

## **Broadneck High School Athletic Code of Conduct** *“Play Like a Bruin”*

### **Our Vision:**

*To promote and foster a rigorous and diverse athletic program that complements the academic excellence of student-athletes.*

### **Our Core Values:**

*Broadneck student-athletes will develop and demonstrate the following through participation in Bruin athletics:*

- *Accountability*
- *Uniformity*
- *Self-Discipline*
- *Respect*
- *Humility*
- *Sportsmanship*

### **Introduction:**

The following information indicates the expectations of Broadneck student-athletes.

Please read this material before electronically signing your agreement in the FamilyID registration.

Being a member of a Broadneck athletic team makes you a special person. It is a privilege. You are always required to conduct yourself in a responsible fashion. During the season you are a representative of your team and school. We want teams that our school and community will be proud of and support. Therefore, we have guidelines that must be followed by all team members, always, everywhere during the season. To be a Broadneck student-athlete you and your parents/guardians must agree to these guidelines and your coach's authority to enforce them.

**Any conduct deemed detrimental to the student-athlete, team, and/or overall good of the school system, anytime, on or off campus, can result in penalties ranging from verbal reprimand to dismissal from the team as determined by the Head Coach.**

## **Broadneck High School - Guidelines for Student–Athletes:**

### **Section 1: Attendance**

- [AACPS Board of Education Policy JB and Regulation JB-RA](#) outlines compulsory attendance requirements in compliance with Maryland State law. AACPS Regulation JB-RA defines lawful absences including approved conditions, unlawful absences, tardiness, and truancy.
- **AACPS Athletics Handbook outlines attendance expectations as:**
  - a. Each student–athlete is required to attend all scheduled classes.
  - b. In the case of extenuating circumstances, the principal of the school may grant an exception for excused class absences.
  - c. Class cutting is defined as unlawful absence from a class or school activity. As a result of administration verification of class cutting for any part of the school day, the student–athlete will be ineligible to compete in the next event. Once a student–athlete is given a warning for a first offense, administration verification of a second offense of class cutting during the same sport season will result in the removal of that student–athlete from the team for the remainder of the sport season.

### **Broadneck High School Policy - Excused Student–Athlete Absences**

As noted in the AACPS Athletics Handbook, the principal of the school may grant exceptions for excused class absences. The Broadneck Athletics Department recognizes the need for many of our student–athletes to attend dentist/doctor appointments and other family needs such as funerals or court appearances. We ask that our families do the best that they can to schedule appointments during times that do not interfere with the regular school day. If an appointment is necessary, student–athletes will be required to secure approval to participate in athletics no less than 48 hours in advance. **This includes practices and games/contests.**

The process for approval is to email the Broadneck Athletics Department Administrator, Mr. Nathan Johnson - [nejohnson@aacps.org](mailto:nejohnson@aacps.org) and CC: the Athletic Director, Mr. Kevin Necessary – [knecessary@aacps.org](mailto:knecessary@aacps.org) and the Head Coach of their specific team at least 48 hours in advance. The email should include the student–athlete’s name, sport, date(s) and time(s) of the previously scheduled absence, and reason for the absence. Ms. Kennelly will approve or deny the request as quickly as possible by replying to the email. In most cases, approval of a doctor’s appointment will be accompanied by a requirement for the student–athlete to provide a doctor’s note prior to participating in athletics.

We will not approve student-athletes for participation on the day of an absence that requires students to miss 50% or more of his or her classes on that day for an appointment. For example, most students have 4 classes in a school day. Student-athletes who have 4 classes will be required to attend at least two of those classes in order to gain approval for a scheduled appointment. We recognize that other emergencies such as funerals, court summons, and other family emergencies may require a waiver of this expectation. These circumstances are rare and will be considered by Athletics Administration.

Monitoring of student-athlete attendance is difficult and may not be timely given that many practices begin immediately after school ends. Student-athletes are required to self-report absences from class and/or school to their coaches and are expected to adhere to the expectations and consequences listed in this document. Student-athletes who do not self-report and choose to participate in athletics on the day of an absence from class and/or school without prior approval using the process outlined above, will be suspended from further participation for a minimum of one game/contest and the team may be forced to forfeit the outcome of any game/contest in which an ineligible athlete participated.

### **Broadneck High School Policy - Student-Athlete Tardiness**

All students at Broadneck High School are expected to be on time to every class, every day. Student-athletes, like all students who are late to class, must follow Tardy Table procedures. For the purpose of participation in athletics, student-athletes are considered tardy before 7:45 AM and are considered absent after 7:45 AM. Consequences for excessive tardiness are issued immediately at the Tardy Table in the following progression:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Offenses – Warnings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – After School Detention
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – Friday Detention
- 5<sup>th</sup> Offense – Saturday School
- 6<sup>th</sup> Offense – In School Intervention (ISI)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Offense – Additional Administrative Intervention

Student-athletes who are issued consequences for excessive tardiness are required to serve the consequences as scheduled on the next available date. Consequences will not be modified or re-scheduled to accommodate athletics schedules. This includes practices and games/contests. Student-athletes who serve an ISI or are suspended for any reason will serve a minimum of a one game/contest suspension. The one game/contest suspension may be served on the day of the consequence or upon the student-athlete's return to school as decided by Athletics Administration.

