

Des Moines Christian School Boys Basketball 2010-11

Des Moines Christian School Basketball Philosophy

- To develop student basketball players spiritually, mentally, and physically.
- To encourage players to possess positive Christ-like qualities, and express them through their participation in basketball at DMC.
- To assist in developing each participant's skills and abilities in the game of basketball.

Player Responsibilities/Expectations

Christ-like Attitude

Philippians 2:5 - *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.*

- Good sportsmanship is a way we can represent our Lord, our family, our school, and our team in a positive manner.
- Attitude is a choice! Circumstances may not be our choosing, but our attitude is. It is much easier to MAINTAIN a good attitude than to REGAIN it.
- *Things turn out the best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.* –John Wooden

Respect

Romans 12:10 – *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

1 Peter 3:8 – *Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.*

- Respect coaches.
- Respect teachers/administration.
- Respect officials.
- Respect opposing team.
- Respect teammates.

Unity/Chemistry

1 Corinthians 12:12-27- *The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ...you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

- We are a family and team that is always evolving and changing. It is a process.
- Everyone must understand their role on the team.
- Players must play unselfishly and be loyal to each other. You do not win with the most talented five, but rather the five that “fit the best”.

Commitment

Proverbs 16:3 – *Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed.*

- Players must be committed to our program.
- Players must be committed to our goals and team attitude concept.
- Players must be committed to hard work.
- We must remain focused as a team, transforming our minds from “have to” to “want to”.
- *Success is not a sometimes thing. You don't do what is right once in a while, but all the time.* –Vince Lombardi

Strive for Excellence

1 Corinthians 10:31 – *So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

- The Christian athlete ought to strive for excellence because he is motivated by the desire to use to the fullest the gifts and abilities God has given him.
- *Execute. Do what you're supposed to do when you're supposed to do it. Not almost. All the way. Not most of the time. All the time.* -Tony Dungy
- Winning is a by-product of excellence.

Coaches Responsibilities

Christ-like Mentors

Galatians 5:22-23 – *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

- The DMC basketball coaching staff has a unique calling and opportunity as coaches to influence student athletes.

Christ-like Demeanor

2 Timothy 1:7 – *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

- As believers in Christ, our coaches are testimonies to opposing teams, officials, and spectators.

Christ-like Love

John 13:34 – *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

- We will teach and coach with a biblical love that is positive and encouraging.