NASHUA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
ATHLETE'S CONTRACT & CODE OF ETHICS
EAGLE ATHLETICS

It is important for you to be aware of the commitment that you are making as a **student athlete** and as the **parent/guardian** of a student athlete. Please read this information with careful and prayerful consideration, understanding that the following statements serve to support the goals and objectives of NCA Eagle Athletics.

- **PARTICIPATION IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT:** Athletics are an opportunity to *develop* in emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual *well-being*. Participation is an extension of the academic program at NCA and is secondary to academic responsibilities. Involvement within the interscholastic sports program is to be recognized as a special privilege and carries with it significant conduct and academic responsibilities. All student athletes shall be responsible for, and held accountable to, the specific eligibility and participation requirements outlined in the Eagle Athletics Handbook.

- **CONDUCT**: Athletes are expected to compete with *purpose and integrity*. Behavior exhibited is a reflection on the school, one's family, and an individual's witness to the Lord. Those who compete shall exhibit self-control and discipline in all areas of their participation (1 Cor 9:24-25). An athlete at NCA is expected to respect those in authority over him/her and participate according to the established guidelines and rules (2 Tim 2:5).

- **TEAM UNITY** is paramount to a successful sports season, regardless of the overall win/loss record. Unity is achieved through each athlete's commitment of time and effort toward specific goals and objectives. Attendance at practices and events is mandatory. Each team member is valuable regardless of ability and playing time (1 Cor 12:12-27).

- **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION** is an integral part of a healthy athletics program at all levels. Mutual respect and understanding are vitally important at all times between athletes, parents, coaches, and school administration. All issues and/or concerns shall be discussed through appropriate channels while continuing to focus on restoration and redemption.

- **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT** with the athletics program is necessary for its continued existence. While not mandatory, each parent/guardian is expected to assist in whatever capacity able in the sports season for which his/her child participates.

Soccer Basketball Cheerleading Other (Specify): _____

Sport(s) – circle all that <u>may</u> apply

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Signature of Student date

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Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian date