

# NEW MEMBER APPLICATION



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# Welcome to the ACEL!

Thank you for considering membership into the Association of Christian Educators of Louisiana. The ACEL purposes to bring honor and glory to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ through athletic, artistic, and academic competition, and to foster Christian leadership and fellowship among our students. The ACEL represents approximately 30 Christian private schools and Christian homeschool organizations, located in 20+ cities throughout Louisiana and is comprised of an estimated 1000 students and their families.

The ACEL Executive board and I look forward to getting to know you and your organization in the coming weeks. If you have any questions don't hesitate to email me at [admin@theacel.com](mailto:admin@theacel.com) or you may call 337-366-1394.

Blessings,  
Sandra Merrow  
Executive Director, ACEL



# THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU APPLY

## **GET FAMILIAR WITH THE ACEL**

Please spend some time reviewing our website at [theacel.com](http://theacel.com). From the website you will be able to gain a good sense of the sports that the ACEL currently offers and the number of teams participating in each sport. Current year athletic dates are available for download from the homepage. These dates are relatively the same each year and will give you a good idea of yearly due dates and the length of seasons.

## **READ THE ACEL RULES**

The standing rules for the ACEL are available for download under the Rules tab of the website at [theacel.com](http://theacel.com). Please make sure to review these rules and to ask any questions that you may have before applying or at your application interview. The ACEL defaults to NFHS rules in areas not covered by ACEL standing rules or the sport plan published yearly for each sport.

## **READ THE ACEL NEW ORGANIZATION BROCHURE**

Please read the ACEL New Organization brochure available for download from the downloads section of the ACEL website containing details that new ACEL organizations need to know for a successful ACEL season.

## **COST OF ACEL MEMBERSHIP**

An application fee of \$100 is due with your ACEL member application and is non-refundable. Once an ACEL member, there is a yearly membership fee of \$300 per organization. In addition to the membership fee, each varsity sport in which you participate is \$250 and each JV sport is \$150 (Jv track is \$250) due at the commitment deadline for each sport.

Please be aware that membership in the ACEL does require travel to away games. The amount of travel is dependent on the number of teams participating in each sport. Be prepared to travel 3-4 hours for a few away games during the regular season.

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

May 2, 2023: Membership Fees for 2023-24 Due  
8-Man Football 2023-24 Commitments Due  
Boys and Girls Volleyball 2023-24 Commitments Due

May 15, 2023: Applications for New ACEL Members Due

May 16, 2023: 8-Man Football and Volleyball Schedules Released

August 5, 2023: Annual ACEL Membership Meeting

Week of August 7: 8-Man Football and Volleyball regular seasons begin

(The complete 2023-24 ACEL calendar will be available on the website by May 1, 2023)

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## **ACEL MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS**

### **FULL MEMBERS**

Current member organizations in good standing eligible for regular season league play, playoffs, and state championship play. Representatives of full member organizations may serve on the ACEL executive board, committees of the executive board, and as sports commissioners.

### **PROBATIONARY MEMBERS**

Member organizations in good standing eligible for regular season league play, but ineligible for playoffs, state championship play, or representation on all-district/ all-state teams. Probationary members are subject to the one-year assessment period as stated in ACEL Rule 2.2 at the end of which they may apply for full membership. All newly accepted organizations are admitted as probationary members. Full members may be placed on probationary status at the sole discretion of the ACEL executive board.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

Current member organization in good standing eligible for regular season league play, playoffs, and state championship play. Associate members have proven themselves by interview to be compatible with the purpose of the ACEL but do not state in their by-laws a doctrinal Christian position. Representatives of associate member organizations may serve on committees of the ACEL executive board and as sports commissioners.

## **ALL NEW ACEL MEMBERS ARE PROBATIONARY MEMBERS**

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# ACEL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

## **ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS OF LOUISIANA (ACEL) MEMBERSHIP MUST SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING:**

- Submit a completed Membership Application Form along with the \$100 non-refundable new member application fee.
- Write a “Letter of Intent to Join” which includes both the history of your organization and why your organization is a good fit for the ACEL.
- Submit at least 3 letters of recommendation from other teams, pastors, and/or schools or associations; preferably teams in the ACEL.
- Provide references from previous leagues and/or athletic associations, if applicable. Two references shall be provided by the applicant for every league and/or association of participation within the last five years.
- Interview with the ACEL Executive Board.

These documents shall be submitted to the ACEL Board of Directors for review. The ACEL Board of Directors will contact the references provided by the applicant. After contacting references, the ACEL Executive Director will schedule an interview between the applicant and the ACEL Executive board. The applicant will be notified by the ACEL Executive Director of the status of their application within the week following the interview.

If selected as a new member, an organization’s membership will become effective May 1 with yearly membership fees due at that time.



# ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS OF LOUISIANA

Membership Application Form  
(Please type or print information)

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year for which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Type (circle one):

Private School

Homeschool

Organization's Current Total Enrollment:

K – 6: \_\_\_\_\_ 7 – 8: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 – 12: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students expected to participate on ACEL teams per grade level:

K – 6: \_\_\_\_\_ 7 – 8: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 – 12: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLICATION

Check all sports in which your organization is interested in participating in for the athletic year in which you are applying: (Each sport is offered based on proper amount of participation)

\_\_8-Man Football

\_\_Varsity Softball

\_\_JV Girls Volleyball

\_\_JV Girls Track\*

\_\_Varsity Girls Volleyball

\_\_Varsity Girls Track\*

\_\_Varsity Boys Volleyball

\_\_JV Boys Track\*

\_\_JV Boys Basketball

\_\_Varsity Boys Track\*

\_\_Varsity Boys Basketball

\_\_JV Girls Cross Country\*

\_\_JV Girls Basketball

\_\_Varsity Girls Cross Country\*

\_\_Varsity Girls Basketball

\_\_JV Boys Cross Country\*

\_\_JV Coed Soccer

\_\_Varsity Boys Cross Country\*

\_\_Varsity Coed Soccer

\_\_Tennis\*

\_\_Varsity Baseball

\* SINGLE ATHLETES MAY COMPETE IN JV AND VARSITY IN THESE SPORTS WITH DISCOUNTED RATES AVAILABLE FOR 1-9 ATHLETES. TEAMS START AT 10 ATHLETES.

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please email all application documents to [admin@theacel.com](mailto:admin@theacel.com) or you may mail them to the ACEL, PO Box 8731, Shreveport, LA 71148. Please make your check for the \$100 application fee payable to the ACEL. The application fee may also be paid online under the payment tab of the ACEL website.