### **Broadneck High School Policy – Attendance - The Short Version:**

- Student-athletes must attend all classes in order to participate in athletics.

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- If a student–athlete must miss time from the regular school day, they must get approval to participate in athletics at least 48 hours in advance.
- To get approval, email the following staff at least 48 hours in advance:
  - ✓ Mr. Johnson – [nejohnson.aacps.org](mailto:nejohnson.aacps.org)
  - ✓ CC: Mr. Necessary – [knecessary@aacps.org](mailto:knecessary@aacps.org)
  - ✓ CC: Head Coach of the team
- Approval is gained when Ms. Kennelly responds to the email.
- In most cases, approval will only be granted if the student–athlete attends at least 50% of his or her classes on the day of the absence.
- Student–athletes are required to self-report absences and Tardy Table consequences to their coaches.
  - ✓ Failure to self-report will result in suspension from the next game/contest and possible forfeiture.
- Student–athletes are considered tardy before 7:45 AM and are considered absent after 7:45 AM
- Student–athletes who are issued consequences at the Tardy Table must serve the consequences as scheduled. Consequences will not be rescheduled to accommodate athletics schedules.
- Student–athletes who serve an ISI or are suspended for any reason will serve a minimum of a one game/contest suspension.

### **Section 2: Academic Excellence**

Your academics are your priority. It is your responsibility to structure your time to maintain excellence in the classroom. Your coach will periodically check your academic progress. Practice and playing time may be subject to academic progress.

### **Section 3: Student-Athlete Conduct: *RESPECT TO ALL!***

In school, on the athletic field, and around the community, Bruin student–athletes are representatives of the athletic program and their school. You are expected to be the best-behaved people in the school and community. Cooperate and show proper respect to all teachers, administrators, staff, and classmates always.

### **Section 4: Hazing**

Hazing of fellow student–athletes is prohibited. Hazing is defined as doing any act or causing any situation, which recklessly or intentionally subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury or emotional harm, for initiation into a student organization of a school. The implied or expressed consent of a student to hazing is not a defense. Hazing will result in penalties ranging from verbal reprimand to expulsion from the team.

### **Section 5: Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship**

Student–athletes are to demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship always. Negative remarks to other teams, officials, or fans will not be tolerated. Conduct of our student–athletes at other athletic events will be expected to be exemplary.

### **Section 6: Substance Abuse Policy**

Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping are unnecessary substances that the *conditioned student–athlete* must avoid. The use of these substances will not be tolerated. You are also expected not to be present at situations where the use of drugs, alcohol is knowingly present or are being illegally used. These guidelines concerning drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping are enforced everywhere throughout the season. **As a result of confirmed possession or usage of any drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping products the student–athlete(s) will be removed from the team immediately.**

### **Section 7: Social Media**

Everything you post is public information. Do not have a false sense of security about your rights to freedom of speech. Understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. The online social network sites are NOT places where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions. Any of the below actions may be considered detrimental to the team.

**Everything you post is *PERMANENT and PUBLIC!***

- Derogatory language or remarks that may harm my teammates or coaches; others student–athletes, teachers, or coaches; and student–athletes, coaches or representatives of other schools.
- Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; full or partial nudity; inappropriate gestures; vandalism, stalking; underage drinking, selling, possession, or using controlled substance; or any other inappropriate behaviors.
- Creating a danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person.
- Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation, regardless of whether the violation was unintentional or intentional.

### **Section 8: Senior Athletic Awards Banquet**

To be eligible to attend the Senior Athletic Awards Banquet the student–athlete must complete the entire athletic year in good standing.

### **Section 9: Statement of Risk**

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Regular athletic physical activity yields many benefits to the participants but also could result in catastrophic injuries. All sports involve movement, some involve contact, and some require the use of special equipment that makes playing sports a high-risk area for serious injuries.

*The above guidelines are extensions beyond the Anne Arundel County Board of Education rules and regulations as stated in the Guide for Student Athletes and Parents. Our guidelines are in no way intended to conflict with our Board of Education's rules, which of course will be carefully enforced. Broadneck's guidelines are designed to encourage good health, legal behavior, personal safety, pride, discipline, and success! You are agreeing to live up to a higher standard of conduct because of your voluntary participation in an extra-curricular activity and in exchange for the privilege of competing!*

