

Pursuing Victory with Honor - Code of Conduct for Student-Athletes

We believe that interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethic and sportsmanship, and promote the development of good character in addition to 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****. This code applies to all student-athletes involved in interscholastic sports as well as their parents or guardians who come out to support the players.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

- ★ Trustworthiness: Be worthy of trust in all you do
- ★ Integrity - Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and encourage other 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 own personal glory.

RESPECT

- ★ Respect - Treat all people with respect at all times.
- ★ Class - Live and play with class and have good sportsmanship. Be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, compliment extraordinary performance and show sincere respect in pre and post game rituals.
- ★ Disrespectful Conduct - Do not 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 other players or teams in any sport or contest
- ★ Respect Officials - Treat game officials with respect. Don't complain about or argue call or decisions during or after a contest.
- ★ Respect Coaches - Treat coaches with respect at all times; recognize that they have team goals, not individual. Understand that the coach is responsible for determining playing time.

RESPONSIBILITY

- ★ Importance of Education - Support the concept of "being a student first". Commit to earning your diploma and getting the best possible education. Be honest with yourself about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing at the professional level. Understand that many universities will not recruit student-athletes who are not serious about their education.. Be active in the recruiting process.
- ★ Role Modeling - Remember, participation in sports is a privilege, not a right. Student-athletes should represent the school, coach and teammates with honor, on and off the 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 - Safeguard your health; do not abuse any illegal or prohibited substances. Do not engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight.
- ★ Sexual Conduct - Sexual or romantic contact of any sort between students and coaches is improper and strictly forbidden. Report misconduct to proper authorities immediately.
- ★ Integrity of the Game - Protect the integrity of the game. Don't gamble or associate with gamblers.
- ★ Privilege to Compete - Understand that your participation in Interscholastic sports is a privilege, not a right, and you are expected to represent your team, school and family with honor, on and off the field.

FAIRNESS

- ★ Be Fair - Live up to high standards of fair play. Be open-minded, always willing to listen and learn.

CARING

- ★ Teammates - Promote the well-being of teammates by positive encouragement or by reporting any unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches.
- ★ Concern for Others - Demonstrate concern for others; never encourage or intentionally cause the injury of any player, official or fellow spectator

CITIZENSHIP

- ★ Play by the Rules - Maintain a thorough knowledge of all applicable game and competition rules
- ★ Spirit of the Rules - Honor the spirit and the letter of rules, avoid temptation to gain competitive advantage through improper techniques, which violates the highest traditions of sportsmanship.

→ I have read and understand the requirements of the Code of Conduct and acknowledge I may be disciplined if I violate an of its provisions

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Student-Athlete Signature

Sport(s)

Date