will result in suspension from Georgia Force Christian Athletics.
- 27) I will do my best to make and keep Georgia Force Christian Athletics enjoyable for all participants.
- 28) I understand I am participating in a team sport and that my attendance is required at all practices, games, and social gatherings. I will make the commitment to my coaches and teammates to be in attendance and to notify my coach if, for any reason, I am unable to attend any scheduled event.
- 29) I understand that injured athletes are strongly encouraged to continue to travel with the team and attend practices/games if the injury is not restrictive. Travel requirements may be determined at coaches discretion, however, inability to travel due to injury will not result in disciplinary action.
- 30) I understand that if I am ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct, I will be suspended for at least the next game and may be subject to additional penalties.
- 31) I understand that if I physically or otherwise abuse another person, I will be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season

32) I will not spread rumors or make up stories about others. If I am told something negative about someone or about another team, then I will tell my coaches about it and find out from them if it is true. I will not tell others unless I have been told by my coaches that it is public knowledge and open for conversation.

33) I will inform my coach of any injuries I may sustain on or off the playing field whether or not it occurred during my participation in Georgia Force Christian Athletics.

34) I fully support that Georgia Force Christian Athletics is a ministry organization. All Board Members and Coaches desire to minister to me through athletics.

I fully support and understand Georgia Force Christian Athletics is a ministry organization. All Board Members and Coaches desire to minister to you through football.

By signing this form I agree to abide with this Code of Conduct and the Football Guidelines.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team Name: _____