MISSION POSSIBLE: It Really Is!
Athletics Serving Your Institutional Core Values

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National Christian College Athletic Association
Founded in 1968
Serves intentionally Christ-centered institutions
23,000+ student-athletes
110,000 students
700+ coaches

MISSION: To keep Christ at the center of intercollegiate athletics.
Cedarville University Mission
Transform lives through excellent education and intentional discipleship in submission to biblical authority.

Cedarville University Athletics Mission
Cedarville Athletics fosters a distinctive culture in competitive athletics that commissions student athletes to impact the world for Jesus Christ.
**Houghton University Mission**
Provides an academically challenging Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences to students from diverse traditions and economic backgrounds and equips them to lead and labor as scholar-servants in a changing world.

**Houghton University Athletics Mission**
It is the mission of the Houghton University Athletics Department to glorify God by educating and developing men and women leaders who compete with excellence, lead by character, and exemplify Jesus Christ in our world.
Grace Christian University Mission
We are a Christ-centered community of higher education applying biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence, and preparing for service.

Grace Christian University Athletics Mission
The Grace College Athletic Department exists for the purpose of glorifying God by helping make disciples of Jesus Christ, developing competent athletic teams and sharing the Gospel message within the sport culture.
Trinity Baptist College Mission
To prepare Christian men and women for life and ministry by providing students with higher education from a Christian worldview.

Trinity Baptist College Athletics Mission
exists to be a leading Christ-centered program distinguished by excellence in athletic competition, academic performance and spiritual formation.
Ottawa University Arizona Mission
Building on its foundation as a Christ-inspired community of grace and open inquiry, we prepare professional and liberal arts graduates for lifetimes of personal significance, vocational fulfillment, and service to God and humanity.

Ottawa University Arizona Athletics Mission
No athletics mission statement (three teams out of 21 had additional content)
Paine College Mission
The College emphasizes academic excellence, ethical and spiritual values, social responsibility, and personal development to prepare spiritually-centered men and women for positions of leadership and service.

Paine College Athletics Mission
No athletics mission statement listed within athletics sites.
Kansas Christian College Mission
We exist to develop servant leaders who know God, who have a passion for holiness of heart, and who are inspired and prepared for a lifetime of learning and Kingdom service.

Kansas Christian College Athletics Mission
Supports and programs towards to the institutional mission statement without exception.
FIRST QUESTION: Is Intercollegiate athletics CO-curricular or EXTRA-curricular?

**Co-Curricular**
Pursued in addition to the normal course of study or that are beyond, but complement, the regular curriculum and are part of the all-around education

Chapel (were credits earned?), Fine Arts/Humanities events, Community service

**Extra-Curricular**
Those optional, out of the classroom activities that are not tied to the curriculum or academic pursuit

Intramurals, Ministry/Service teams, Student Government

How can any endeavor that demands 25-30 hours a week for the selected, qualified participants and has full-time employees leading the training not be Co-Curricular?
BENEFITS OF MISSIONAL ATHLETICS

★ Every contest should place your school in front of local community through media, website, etc.

★ Open door to promote your institution to target high schools & homeschoolers

★ Brand/institutional loyalty priority with student-athletes

★ Allows gifts to be utilized

★ Develops leadership & team skills under handpicked leadership

★ New fiscal avenues

★ Great tool for outreach & discipleship internally, across the street, and around the world
• Prayer partners (general population and student-athletes enlist in prayer partner effort)

• Chapel integration of all Co-Curricular populations (into worship teams, check-in monitors, coaches speaking, athletics chapel, one student-athlete and one coach on spiritual formation team)

• R.A.O.K. ministry where student-athletes provide such acts to faculty, staff, cabinet; “OPEN” to community members, FCA, or stand-alone athletics-led worship once a month

• Fall & Spring move-in days for new students (priority but can for all students); workers provided from athletes already on campus (Fall sports, basketball, Indoor T&F, MVB in spring)
• Ride-along/Honorary Coach program: faculty/staff can sign-up to be part of a day trip to a contest or be a part of a home game day (pre-game meal, locker room, sit on bench).

• Residue cards: simply a leave behind in hotel rooms, with GOOD TIP at restaurants, gas stations/convenience stores, that says “Thanks,” shares brand/mission, and maybe a “Pray for me” email point of contact.

• Chapel attendance: If mission includes “biblical truth, spiritual growth,” then student-athletes and coaches need to be present (and not just for optics but for growth) at one of two most important markers of a vibrant, intentional Christian institution.
A God-appointed coach recruits a team of 12 players.

They spend 50+ hours a week in hands-on training and teaching.

The coach not only role models but conducts labs and “student-teaching” sessions.

This coach only had these players up through their junior year of study and then left them to validate or ruin his instruction and guidance.

One withdrew from the team and the other 11 failed in the biggest game of their three years.

So, the teacher came back for one more “crash course.”

*What could such a team do that would confirm the coach’s effort and instruction and leave a legacy?*
Just so you know,

This team built the very Church that had the courage to launch and sustain every institution within the ABHE and NCCAA membership.

They were called the Disciples!

Never underestimate the mathematical equation: Calling + Time + God = Transformation via Mission