



Code of Conduct / Sportsmanship

Agreement

Sportsmanship

1. Always maintain a good relationship with opposing players and coaches.
2. Athletes, parents, and coaches are expected to treat game officials with the respect due them. Players/parents showing disrespect to officials may be dismissed from the program.
3. The use of profanity or derogatory/racist comments are inconsistent with the philosophy of athletics and will not be tolerated.
 - Sportsmanship is simply being honorable and courteous while striving to win. Being certain that opponents have an equal and fair opportunity and knowing when to forego an advantage.
 - The rules of the game are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit and letter of which will be observed by all honorable persons.
 - Respect the decisions of the officials and allow for the appropriate personnel to address issues that may arise.
 - Consider opponents as having honest intentions although you may not agree with their points of view or approve of their actions.
 - Pursue a course of individual conduct and team action that is honorable and appropriate.
 - Whether you are a visitor or host, "Do unto the other fellow the way you would like him to do unto you – and do it first."

General Conduct

- 1) The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas throughout the day. It is always important that actions be above reproach. Thus, some guidelines must be followed by all athletes in our program.
 - Conduct in Competition: The athlete must be gracious in defeat, modest in victory and always maintain complete control.
 - Conduct at School: The student/athlete should set examples for all students by following rules set forth by the administration and individual teachers.
 - Conduct in the Community: The athlete represents not only him/herself, but also the community, school, coaches, and parents. Thus, it is expected that the athlete will dress and behave in an acceptable manner in a public setting.

- 2) The following acts are considered severe enough that they may cause an athlete to be dismissed from the athletic program. Each player/parent should be aware of the severity of punishment for these acts:
- Immorality, profanity, or obscenity, derogatory or racist comments.
 - Stealing or cheating.
 - Consistent violation of School Handbook or team rules.
 - Possession, threat, or use of a dangerous weapon.
 - Assault and battery.
 - Destruction of school property.
 - Possession or use of any illegal narcotic drug, alcohol, or tobacco.
 - Conduct which jeopardizes the safety of others.
 - Disrespect to coach, official, opponent or any person of authority.
 - Habitual tardiness or absence.

Athlete Code of Conduct

It is important that every athlete and parent understand that we are all representing the Chester Upland School District. School rules that are in the student handbook will apply to athletics as well. Participation in athletics is a “privilege” and not a right. Student athletes are to adhere to the athlete code of conduct. Disciplinary sanctions include:

- Appropriate disciplinary action from the head coach of the sport
- Temporary suspension from sport
- Contract for improvement with student athlete and parent(s)
- Suspension from the sport for remainder of season
- Suspension from athletics for the year

CUSD athletes will be held to a high standard of conduct and need to represent themselves and the Chester Upland School District at such level in the classroom, in the athletic arena, and in the community. Our athletes will be reminded to “do the right thing” and should understand that they will have to accept responsibility for the choices they make. It is necessary to adhere to the responsibility of abstaining from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. By agreeing to participate in Chester Clippers Athletics programs you make a commitment to yourself, your team, and your school.

Parent Code of Conduct

We encourage the parent/guardian community to be approachable, respectful, and responsible as the Athletics Department strives for partnerships with its parents. Coaches are given the charge to be role models and leaders and the same standard will be upheld for all parties regarding CUSD student athletes. Parents are charged to do the following:

- Help your student athlete set realistic goals.
- Be an encourager in the stands by emphasizing “improved performance.”
- Control your emotions at games and events.
- Respect coaches and communicate with them in a positive way.
- Be a positive role model.
- Be responsible and sensible