

Athletics

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

Dobson Academy student athletes are expected to represent themselves, their team, and the school in an exemplary manner at all times. Athletic participation is considered a privilege, not a right. Each student athlete is to be a positive influence on her/his fellow students at all times during the school day and at athletic or school-sponsored events, both home and away.

All participants in Dobson Academy athletics agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- I. I will be a worthy representative of Dobson Academy, my coaches and my team.**
- I will treat opponents with respect; shake hands after each contest.
 - I will respect the judgment of officials and abide by the rules of the contest.
 - I will accept seriously the responsibility of representing the school by displaying positive behavior at all times.
 - I will refrain from using foul, obscene or threatening language or gestures.
 - I will respect the judgment of my coaches. I understand that I am not guaranteed any game playing time.

Consequences: Failure to abide by these principles may result in a minimum of a half- game suspension to a maximum of being excluded from athletic participation for one calendar year.

- II. I will be a responsible team player.**
- I will act in a positive manner, reflecting family values. I will exhibit the highest standards of sportsmanship.
 - I will attend every practice and game unless excused by the coach.
 - I will support my teammates and interact with them in a positive manner, always showing mutual respect, not participating in gossip, hazing, harassing, making derogatory remarks or any other behaviors that may bring dishonor to myself, my team or Dobson Academy.
 - I will refrain from using foul, obscene or threatening language or gestures.
 - I will respect the judgment of my coaches. I understand that I am not guaranteed any game playing time.

Consequences: Failure to abide by these principles may result in a minimum of a half- game suspension to a maximum of being excluded from athletic participation for one calendar year. Furthermore, if team members do not exhibit the characteristics/values of Dobson Academy, the team may be disbanded for the remainder of the school year or for one calendar year, depending on when the violation occurs.

- III. I will maintain the academic requirements to remain eligible to participate in athletic programs.**
- I will maintain a "C" average or above in all core subjects (language arts*, math, science, and social studies) AND no "F's" in every subject for the duration of the sports season.
 - I am aware that, if I am placed on an academic contract, I must abide by the conditions set forth in my contract or I will become immediately ineligible. *Core subject grades for language arts may include reading, writing, grammar and spelling.

Consequences: Failure to abide by these principles will result in game suspensions until the athlete has become academically eligible. Changes in ineligible status will take place on a weekly basis. The coach or Athletic Director will notify any ineligible student of any change in eligibility. This will be done on Wednesdays, or the next available school day of that week.

Athlete's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

I. As a parent and/or spectator I will maintain acceptable standards of behavior at all times. I will:

- a. Remember that the players are young adults and are playing for their enjoyment, not mine.
- b. Respect the judgment of the coaches. I understand that my child plays in a competitive league and is NOT guaranteed any game playing time.
- c. Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- d. Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials. I will not coach from the stands or approach coaches or officials before or during the contest.
- e. Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, parents of the opposing teams, officials or league administrators.
- f. Follow the chain of command to resolve an issue, speaking first to the coach then to the Athletic Director if resolution cannot be reached.

Consequences: Failure to abide by these principles may result in removal from the contest. If this happens, he/she will also be banned from attending the next home event of the sport for which the removal was made. If a spectator is removed for a second time, he/she may be barred from attending any athletic event at Dobson Academy or at Dobson Academy's deemed home field for one calendar year.

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____