

## **Union County High School Parent Athletic Code of Conduct**

1. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in sports by following this Parent Code of Conduct.
2. I promise to help my child enjoy the sport's experience by doing whatever I can; such as attending as many games as possible, being a respectable fan, or sharing in transporting my child to and from practice.
3. I realize that my child's playing time is determined by his/her awareness of the game, his/her ability, his/her maturity and the coaches' evaluations.
4. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, opponents, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other sporting events, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
5. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win and remember that the game is for the student/athletes not the adults.
6. I will conduct myself in such a manner as to bring positive feedback to our athletes, our school and our community. I will refrain from undermining or spreading ill will by passing on gossip, rumors, and innuendos which could destroy team morale and cohesiveness.
7. I will support the 24 hour rule: Parents are not permitted to discuss athletic concerns with the coach for at least 24 hours after an issue arises at a game, practice, or other instance. I will schedule an appointment with the head coach if an issue arises. It is never acceptable for a parent to attempt to discuss another student's playing time.

### **Conduct Subject to Discipline**

*Examples of words or actions which will constitute a violation of the code include, but are not limited to the following:*

1. Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, school representative, or spectator;
2. Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, school representative, or spectator;
3. Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms;
4. Going into the locker/dressing room area or obstructing their access to or exit from the locker room or going onto the field, court, mat and/or dugout;
5. Throwing of any object onto the playing area or at another individual;
6. Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association, or campus;
7. Instigating any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors;
8. Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials;
9. And any other conduct that is not in compliance with the tenants of the Union County Public Schools Athletic Program.

## Penalties for Violation of Parent Code of Conduct

1<sup>st</sup> Violation: Parents will be issued a strict warning for their behavior. Although not required, school officials can issue a suspension based upon the seriousness of the infraction.

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: Parents will be suspended from all athletic contests for a time period of no less than 2 games of their child's current season, including post season games. The parents must meet with administration personnel, the absence of which will result in an indefinite suspension from all athletic events.

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation: Parents will be suspended for the remainder of the school year from all athletic events from the date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> violation.

- *Before the student/athlete is eligible to compete this form must be on file with the head coach or athletic director and signed by all parents/guardians of the athlete.*

Child's Name (Please Print)

Grade:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

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Acknowledged by Athletic Administrator:

Date:

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