



## **Roles**

To fulfill our mission, all participants must embrace the following roles. Our success will be dependent upon fulfilling our responsibilities and accepting the help of both God and other participants to accomplish our mission.

### **Administrators**

1. Hire qualified coaches committed to their faith and prepared to teach fundamentals of their sport, execute game strategy, grow professionally, and meet OSAA endorsed standards.
2. Supervise, schedule, and administer games with our mission as the focus.
3. Communicate and mentor coaches and ensure coaching techniques used are consistent with our school's athletic mission.
4. Make sure athletes are in school all day and are academically and socially eligible to participate for Westside, because we believe athletes should be living our mission all day.
5. Help solve parental concerns if they perceive conduct is inconsistent with our school's athletic mission, and ensure that the coach is allowed to be in charge of player roles and team strategy.



## Coaches

1. Work with administration to develop both the strategic approach for their sport and a systematic method of player development within organized practices.
2. Communicate with athletes respectfully, allowing them to self-advocate.
3. Clarify each team member's role.
4. Collaborate with administration to create a focused approach that accomplishes our mission.
5. Organize parents to help with game management.
6. Communicate clearly with parents about practice and game scheduling.
7. Mentor athletes to become servant leaders.
8. Teach life lessons through sports and encourage life-long participation in athletics.
9. Provide athletes with opportunities for developing leadership skills.
10. Teach discipline and commitment to hard work while modeling sportsmanship and integrity to athletes.
11. Teach the importance of teamwork, and emphasize team success and development above individual success and development.
12. Encourage the development of perseverance by teaching athletes how to respond to adverse situations in competitive athletics.



13. Focus on the process of individual and team development and measuring success by maximizing the athletes' and teams' potential, not measuring success by wins and losses.

14. Relate to players and influence them to grow in Christ by modeling and teaching how that looks on the court/field of play.

15. Teach and model Christ-like character qualities through ongoing interactions with athletes and others involved in and around the coach's respective sport.

### **Athletes**

1. Embrace the mission of Westside Christian, meeting standards of conduct and following school attendance policies.

2. Attend all practices and games, and communicate directly with coaches if an emergency or illness prevents them from attending.

3. Learn that God and team are more important than their own individual goals for playing time and that determining their team role is the coach's responsibility.

4. When disagreement exists between coach and athlete or between teammates, self-advocate respectfully and directly.

5. Play hard in a dignified and God-honoring manner when competing and when on the bench.



### **Parents/Fans**

1. Cheer on our teams in a way that respects coaches, all athletes, officials, and opponents.
2. Assist as needed at home games so all key jobs are handled: tickets, scorekeeping, clock, photos, team parent, etc.
3. Trust that the role the coach has your child playing within the program is what is best for the team. Discussion regarding your child's role should be between the athlete and coach.
4. Encourage your son/daughter to discuss any role, playing time, or strategy issues with team captains or the coach in order to learn self-advocacy and promote direct communication.
5. Refrain from critical talk in public that reflects poorly upon players, coaches, and administrators.

Athletics has the potential to serve as a powerful experience to help meet our school's mission. This will only happen if we work together respectfully and honor each person's role in the lives of our students. If you feel that a coach or player is not living up to the roles described above, or if you have any questions or concerns, or if you need further clarification, please contact the Athletic Director or Head of School.