

Dear Athlete/Parent,

The Department of Athletics has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all aspects of participation under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. High standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program of athletics.

Through voluntary participation, the athlete accepts the code of conduct, training rules, regulations, and responsibilities, which are unique to an athletic program. In order to contribute to the welfare of the group, the athlete must understand that these obligations occasionally demand that the individual make sacrifices not required of others.

Attached is the Horace Mann School Athletic Code. All student athletes shall abide by the code of conduct and training rules, which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords.

The following guidelines are to be followed by each coach for each season of play.

1. No student athlete will be permitted to participate in any athletic contest until the original copy of the Athletic Code form is signed and returned to the Director of Athletics. Signatures of the student athlete and one parent or guardian must be included.
2. To provide consistency within the athletic department, the Athletic Code will be read and explained to each team on the first day of organized practice by the head coach.
3. The Code and Training Rules apply to all teams and athletic personnel including managers and statisticians.
4. All athletes placed in the position of leadership (captain, etc.) will be removed from their position if they violate the Athletic Code.
5. Any violation of the Athletic Code, resulting in suspension, will eliminate an athlete from consideration for Varsity Club, and may jeopardize both Letter and team awards.

Horace Mann School Athletic Code

The Horace Mann School community encourages its athletes and its teams to be healthy, well rounded and informed. Through the Athletic Code we hope to foster positive ideals and goals for student athletes and their teams. All student athletes shall abide by a code of conduct and training rules, which will earn them the honor and respect that participation in the interscholastic program affords. It is expected that student athletes will behave appropriately in the broader community.

Code of Conduct

The Department of Athletics has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all aspects of participation under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. High standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program of athletics. Therefore, a firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold those standards. The welfare of the student athlete is our major consideration and transcends any other consideration.

Rules and Regulations

Any misconduct, which results in dishonor to the athlete, the team and the school, is unacceptable.

- Un-sportsmanlike or flagrant misconduct.
- Use of profanity.
- Fighting in any sport shall be construed to consist of: an invitation to fight; closely following an opposing player during a disturbance and making any taunting gesture or sound; punching or slugging with fists whether or not a punch is landed; wrestling or tackling an opponent outside a legal play situation.
- Theft or malicious destruction of any school or individual's equipment or property.

Consequences of Code Violations

The Director of Athletics will notify all athletes concerned, of a levied suspension. Head coaches suspending an athlete will immediately notify the Director of Athletics and the case will be reviewed to determine what action will be taken. The athlete may continue to participate until the investigation process is completed.

Before any suspension provided under these rules shall take effect, the head coach shall verbally advise the athlete, of the alleged violation, and the student will have an opportunity to explain or justify the action. If, after such conference the head coach and the Director of Athletics are satisfied that a suspension is justified, the athlete, parent and division head will be notified.

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Training Rules

The N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. recognizes the use of mind-altering/performance enhancing chemicals as a significant health problem for many adolescents, resulting in negative affects on behavior, learning and the total development of each individual. The use of mind-altering/performance enhancing chemicals, for some adolescents, affects co-curricular participation and development of related skills. The lives of other adolescents are affected when family members, team members and other significant persons use these chemicals.

Rule

A student shall not (1) use a beverage containing alcohol; (2) use tobacco; (3) use steroids; (4) or use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away any controlled substance defined by law as a drug. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.

Consequences of Training Rules Violations

First Violation – After confirmation of the first violation, the athlete shall lose eligibility, for a minimum of the next two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant. Counseling will be mandatory through the School Guidance Office.

Second Violation – After confirmation of the second violation, the athlete shall lose all eligibility. After the athlete becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program; the athlete may apply for reinstatement after a minimum period of six (6) weeks.

Assumption of Risk

While the coaching staff and other responsible school officials will do everything within reason to protect your child against injury – including the provisions for appropriate equipment, safe facilities and training designed to reduce the impact of accidents – participation in athletics includes a risk of serious injury, permanent paralysis or death. You and your child should carefully discuss and consider these risks before this form is signed.

I have read the information contained on this form and understand both the risks of injury to and the responsibilities of my child to follow the Athletic Code and Training Rules while participating in the interscholastic athletic program.

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in
(Please Print)

Team

Level

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

I have read the information contained on this form and understand the risks of injury, and that I will be required to abide by the Athletic Code, Training Rules, team rules, and applicable association rules in order to maintain my eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Student Athlete Signature

Date