

## **DO WE HAVE TO BE MEMBERS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CO-OP?**

No, any homeschool student can join Lighthouse Christian Athletics. LCA Homeschool Co-op is a separate organization.

## **WHERE ARE PLAYERS FROM?**

Players are from all over the southwest Missouri region. We have students from Springfield, Joplin, Bolivar, Marshfield, Rogersville, Ozark, Branson, Nixa, Republic, and elsewhere. This is a ministry with impact on the lives of young men and their families. We are grateful that families travel from hours away to be a part of it!

## **WHERE ARE THE COACHES FROM?**

Our amazing coaching staff is made up of parents, alumni & volunteers. Because of this we practice in the evenings when they are home from work!

## **WHEN ARE GAMES?**

Varsity plays primarily on Friday or Saturday nights, with an occasional Thursday possible depending on availability of officials. Junior Varsity (JV) typically plays on Mondays, and Junior High typically plays on Thursdays.

## **WHERE ARE GAMES?**

Home games are played locally at rented stadiums (Springfield Catholic, Ozark, Hollister, etc.) based on their home/away schedules.

## **WHO DO WE COMPETE AGAINST?**

We play local and regional public schools, as well as other homeschool teams such as the OKC Homeschool Patriots (Oklahoma City, OK), and the Christ Prep Patriots (Kansas City, KS), and the Tomball Christian Warriors (Tomball, TX).

## **WHAT OTHER PAPERWORK IS NEEDED?**

You must sign a waiver, have a current sports physical, and agree to our player and parent codes of conduct. All forms will be available to you during the registration process and you will be able to submit completed forms through the participant portal at [lcatchargers.com](http://lcatchargers.com).

## **HOW DOES THE TEAM COMMUNICATE INFORMATION?**

All communication takes place via the team's community site, Chargers Connections, which can be found at <https://community.lcatchargers.com>. Updates to schedules and announcements can also be found on the Team page at [lcatchargers.com](http://lcatchargers.com) and on the Football Facebook page

## **DO THE CHARGERS TAKE PART IN THE MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS?**

No, we are not allowed to compete in the playoffs. We are "approved competition" for MHSAA teams but not full members. Instead we are a member of the NHFA (National

Homeschool Football Association), which holds a national tournament in Panama City Beach, Florida.

### **THAT'S AWESOME, WHEN IS THE NHFA TOURNAMENT?**

The NHFA Tournament is the week prior to Thanksgiving every year. JV/Varsity players must take part in the tournament. We practice in Florida on Tuesday and Wednesday. The semi-final round is Thursday, followed by the championship round on Saturday. We will play 2 games.

### **HAVE WE EVER WON THE TOURNAMENT?**

Yes, we have won 5 NHFA National Championships: 2008, 2009, 2013, 2014 & 2021

### **PROGRAM HISTORY:**

- 2006 Team Established, first season
- 2007 NACA Division III 8-man National Champions (National Association of Christian Athletes)
- 2008 NHFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- 2009 NHFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- 2010 NHFA Homeschool Bowl Champions (3rd in nation)
- 2011 NHFA Homeschool Bowl Champions (3rd in nation)
- 2012 NHFA Homeschool Bowl Champions (3rd in nation)
- 2013 NHFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- 2014 NHFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- 2015 NHFA Runner Up, 2nd Place in Nation
- 2016 NHFA 4th Place
- 2017 NHFA All Homeschool Division Champions (Division II / 5th in nation)
- 2018 NHFA Division II Champions (5th in nation)
- 2019 NHFA 4th Place
- 2020 NHFA Homeschool Bowl Champions (3rd in nation)
- 2021 NHFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
- 2022 NHFA Homeschool Bowl Champions (3rd in nation),
  - '08, '09, '13, '14 & '21 Championship teams inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

### **DO I HAVE TO BE A CHRISTIAN TO JOIN THE TEAM?**

No. Players and families who are not believers are welcome! We are a Christian sports ministry, and will espouse Christian values, pray together, and keep the word of Jesus as our foundation.

Our vision is to develop strong Christian character in our athletes. Our purpose is to bring glory and honor to Jesus while encouraging athletes to be personally responsible for their actions and to work with other athletes as a team in competing against other teams in athletics.

We are Chargers- For The Lord... Our belief in Christ shows in our play, our work ethic, and our team. Here it's God first, Family second, and Football third!

We would love to hear from you, and are always looking for more Chargers!