



**CHRIST-
LIKENESS**

LOVE

UNITY

EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY

DISCIPLESHIP

What is WCA's Philosophy of **ATHLETICS?**

The philosophy and approach to athletics at Westside Christian Academy flow naturally from the school's mission statement, "Raising up leaders to impact the world for Jesus Christ". The purpose and intent of our sports programs at WCA is to bring glory to God through our participation and involvement in athletics. Our goal is to develop within those who participate in athletics the character traits of Jesus Christ; producing positive Christian men and women who honor the Lord both on and off the playing field.

WCA believes that the condition of the heart comes before the score of the game. When winning is kept in the right perspective, our student athletes are allowed to develop without the fear of failure. They learn to understand the value of praise, and the importance of loving Shepherding. Winning must be accomplished while competing in a Christ-honoring sense of fair play and good sportsmanship. Athletics challenge the student athlete to grow in their spiritual journey.

We desire for our athletes to grow spiritually by teaching them to think and act like Christ in the competitive arena and to model Godly character through their words, their attitudes and their deeds. Our goal is for students to leave with a greater understanding of their God-given purpose, who they are in Christ, and how they can serve others. Our ultimate goal is that the world will see Christ in us as we compete and that we would know "victory beyond competition."

A coach is a teacher. The teacher is the curriculum. Coaches are important role models and character-shapers who will have a great impact on the lives of the students they train and direct. WCA bears this in mind when selecting coaches and seeks to provide excellent athletic instruction from men and women of integrity and upstanding character. We understand that these coaches will have great impact on the lives of our students.

