

Northeast & Northwest Middle and High School and The Rochester City School District's

Student Athlete Code of Ethics and Contract

Student Athlete Code of Ethics

It is the responsibility of the student athlete to:

- Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times, be they coaches, officials, spectators or other athletes.
- Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike behavior in school and at athletic functions (practice/games).
- Student/Athletes will be declared eligible/ineligible based on the Rochester City School District Eligibility Regulations (along with Section V and New York Stat Public High School Athletic Association).
- Treat opponents with respect. Shake hands after all competitions and congratulate them on their performance.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of coaches and officials.
- Improper behavior while in uniform, in school or in community reflects poorly upon yourself, your family, your school, your district and your community is not acceptable (which includes the use of social media).
- Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
- Accept victory and losses with grace and defeat with dignity.
- The use, abuse and resulting negative influence of drugs, including alcohol, tobacco and performance enhancing supplements is detrimental to the game and its participants.

Participation in athletics is both a privilege and a responsibility. Athletes earn recognition for their achievements as representatives of their school, team, student body, and the community. When an athlete accepts the privilege, he/she must live up to a "Code of Ethics" beyond that of the general student body on and off school property during the athletic season and off-season.

As a prerequisite for participation, athletes and parents must sign a statement that commits the athlete to follow the established training rules and requires parents to do everything in their power to make sure the athlete abides by the established "Code of Ethics." Even if an athlete plays more than one sport, this "Code of Ethics" must be reviewed and adhered to.

It is the expectation that every student athlete and their parents/guardians will abide by The "Code of Ethics" which is applicable during the entire calendar year. Violations in the off-season and summer recess will be administered during the next athletic season in which the student participates.

The student athlete is expected to comply with the established team rules, procedures and instructions of the coach. Coaches have the authority to suspend a student athlete temporarily for failure to comply with the rules and procedures or when the athlete's safety or safety of others requires such action. Permanent removal from the team may occur only after a written recommendation, from the head coach, is submitted to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will consult with the building Principal to make a final determination.

Student Athlete Contract

I understand that I have made a commitment to represent my school by being a member of a sports team. I realize that my behavior on and off the court/field reflects on my school, coach, and myself. I will therefore abide by the following rules and guidelines:

I. To exhibit good sportsmanship at all times including:

1. By being a credit to my team, school, and coach, and not an embarrassment.
2. To accept a win or defeat by showing respect towards the opponents with a hand shake.
3. Not making excuses, using profanity, or arguing a call made by the official.

II. To maintain a behavior that conforms to school rules and policies, as well as following the written and unwritten rules of the game including:

1. No faulting team members, coaches, or officials.
2. Have a positive attitude.
3. Maintain good conduct in school, practices, and games.

III. To accept responsibility that I have chosen and I will not quit until the season is completed including:

1. I will take responsibility for my actions.
2. I will respect my coach's decisions about playing time and matters that pertain to the team.

IV. I understand that when I am unable to attend practice or a game. I will take the responsibility of notifying my coach in person, by phone, or in writing. If I am not at practice the day before a game, I understand I will not be allowed to play, unless I have an acceptable excuse from my parents/guardian. However, the coach will make the final decision.

V. I understand that I can be suspended or removed from the team if I do not abide by this contract.

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Coaches' Signature _____ **Date** _____

Athletic Director's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Administrator's Signature _____ **Date** _____