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District Discipline Code

Appendix A

**Athletic Department
And
Co/Extra curricular
Activities**

Code Of Conduct

PHILOSOPHY

The Northern York County School District offers numerous activities which are an extension of the classroom. The goal and purpose of the athletic is to TEACH students the meaning and understanding of sportsmanship, commitment, fairness, sacrifice, teamwork, and hard work. Additional goals include knowing how to win and how to lose, increasing the knowledge of the activity, realizing potential, developing a healthy lifestyle and skill development. The activities are laboratories for learning. The Northern York County School Districts school board, administrators, teachers, and coaches/advisors are committed to excellence and providing the best opportunities for students. The participants must keep in mind that they are often in the public eye and that their personal conduct must always be above reproach. They have an obligation to create a favorable image and to gain the respect of their peers and adult citizens of the community.

EXPECTATIONS

In addition to the Northern York County School District Discipline Code, (which follows and is contained in this manual), the following rules have been developed for interscholastic athletics and all co/extra curricular activities.

1. Students are the responsibility of the coaches/advisors until the organization returns to the high school or middle school. When returning from a contest, students are expected to leave the premises immediately. No student may be released by a coach/advisor prior to returning to the school unless it would be to a parent or guardian with written notification at least 1 day in advance signed by the athletic director or principal. Participants are strongly encouraged to travel with their organization at all times. We are striving to promote team unity and loyalty.
2. Students will not practice or participate in any activity during a period of in-school/out-of-school suspension. Students will be dismissed from the organization for a second in-school/out-of-school suspension.
3. Stealing will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion from the team/activity.
4. The students will stand at attention during the playing of the national anthem and alma mater. Talking, laughing and horseplay will not be tolerated. The first offense is a warning. The second offense is suspension for 3 days; the third offense is expulsion from the team/activity.
5. The only excusable absence from practice, games or public performance is an emergency situation. The following are considered emergency situations:
 1. A death in the family
 2. Automobile accidents
 3. Illness and not in school
 4. Any other situation that may arise that the coach would consider an emergency.

Unexcused absences from practice, games or public performance will not be tolerated. An unexcused absence is any missing of practice or games in which the coach/advisor did not have prior knowledge of the absence. An emergency situation would be an exception to this rule. The first unexcused absence will result in suspension from practices and/or games for 3 days. The second unexcused absence will result in immediate expulsion from the team.

6. Equipment issued for practice and competition should be cared for properly. Loss or failure to turn in equipment at the end of the season will result in payment to replace it. Any awards due to the student will be held and grades will also be withheld until restitution is made.

7. It is the student's responsibility to keep all facilities (home and away) as neat and clean as possible. This includes the student's personal locker and property.

8. Berating and criticizing officials will not be tolerated. Students should never have a dialogue with an official or judge. The only designated persons to talk to officials are the team captain and coaches/advisor. Being reprimanded by an official/judge will result in 3 days of suspension from practices and/or games. A second offense is expulsion from the team.

9. The student must finish the season/activity as a team member in good standing to qualify for any awards sponsored by the school district or booster club. All awards will be presented at the end of the season. The coaching staff, advisors and athletic department will determine the types and numbers of awards to be presented.

10. The Northern participant must understand that he/she and his/her actions are representative not only of him/her self, but also the entire activities program and every other individual involved. Students are expected to represent Northern High School and/or Middle School, the community, and yourself in a positive manner. You are expected to show respect for all in authority as well as proper care for all school facilities, property, equipment and uniforms. Disrespect towards any member of the coaching staff, faculty and administration will not be tolerated. The first offense is a 3-day suspension from practices and/or games. The second offense is expulsion from the team.

11. Use of profanity is forbidden. The first offense is a warning. The second offense is a 3-day suspension from practices and/or games/public performance. The third offense is expulsion from the team.

12. **BENCH CONDUCT** - When you put on a uniform, spectator's keep a keen eye on you. Show them what kind of team person you are. Demonstrate support and be prepared at all times to enter the game. During time outs, you are expected to listen and learn. Assist the managers if they need help. Horseplay, berating officials or opponents or fans and assuming a reclining position on the bench will not be tolerated. **DO NOT RESPOND TO FANS!!!!**

13. The JV team should cheer and support the varsity team and vice versa. Players are required to sit on the team bench with their teammates during games. Watching is learning. This is not a time for buddies and friends. Teams are required to stay and watch after their game is over. Only the coach can excuse you from leaving.

14. **Bus Rides** - you are expected to sit in your seat and get up only if necessary. The purpose of the bus ride is to get you to the game or public performance. Prepare yourself mentally while on the bus.

15. Participation in all activities is a privilege; teachers have the right to prohibit any student from leaving classes on an early dismissal policy due to unacceptable academic performance. Teachers will determine individually their policy on unacceptable academic performance.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - A student may not participate or practice for any athletic team or co/extra curricular activity unless he or she is in school by 9:00am the day of the scheduled contest or practice. If the event is on a Saturday or school holiday, the student must be in school by 9:00am of the preceding school day. This rule may be waived by the Athletic Director and Principal for extenuating circumstances. If a student leaves school before 12:30pm for a medical or dental appointment, he or she must return to school by 2:40pm in order to be eligible to participate in any athletic contest or practice.
2. Students must demonstrate academic eligibility in order to participate in interscholastic athletics and co/extra curricular activities. The student must be passing five (5) credits on a weekly cumulative basis, starting with the beginning of the marking period. If students do not meet this standard they become ineligible for the following week (Monday through Saturday). Students must also be passing five (5) credits at the end of each grading period. If not, they will become ineligible for the first fifteen- (15) school days of the next grading period. Exception - if a student is passing four (4) credits he/she will be given a one week eligibility warning that will permit practices and participation. Each student will be given only one warning per sports season. Anyone who has been ineligible for a week after passing fewer than four credits will not receive a subsequent warning period that season. Students will not be able to practice or ride with the team to events during the ineligibility period.

DISCIPLINE

1. **Controlled Substance Policy Violation** - The Districts Controlled Substance Policy, #227 defines controlled substances as follows: all dangerous controlled substances prohibited by law, all look alike drugs, all alcoholic beverages, anabolic steroids, any drug paraphernalia, and any prescription or patent drug, except for those for which permission for use has been granted pursuant to Board policy. Students will be suspended from participation for a minimum of four (4) weeks. The participant may be suspended for up to three seasons depending on the severity of the violation. A season is defined as Fall, Winter or Spring. A second offense will result in a one- (1) calendar year suspension from the date of the violation. In order to return to competition and practice and athlete must successfully complete a student assistance program evaluation for the first and second offenses of this policy.

2. **Tobacco Policy Violation** - An activity participant who violates the tobacco policy of the school district will be suspended from participation for four (4) weeks. A second offense will result in an eight- (8) week suspension, a third offense will result in a one-(1) year suspension from the date of the third (3rd) violation.

3. **Other Circumstances** - Whenever other offenses occur pertaining to participants out of school and out of season, a committee consisting of the building principal, athletic director, advisor and/or head coach will review the individual situation and take appropriate action. The athlete will have an opportunity, if desired, to appear before the committee before final action is taken.

4. **HAZING** - Hazing of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from the team for the remainder of the season. Hazing is defined as any action or situation, which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student.