



## Cumberland County Athletics Student/Parent Code of Conduct

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ SPORT(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

The athletic experience in Cumberland County Schools develops the whole person by emphasizing development of the student athlete's body, mind, heart, and spirit through emphasis on the following:

**Discipline:** Placing team before self and future accomplishments ahead of current comforts.

**Vision:** Helping the student athlete understand and embrace what can be accomplished with the combination of individual effort, teamwork, and a winning attitude.

**Passion:** Unleashing each student athlete's personal drive for excellence by creating a positive environment where working hard, both individually and together, is fun.

**Conscience:** Conducting all elements of the athletic experience in an ethical and uplifting manner with emphasis on 1) two-way respect between coaches and student athletes, and 2) outstanding sportsmanship at all times.

Athletics provides a living laboratory of learning where coaches consistently model and teach the students **Integrity, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence.**

This code is to be used for all sports in Cumberland County Schools. **In addition, each head coach will have specific rules that he/she expects to be followed by the player and parents.** Each player will receive a packet from your sport's head coach which, will outline the following points: parent/player meetings, overall coaching philosophy, criteria for making the team (if applicable), practice and game schedules and expectations about practice, player behavior, sportsmanship, conditioning, and safety.

### Cumberland County School's Athletic Student Code

- Along with the team training rules, players should be made aware that during their athletic participation, they represent the entire Cumberland County Schools community (past and present). Anything that would tarnish the reputation of our community (for example, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate appearance, etc.) is unacceptable.

I realize that it is a privilege to participate in athletic activities in Cumberland County Schools. Accordingly, I accept and will live by the following athletics code:

- 1) I will work diligently during the season of the sport to improve my skills and to be an asset to my team.
- 2) I will conduct myself in such a manner as to bring respect to my school, and I understand that my behavior is a reflection upon my team, my coach, my school, and me.
- 3) I understand that I have made a commitment to my team and that I will be at every practice and competition during the season, unless excused for illness, injury or an unavoidable personal/family matter.
- 4) I will organize my time so that my academic responsibilities do not conflict with practices or games. I understand that my team commitment does not excuse me from maintaining academic excellence.

- 5) I am aware that smoking, drinking, and the use of illegal drugs or performance enhancing drugs are not only harmful to my body and a serious violation of Cumberland County Schools Board of Education Policies, but such actions are also illegal and are destructive decisions.
- 6) I will be personally responsible for all school athletic equipment checked out to me, and will return it in good condition immediately following the last contest, or I will pay for the replacement of the gear.
- 7) I understand that the coach has the sole responsibility to decide who will play in a game, match, or contest.

## **Cumberland County School's Athletic Parent Code**

- 1) I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.
- 2) I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the athletics venue. Further, I will respect the authority of the coach and will abide by his/her policies and procedures of parent/player meetings.
- 3) I understand any grievance I may have is to be directed to the school principal, and will abide by the policies and procedures for meetings as set by the principal. If a meeting is requested my student athlete may be required to attend with me.
- 4) I (and my guests) will be positive role models for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or event.
- 5) I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct toward any official, coach, player, parent, or game administrator.
- 6) I understand that I have a commitment to the other players' parents and that I will treat others with respect and fulfill any obligation such as fundraising, concession/gate duty, or financial obligations for equipment/travel.
- 7) I understand that it is incumbent upon me to be knowledgeable of all the rules and regulations of my child's sport(s) and that a complete set of these rules and regulations can be found at NFHS.com, TSSAA.org, and/or in the Cumberland County School's Elementary Athletic Manual.
- 8) I understand that the coach has the sole responsibility to decide who will play in a game, match, or contest.

**I agree to abide by this Parent/Student Code of Conduct.**

**As a student, I understand that any violation of this Code or the specific rules determined by the coach may result in disciplinary action not only by the coach, but also the principal or the administration in the form of suspension or dismissal from the sport or from school.**

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE

**As a parent, I understand that any violation of this code of conduct will be cause for immediate dismissal, a temporary suspension, or permanent expulsion from athletic contests. The level of the violation will determine the level of the corrective measures implemented.**

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PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIANS SIGNATURE

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PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIANS SIGNATURE

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This form **MUST** be returned **PRIOR** to athletic participation. Athletes will not be allowed to participate without completion and return of this form. If the student lives with a legal guardian and not the parent, the guardian will sign as the parent.