

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUTH SPORTS MINISTRY

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (NPC) Youth Sports Ministry shall administer and enhance new, and continuing, sports programs for the youth of NPC and the surrounding community, fully recognizing that these programs are sponsored by and affiliated with NPC in an effort to extend the church’s overall Mission.”

PURPOSE:

There comes a time in any organization when the informal, word-of-mouth way to conduct business is not efficient or sufficient anymore, and the time has come to formalize the Youth Sports Ministry of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.

The Youth Sports Ministry shall encompass any intramural and/or inter-church sports program offered for youth through the twelfth (12th) grade. Today, the Youth Sports Ministry at NPC consists of a volleyball program and a basketball program. Additional programs are to be expected as the Lord provides the necessary resources and leaders who are called to serve.

The volunteer position of Youth Sports Coordinator, who shall have responsibility for the administration and oversight of the Youth Sports Ministry and its programs, is also recognized today. The NPC Youth Director shall directly oversee the functions of the Youth Sports Coordinator. Ron Barner is currently serving as Youth Sports Coordinator.

A WORD ABOUT COMPETITION:

Competition can be healthy. Many life lessons are to be learned by participating in sporting endeavors. However, with a healthy perspective, neither the greatest victory nor even the most heartbreaking defeat will define any of us.

Unfortunately, it is all-to-common in youth sports to place an overwhelming emphasis on winning rather than the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials and spectators. In order to fulfill its mission, the NPC Youth Sports Ministry shall maintain a policy of informing and educating everyone associated with any youth sports program at NPC about the stated purpose of the NPC Youth Sports Ministry through the use of a Parent/Player Agreement and a Coaching Agreement.

The programs of the NPC Youth Sports Ministry are offered without regard to a participant’s religious affiliation. While beliefs may vary, the conduct of all participants (coaches, parents, and players) shall be consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Youth Sports Coordinator shall be responsible for communicating any noted inconsistencies to said participant. Continued conduct not consistent with this policy shall be grounds for the Youth Sports Coordinator to remove said participant (coach, parent, or player) from the program activities and facility/venue for that day. The Youth Sports Coordinator shall refer any repeated inconsistencies to the Youth Planning Team. Further actions, such as suspension or expulsion from a particular program, will be determined by a consensus of the Youth Planning Team members upon a full review of the circumstances.