

# COMET ATHLETICS

## PURSuing EXCELLENCE FOR CHRIST



### The commitment of the Athletic Director

The athletic director is the entrusted leader with the overarching responsibility to advocate for the wellbeing of the student athletes and entire school population. By shepherding their growth in Jesus Christ, the athletic director also shepherds the advancement of the entire school as an ambassador throughout the community.

1. Model Christian values that are expected in each program by pursuing personal spiritual growth
2. Build and mentor meaningful relationships with coaches and student athletes
3. Empower others with insight, vision, resources, and purpose
4. Lead through servant leadership and discipleship
5. Communicate clearly and transparently
6. Steward God given talents and resources
7. Engage passionately in the school and local community

### The commitment of the Coach

1. Spiritual leadership, development, and discipleship
  - a. Lead and advance yourself and student athletes well by representing Jesus Christ in your words and actions
2. Dedication to team achievement, athletic development, compliance, and safety
  - a. Build upon team strengths and improve upon team weaknesses
  - b. Drive for excellence on and off the playing surface
  - c. Follow the NMCS Athletic handbook and applicable MHSAA or conference codes of conduct
3. Focus on team culture and academic development
  - a. Prioritize academics and other school extra-curricular activities
  - b. Offer a supportive, welcoming, and engaging team culture
4. Advancement of community and parent relations
  - a. Build healthy relationships with community members and parents by monitoring and responding to communication
  - b. Represent NMCS with class and respect by demonstrating servant leadership in the school and community
5. Stewardship of financial and facility resources
  - a. Preserve uniforms, equipment, and facility infrastructure by treating all NMCS resources with care and respect
  - b. Show fiscal responsibility through maintaining teams' budget

### The commitment of the Student Athlete

1. Spiritual and academic development
  - a. Build upon your relationship with Jesus Christ
  - b. Focus on academic success and advancement in the classroom
2. Athletic achievement, dedication, improvement, compliance, and safety
  - a. Follow NMCS Athletic handbook and applicable MHSAA or conference codes of conduct
  - b. Practice and compete with unwavering dedication and effort
  - c. Improve upon weaknesses and build upon strengths
3. Positive community and school involvement and representation through servant leadership
  - a. Represent Christ, NMCS, and yourself well
  - b. Engage in school and community activities
  - c. Serve other students and community members

### The commitment of the Parent and Fan

1. Show positive support and enthusiasm on the sidelines and behind the scenes
  - a. Cheer with positive enthusiasm for your team by encouraging your student athletes in their studies, practices, and competition
  - b. Respect each coach's communication boundaries during practice and competition
2. Maintain positive communication with student athletes, coaches, and school administration
  - a. Monitor, respond, and engage with parent, coach, and administration communication
  - b. Share praises and concerns with athletic director and school administration
3. Represent NMCS with class and respect
  - a. Maintain positive relationships inside and outside of the NMCS community amongst opposing schools and officials
4. Encourage compliance and safety
  - a. Follow the NMCS Athletic handbook and applicable MHSAA or conference codes of conduct



## COACHES

By signing their yearly contract, coaches agree to abide by all NMCS and MHSAA guidelines. They also pledge to follow the COMET COMMITMENT as outlined above.

## STUDENT ATHLETES

The student athletes of Northern Michigan Christian School represent their school, their church, their family, and their faith on and off the playing surface. Following school rules and maintaining a spirit of cooperation with staff, coaches, students, administration and other community members are important aspects of this representation. Students who repeatedly disregard school rules and who fail to treat others with respect, end up harming themselves, the school, and the community in which they live and will be subject to a loss of playing eligibility.

1. I understand it is a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities and I pledge to follow the COMET COMMITMENT as outlined above.
2. I understand the athletic policies of NMCS and the MHSAA and I agree to abide by them.
3. I realize that attendance at all practices, meetings, and competitions are important to team morale and performance.
4. I realize that my appearance and how I represent NMCS is important I will maintain my personal appearance, hygiene, and relationships within and outside of the NMCS community.
5. I understand that all disciplinary action will follow guidelines published in the athletic and high school handbook.

## PARENTS

As a parent of a student athlete, I acknowledge that I have read the NMCS Athletic Handbook and the NMCS school handbook and I agree to cooperate with the school and assist my child in complying with school rules and expectations. Signature on this form indicates a pledge to abide by the school's rule, expectations and the COMET COMMITMENT as outlined above.

**STUDENT NAME PRINTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPORT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT NAME SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT NAME SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_