

# High School Athletics Code of Conduct Policy

This code of conduct is intended to provide guidance to student-athletes and parents/guardians regarding expectations of behavior as participants in the High School Athletic Program. Maintaining an environment of support and respect for our student-athletes so they can play, have fun, and learn through their participation in these programs is our top priority. **Violation of this code could affect playing time, participation, and/or the opportunity to attend high school athletic events.**

**Players initial each statement below.**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. I will treat teammates, coaches, opponents, and spectators with a high level of respect. I will act as a positive role model by showing positive support for all my fellow players, coaches, and game officials.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. I will play by the rules of the game and practice good sportsmanship whether we are winning or losing.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. I will follow coaching direction and not be disruptive during practices or games.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. I will be on time for games and practices and will notify my coach in writing if I cannot attend or will be late.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. I will train to the best of my ability and always give 100% for the good of **my team**.
- \_\_\_\_ 6. I will control my temper and will not argue with officials, coaches, spectators, or players, in person or online.
- \_\_\_\_ 7. I will not use unnecessary rough tactics in games or practices.
- \_\_\_\_ 8. I will not participate in abusive or violent behavior of any kind or use foul, abusive or derogatory language, obscene or vulgar gestures towards any official, coach, player, or spectator, whether on or off the field.
- \_\_\_\_ 9. I will not use or possess illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco (this will result in the immediate termination of player from team).

**Parents/Guardians initial each statement below:**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. We will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and cheer the effort regardless of the outcome.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. We will teach our players to become students of the game and realize that every player has something to contribute.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. We will show sportsmanship during and after every match and remind our child to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. We will support the learning effort of the players, coaches, and referees by demonstrating patience and positivity.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. We will leave the coaching to the coach. We will do our best not to give our child instructions during the match. We understand that our instructions may disagree with what the coach is trying to accomplish.
- \_\_\_\_ 6. We understand that the school administration can and will suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive to a child, coach, referee, or other parent.
- \_\_\_\_ 7. We will keep the lines of communication open with the coaches. We understand that communication immediately following a game is difficult and agree to wait 24 hours before emailing or calling the coach about concerns.
- \_\_\_\_ 8. We will be respectful of the coach's time by following the team schedule and picking up my athlete on time from practices and games.
- \_\_\_\_ 9. We agree to do our best to have as much fun watching the game as the players should have playing the game.

*I have read and understand the Code of Conduct established for the high school athletics program by Harford County Public Schools. We agree to abide by its terms and understand that violations of this code could affect playing time, participation in the program, and/or the opportunity to attend games. We further commit to informing our friends and family who attend the games with us of these expectations.*

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian Name (Print)*

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