



UNITY ON-GOING ATHLETIC TEAM PARTICIPATION FORM

At Unity Christian High School, we strive to provide excellent opportunities for our students to participate in athletics at a competitive and challenging level. In order to offer this to our students, we are involved in the publicly-funded school board leagues, as well as independent school leagues. We are involved in the Simcoe County Athletic Association (SCAA) for basketball, volleyball, cross country, track and field, and badminton. We are also part of the Georgian Bay Secondary School Athletics (GBSSA) for championships, and OFSSA qualifiers in those sports. Our teams also take part in the Ontario Christian Secondary School Athletic Association (OCSSAA) with our sports. These associations provide our athletes with opportunities to participate in sports at a highly competitive level.

Your son/daughter will be participating on a team listed below for the upcoming season. This commitment will require participation at all practices, games and/or meets per week. An updated schedule is posted on the school website to keep you informed and up to date.

In order to help cover the costs associated with each team, there is a \$40.00 athletic fee per student per sport per season. These fees help cover the costs of our league fees and games. The only additional fees that may be assessed may be for additional tournaments, or if a team qualifies for OFSAA.

If you have any questions concerning our co-curricular sports activities or the athletic fee, please contact Stephen Lopes (Athletic Director) at the school.

Elements of Risk:

The risk of injury exists in every activity. However, due to the very nature of some activities, the risk of injury may increase. All sports have high physical demands and inherent risks, which are beyond the control of Unity Christian High School. Falls, collisions and other incidents may occur and cause injury. Athletes must assume the risks and dangers. The safety and well-being of students is a prime concern and attempts are made to manage, as effectively as possible, the foreseeable risks inherent in the activity. The chance of an accident occurring can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times while engaging in the activity. If I choose to allow my son/daughter to participate, I understand that I will bear the responsibility for an accident that might occur. Unity Christian High School does not provide any accidental death, disability, dismemberment nor medical expense insurance on behalf of the students participating in this activity.

Behaviour Guidelines:

Students are expected to behave in the same manner as they would if they were in school during a regular school day. School regulations, behaviour policies, etc. apply. I understand that should the conduct of my son/daughter become detrimental to the moral tone of the activity, or to the safety and welfare of others, I will be contacted and my son/daughter could, at the discretion of the Teacher-in-Charge, be returned home (if the offense occurs off Unity property) under supervision and at my expense.

Parents are responsible for making sure the athlete is picked up from practices and games. Athletes are to be picked up from the location of the game unless prior arrangements have been made for the athlete to be brought back to Unity. As a general rule, athletes will be brought to the game by transportation which has been arranged by Unity, which depends on parents and coaches to drive.

We play our games at other schools and need parents to drive to those games. It is important that all parents do what they can to share in this responsibility. The teams depend on parents to drive them to league games as well as all day tournaments throughout the year.

The school's insurance does not cover parent drivers or their vehicles. As a volunteer you are required to have a valid Ontario Drivers License and proper liability coverage on your vehicle at all times. **All volunteers are recommended to notify their insurance company that they occasionally drive for the school and that they may be reimbursed for travel.**

When a team is participating in an overnight trip, accommodations and food costs are the responsibility of the player. The adult drivers will also need to provide for their own accommodations and food.

The coaches hand out schedules for games and practices. Unfortunately there are times when the events have to be moved and we will try to inform you as early as possible of any changes.