



Polk County Public Schools



Student Name

Parent/Guardian Name

School

Sport

Year

We (student and parent/guardian) understand that as an athlete/parent representing the school, we are responsible for our conduct and behavior in the athletic program of the School District of Polk County.

We realize that the Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSAA) imposes a fine against a school if a student is ejected or disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct. In the event of an ejection or disqualification while representing a school, the student/parent is required to pay the fine or fines as follows:

- 1. Level 1 Suspension: \$50.00
- 2. Level 2 Suspension: \$100.00

The FHSAA may not allow the student to participate in athletic contests as a result of the ejection or disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct. We realize that the student will not represent the school in any athletic contests until all fines have been paid to the school. We realize that the student-athlete is subject to additional disciplinary action by the principal of the school depending on the severity of actions of the student.

Furthermore, any fines or penalties assessed against the school as a result of the actions or decisions by the student and/or parent will be the responsibility of the student and/or parent to reimburse the school.

Print Student's Name

Date

Signature of Student-Athlete

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

7.2.1 Unsportsmanlike Conduct Defined. A student-athlete who commits an act of malicious and hateful nature toward a contest official, an opponent or any other person attending an athletic contest shall be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct. Such acts may include, but are not limited to, profanity, striking or threatening a contest official; physical contact with an opponent which is beyond the normal scope of competition; spitting on a contest official or opponent; directing gender, racial or ethnic slurs toward a contest official, an opponent or any other person attending an athletic contest; or other such acts deemed to be unacceptable conduct according to the principal of the member school the student attends or this Association.

30.2.1.1 Level 1 Suspension. A student-athlete who commits an unsportsmanlike act or a flagrant foul for which he/she is ejected from the contest will be ineligible to compete for the remainder of that contest and for a minimum of the next two (2) contests, at the same level of participation in the sport of the suspension and in any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport, at any level, during the period of suspension, in all sports except football. For football, the student will be ineligible for a minimum of one (1) football game, at the same level of participation, and any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport during the period of suspension. If the unsportsmanlike act or flagrant foul occurs in the last contest of a season, the student will be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates; or

30.2.1.2 Level 2 Suspension. A student-athlete who receives a second Level 1 Suspension or commits an unsportsmanlike act, as defined in Bylaw 7.2.1, will be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport, at any level, for a period of up to six (6) weeks.

Student- Athlete Responsibilities & Expectations

1. Athletics are open to all students who meet the following requirements:
 - a) Scholastic eligibility as set forth in Polk County School District Policies and the FHSAA By-Laws. (Consult Athletic Director)
 - b) Physical Exam (documented by a doctor).
 - c) Insurance coverage.
 - d) Parent or guardian permission.
 - e) Be a "student in good standing" as determined by the Administration of the school.
2. **Athletes are expected to:**
 - a) Conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen, at all times, as representatives of Haines City High School and Polk County School District.
 - b) Be well groomed. Coaches will establish dress guidelines for team travel.
3. **Termination of participation during a season.**
 - a) A student should not permitted to quit an athletic squad without a conference with the head coach. The coach should know why the student is dropping the sport. When an athlete who is in good standing chooses to quit a team, he/she is ineligible to participate on another team until the season of the sport he/she has dropped has terminated, unless given permission by the head coach of the sport he/she has dropped or the Athletic Director. Appeals will be handled by the Athletic Director. When an athlete who is in good standing is cut from a team, he/she is eligible at that time to participate in another sport.
 - b) If a student is suspended or dismissed from a team for disciplinary reasons, he/she is ineligible to participate in any other sport unless granted permission by both coaches and the Athletic Director. Appeals will be handled by the Athletic Director.
 - c) When a student's participation on a team has been terminated, the coach should immediately make arrangements to collect any issued equipment and remove the students name from all rosters.
 - d) If an athlete chooses not to meet with the Head Coach or Athletic Director, he/she will be denied participation from athletics for the current school year.
4. **Dual Participation:** An athlete may participate simultaneously on more than one school athletic team provided he/she has permission from all coaches concerned and the Athletic Director. A 'priority-sport' must be named.
5. **Game/ Practice Day School Attendance:** On game/practice days, when school is in session, students must be in attendance for four scheduled class periods in order to participate in the contest/practice, including students with a half day schedule, (Exception: physicians note or school related activity excused by school administration).
6. **Suspension from School:** An athlete suspended from school is automatically suspended from an athletic team. This means that the athlete cannot practice or participate in contests until he/she is reinstated in school.
7. **Academic Requirements:** A student must pass five full unit subjects the previous school year. His/Her eligibility for each subsequent semester shall depend upon his/her having a 2.0 cumulative average. An ineligible student **cannot** be 'on the bench' in uniform.
8. **Obligations:** If a student has an obligation (uniforms, monetary, etc.) to a team, he/she may not participate in another game until the obligation has been cleared. Extenuating circumstances must be cleared through the Athletic Director.
9. **Student Non-Negotiable Clause:** In the event that an incident takes place off campus/after school hours which has legal ramifications, the student may be removed or suspended from the team indefinitely. Decision for removal will be made at the Athletic Director's discretion. Athlete cannot play if this is not agreed upon before the start of the year/season, indicated by his/her signature and that of his/her parent, (This also applies if a student is ejected from a game or sorting contest).

Student Signature: _____ Student ID#: _____

Student Name (Print): _____ Date: _____