



Pursuing Victory with Honor

Code of Conduct for Student Athletes

This Code of Conduct applies to all student athletes involved in athletics at GRACE.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

- Trustworthiness – Be worthy of trust in all you do.
- Integrity – Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor. Do what’s right, even when it’s unpopular or personally costly.
- Honesty – Live and compete honorably. Don’t lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct. Plagiarism or cheating is not acceptable.
- Reliability – Fulfill commitments. Do what you say you will do. Be on time to practices and games, and be present at all practice and games unless ill.
- Loyalty – Be loyal to your school and team. Put the team above personal glory.

RESPECT

- Respect – Treat all people, including the teacher-coach, and opponents with respect at all times. Demonstrate an appropriate demeanor that reflects self-control and unwavering commitment to fair play.
- Class – Live and play with class. Be a good sport. Be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity. Help fallen opponents, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.
- Disrespectful Conduct – Treat game officials with respect. Don’t complain about or argue with calls or decisions during or after an athletic event. Help youth sports organizations fill their need for qualified officials as a way to promote greater understanding and respect for the referee’s role.

CARING

- Concern for Others – Demonstrate concern for others. Never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to yourself or others. Play as aggressively as possible while maintaining emotional control.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Importance of Education – The primary responsibility of a student athlete is academic achievement. Be a student first, and commit to earning your diploma and getting the best education you can. Be honest yourself about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level and remember that many universities will not recruit student-athletes who do not have a serious commitment to their education, the ability to succeed academically or the character to represent their institution honorably. Not achieving passing grades will result in your suspension from the team until the deficiency is cured.
- Self-Control – Exercise self-control. Don’t fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration. Have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.
- Healthy Lifestyle – Safeguard your health. Don’t use any illegal or unhealthy substances, including alcohol, tobacco, drugs and nutritional supplements, or engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight.

FAIRNESS

- Fairness and Openness – Live up to high standards of fair play. Be open-minded, always be willing to listen and learn.
- Teammates – Help promote the well-being of teammates through positive counseling and encouragement or by reporting any unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches.

CITIZENSHIP

- Playing by the Rules – Have a thorough knowledge of and abide by all applicable game and competition rules. Demonstrate and demand integrity.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct, the Athletic Handbook, and my coach’s policies/expectations and acknowledge that I may be disciplined or removed from a team if I violate any of its provisions.

Student Athlete Signature

Date



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Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians of Athletes

This Code of Conduct applies to all parents/guardians of athletes involved in athletics at GRACE.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

- Trustworthiness – Be worthy of trust in all you do.
- Integrity – Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and encourage players to pursue victory with honor. Do what’s right, even when it’s unpopular or personally costly.
- Honesty – Live honorably. Don’t lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other conduct.
- Reliability – Fulfill commitments. Do what you say you will do.
- Loyalty – Be loyal to the school and team. Put the interests of the team above your child’s personal glory.

RESPECT

- Respect – Treat all people, with respect at all times and require the same of your student-athletes.
- Class – Teach your child to live and play with class and be a good sport. He/she should be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.
- Disrespectful Conduct – Don’t engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- Respect for Officials – Treat game officials with respect. Don’t complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

RESPONSIBILITY

- Importance of Education – Support the concept of “being a student first.” Commit your child to earning a diploma and getting the best education possible. Be honest with your child about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level. Reinforce the notion that many universities will not recruit student-athletes who do not have a serious commitment to their education. Be the lead contact for college and university coaches in the recruiting process.
- Role Modeling – Remember, participation in sports is a privilege, not a right. Parents/guardians too should represent the school, coach and teammates with honor, on and off the court/field. Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model.
- Self-Control – Exercise self-control. Don’t fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration.
- Healthy Lifestyle – Promote to your child the avoidance of all illegal or unhealthy substances, including alcohol, tobacco, drugs and some over-the-counter nutritional supplements, as well as of unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight.

CITIZENSHIP

- Integrity of the Game – Protect and respect the integrity of the game.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may not be able to attend athletic events if I violate any of its provisions.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date