

# Pursuing Victory with Honor

## Code of Conduct for Parent/Guardian of Interscholastic Student – Athletes

*We believe that interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. We also believe that the highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing Victory with Honor according to the six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship, (the “Six Pillars of Character”). This code applies to all parents of student- athletes involved in interscholastic sports.*

### TRUSTWORTHINESS

- **Trustworthiness**- Be worthy of trust in all you do.
- **Integrity**- Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and encourage players to pursue victory with honor. Do what’s right even when it’s unpopular or personally costly.
- **Honesty**- Live honorably. Don’t lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest conduct.
- **Reliability** - Fulfill commitments. Do what you say you will do.
- **Loyalty** - Be loyal to the school and team; Put the interests of the team above your child’s personal glory.

### RESPECT

- **Respect** - Treat all people with respect at all times and require the same of your studentathletes.
- **Class** - Teach your child to live and play with class and be a good sport. He/she should be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.
- **Disrespectful Conduct** - Don’t engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- **Respect for Officials** - Treat game officials with respect. Don’t complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

### RESPONSIBILITY

- **Importance of Education** - Support the concept of “being a student first.” Commit your child to earning a diploma and getting the best possible education. Be honest with your child about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level. Reinforce the notion that many universities will not recruit student-athletes who do not have a serious commitment to their education. Be the lead contact for college and university coaches in the recruiting process.
- **Role Modeling** — Remember, participation in sports is a privilege, not a right. Parents/guardians too should represent the school, coach and teammates with honor, on and off the court/field. Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model.

- **Self-Control** — Exercise self-control. Don’t fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration.
- **Healthy Lifestyle** — Promote to your child the avoidance of all illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco, drugs and some over-the-counter nutritional supplements, as well as of unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight.
- **Integrity of the Game** — Protect the integrity of the game. Don’t gamble or associate with gamblers.
- **Sexual Conduct** — Sexual or romantic contact of any sort between students and adults involved with interscholastic athletics is improper and strictly forbidden. Report misconduct to the proper authorities.

### FAIRNESS

- **Fairness and Openness** — Live up to high standards of fair play. Be open-minded, always willing to listen and learn.

### CARING

- **Caring Environment** — Consistently demonstrate concern for student-athletes as individuals and encourage them to look out for one another and think and act as a team.

### CITIZENSHIP

- **Spirit of the Rules** — Honor the spirit and the letter of rules. Teach your children to avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship techniques that violate the highest traditions of sportsmanship. *I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be disciplined if I violate any of its provisions.*  
*I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be forbidden from attending games or practices if I violate any of its provisions.*

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