



Covenant Central Sports

Competitive Sports for Home Educated Athletes

Family Informational Letter 2010-2011

Welcome to Covenant Central Sports' (CCS') Soccer Cougars. We are delighted that you are considering the possibility of your home-educated athlete joining the team. In order to assist you in making a decision that is right for both your family and CCS, we offer this synopsis of who we are and what we hope to accomplish.

The mission of CCS is to provide competitive sports opportunities for home educated athletes. CCS was established in August 2007 by Christian parents who seek to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. While there is no requirement per se that a player or his/her parents be Christian, those seeking to become part of CCS should understand that the leadership of CCS, including coaches, are Christian. Further, CCS will seek to conduct all its business in a God-honoring manner, and expect players and parents to conduct themselves in accordance with Biblical principles. CCS is intended as a ministry to the players, families, opponents, and the community. CCS has come about, in part, because of the long standing work of many parents and players over many years. We want CCS to be a continuation of the good work others have accomplished toward witnessing the Gospel of Christ to our community through good competition and sportsmanship.

As previously stated, we offer competitive sports opportunities. We want to establish and maintain a winning program! Keeping in line with that intent, players must be 12 years old by 1 November in order to play on our JV team. Our pledge is to give every player equal opportunity to improve his skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. But this is *not* a recreational team: everyone will not have equal playing time. There is no minimum playing time guaranteed to any player. We can ensure that players who are committed to participation and effort will improve their skills, and will likely earn increased playing time.

Players and families should understand that participation in CCS Soccer requires a high level commitment of time and money. In order to field a winning team, we must work together as a team: train as a team and play as a team. Players are expected to attend ALL practices and games, unless providentially hindered. Players who fail to attend scheduled games may forfeit their player bond. Further, players and parents are expected to respect coaches and each other.

CCS is a non-profit organization funded entirely by participating families and donations. The cost of fielding a soccer program of 30 players is \$4,500 to \$6,000 per year: about \$150-\$200 per player, plus uniforms. These costs include: insurance, referee fees, equipment, administrative expenses, website costs, etc. [CCS is run by volunteers; this includes the coaches who receive no compensation.] Part of this cost may be off set by the generous donation of the fans, friends, sponsors, and patrons of CCS. Costs are generally divided into categories of player fees, uniform expenses, and player bonds. All fees and expenses must be paid in full when due, and no later than one week prior to the first scheduled game.

Our players worked hard last year, and truly enjoyed both the process and the results. Our success on the field is in part made possible by the hard work and outstanding operation of parents, board members and coaches, all working well together. We look forward to another great year both on and off the field. If you and your family are ready and willing to commit to being part of that success, please complete the family registration form. If you have questions, refer to our website: www.CovenantCentralSports.com, or contact us at ccscoach@gmail.com