

## Genoa Christian Academy Sports Player/Parent Contract

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As a student athlete, I \_\_\_\_\_ (printed full name), understand that my obligations to my team include:

1. I will attend all scheduled practices and games and will be on time. If I will be late to practice, I will speak to or call the coach **DIRECTLY**. Any missed practices after our start date may result in losing playing time.
  - a. Your attendance at practice is necessary. Coming late or missing a practice or game shows a lack of commitment and respect for your coach and team.
  - b. I understand that athletes are only excused from practices or matches when they are ill and absent from school. If I will be missing a game, I will inform my coach **ASAP** so that she/he can adjust the lineup. (Excuses are granted in very limited circumstances - usually in the event of illness, emergency, or previously approved conflict.)
  - c. Missing practice and/or game due to a doctors appointment:
    - i. Athletes must have a doctor's note for missing practice and/or a game in order to be excused
    - ii. Athletes will fill out the proper form when coming late or absent from school, i.e. College visit
2. I understand that time management is my responsibility and am expected to be dressed and ready for practices at the designated time.
3. I will complete my commitment to the team/season before beginning conditioning or practice for any other sport.
4. I will be courteous to my teammates and treat all players and coaches with respect at all times. Remember that a positive attitude is just as contagious as a negative attitude. Be positive, enthusiastic, and dedicated when at practice and games, or with the team.
5. I will be coachable. I will accept feedback because I know it will help me become the best player I can be.
6. I understand that playing time will not be equal and that it is earned by hard work, performance, attitude, circumstance, ability and compatibility. During **BENCH TIME** I will maintain the same focus and enthusiasm as when in the game. I will keep my head in the game at every moment, and be ready to come in at any opportunity.
7. I will only post positive comments that support my teammates, GCA, and my competitors on social media sites.
8. As a GCA athlete, I will be on my best behavior at all times. I understand that inappropriate language, gestures, or behavior will not be tolerated. I will report any team concerns and player issues to my coach.
9. I will respect the officials. I will not question a call or respond in a disrespectful manner. Any questions will come from the coaching staff only.
10. I understand that as a student athlete I am required to conduct myself as a leader, and I will represent my team and my teammates by adhering to all school and team rules.
11. As a team player, I will focus on effort, team and a Christ-like attitude, not wins or losses. I will win with humility and lose with dignity. I will celebrate every great play and brush off mistakes. The two things that I have control over is my attitude and effort. There is no excuse for a bad attitude or lack of effort during practice, games, or team events.
12. All student/athletic handbook rules, as well as contracts given to me by the head coach, apply .
13. I will make sure that I have fun and enjoy the game! I will take every opportunity to learn.
14. I understand that all devotional times are mandatory and require my attendance.

\*\*Each situation will be dealt with on an individual basis by the coaching staff and/or the Athletic Director.

**Student Athlete Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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As a parent, I understand that my athlete may not play in every match. I understand that my role as a parent is to encourage and support my student athlete to be the best team player she or he can be regardless of her or his role on the team.

1. I will model good sportsmanship by the way I treat all athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and other fans.
2. I will be a supportive parent and be positive about my athlete's playing experience. I will support her or his teammates, coaches, and parents inside and outside of the gym. I understand that only positive comments about a player, coach, or a competitor should be posted on public social media.
3. I will insist that my student athlete always demonstrates good sportsmanship and treats other athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
4. I will refrain from coaching my child immediately before, during, or immediately after games.
5. I acknowledge that not every player will receive equal playing time and that those decisions will be made by the coaches without input from parents. I agree to allow my child to discuss playing time with her or his coach if she or he seeks to do so on her or his own.
6. I will encourage my child to resolve any issues on her or his own before I get involved. I understand this is part of her or his growth process. When I need to communicate concerns to the coaches, I understand that I should not do so during practices or immediately before or immediately after games.
7. I understand there is a "no contact for 24 hours" rule following competitive play. This rule states there will be no contact with coaches following a game or tournament after the triggering event. Cooler heads are inevitably more productive. Any concerns the parent may have will be addressed AFTER the 24-hour period following the game or tournament. I will not attempt to discuss any issue with the coach around the players, spectators, or other parents.
8. I will do my best to have a basic understanding of the rules of the sport my child has chosen to participate in.
9. I will support my child in the team's fundraising efforts. I understand that this is her or his responsibility, and I will follow up with her or him to be sure she or he is doing her or his part.
10. I understand that during home games, the home team is responsible for providing a clock operator, line judges (volleyball), a ticket taker, and concession stand volunteers. I understand that I will need to sign up to help at least three times during the season (for longer seasons).
11. Parents are expected to pick up their child from practices and games on time.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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