

A. INTRODUCTION

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PURPOSE

This guide is intended to familiarize coaches with the general objectives of our athletic programs, and to inform coaches of the general responsibilities, expectations and rules they are expected to adhere to.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Chittenden Central Supervisory Union ("CCSU") recognizes and promotes the priority of academics within our athletic programs. While athletics are an important part of education, academic success remains the primary objective. The athletic program is designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. In order to compliment the personal and academic growth of our students, the primary objectives of our athletic programs and coaches shall be to:

1. Teach positive attitudes, proper habits, knowledge and skills.
2. Develop student abilities through healthy competition.
3. Bring about the realizations in our students that competition is a privilege that carries definite responsibilities.
4. Develop an interest in sports that will carry over into adult life.
5. Represent our school/district in a manner that brings respect for the school and each individual participant.
6. Develop a healthy attitude towards opponents, realizing that they deserve our most sincere effort to emerge victorious while simultaneously understanding that their purpose is to defeat us in a healthy, sporting encounter.
7. Allow every individual the maximum opportunity to participate in an activity while recognizing that sports, like life, is a competitive situation in which some will excel, some will succeed, some will fail, and all will benefit merely by being participants.
8. Emphasize priority of academics, and maintain and communicate a philosophy that athletics is a part of the education and character development of our students.