



## Athletic Code of Conduct Naples Middle/High School

The Athletic Code of Conduct consists of regulations that all participants in interscholastic athletics are expected to adhere to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24-7) during a sport season. The season begins with the first day of practice and ends with the sports banquet. Each coach may establish additional requirements for team membership. These will be providing in writing, be thoroughly understood by each player, and be consistent with this code.

### 1. ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to participate in Naples High School athletics, a student must NOT have reached or passed his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of August 1 of the current school year. Students beyond the eight semester of high school are ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics.

### 2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

Each student must submit a completed Physical Examination/Parent Consent for Interscholastic Sports and a Medical Power of Attorney for the current school year prior to the first practice. A physical is valid for one calendar year. Whenever possible, exams should be scheduled during the summer months. It is the athlete's responsibility to plan ahead for this requirement.

### 3. FALSIFYING OFFICIAL FORMS:

Falsifying official forms required for participation will result in dismissal from the athletic team for the year.

### 4. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY:

- a. Eligibility for the first semester of any school year requires that a student have a 2.0 GPA based upon grades earned in the previous semester. This policy applies to both interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities.
- b. All students will be monitored for Ds and Fs on a weekly basis throughout the season. Students who earn more than one failing grade are ineligible for competition for the following week. A student who has been identified as ineligible for three weeks in a row may be dropped from the team.
- c. First semester 9<sup>th</sup> graders, eligible 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and new students without transcripts will follow weekly checks.
- d. Ineligible 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders with a GPA below 2.0 are on probation for the first 3 weeks of the new semester. They may practice with the team, but may not wear a uniform or participate in competitions. Students may request reinstatement after 3 weeks of ineligibility. This request must be supported by demonstrated academic achievement which meets the eligibility requirements of 2.0 GPA and no more than one failing grade. Students unable to maintain eligibility after reinstatement will become ineligible for the remainder of the semester.

### 5. DROPPING AND TRANSFERRING SPORTS:

Athletes may not change team membership following the opening contest of each sports season. A student does not have to participate for this to be in effect, only be listed as a member on the team roster.

### 6. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:

Athletes may not participate in an athletic contest if they are absent from school on the day of the activity due to illness. If a student is absent from school on a Friday due to illness, they may not play on Friday, but could conceivably play on Saturday. The student must attend school the full day prior to (or the day of) any scheduled contest in which he/she is to play. The only exception to this policy is a

scheduled medical appointment, which may not exceed 3 hours of absence from school. Approval for the student to participate in the scheduled event will be determined by the coach. Students are expected to be in school on the day following a contest or on Mondays following away games.

**7. SUSPENSION:**

A student who is suspended from school is ineligible for one week from the date of the suspension commencing on the date the suspension begins. This includes in-house and overnight suspensions.

**8. CODE OF ETHICS:**

All athletes should abide by a code of ethics which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct such as, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, disrespect, or violations of the law, tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic program and will result in immediate dismissal from the team.

**9. CONDUCT OF ATHLETES:**

Students who have serious misconduct problems or display a tendency towards criminal behavior do not meet our standards and therefore will not represent our school and community. Serious criminal activity occurring outside of school will affect participation in the athletic program.

**10. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT ATHLETES:**

- a. Realize his/her obligations to the team (Team goals first, individual goals second)
- b. Be considerate of other players
- c. Be aware that each athlete represents the team, coaches, school, community, family and above all himself/herself
- d. Show respect to teachers, coaches, officials, and administrators
- e. Demonstrate good behavior in the classroom, on campus, and on school sponsored trips
- f. Respect school property and equipment

**11. SPORTSMANSHIP:**

The athlete will:

- a. Be courteous to visiting teams and officials
- b. Play hard to the limit of his/her ability regardless of discouragement
- c. Retain his/her composure at all times and never leave the bench or enter the playing field to engage in a fight. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
- d. Maintain a high degree of physical fitness by observing team and training rules
- e. Demonstrate loyalty to the school by maintaining a satisfactory scholastic standing and by participating in or supporting other school activities
- f. Play for the love of the game. Understand and observe the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility
- g. Set a high standard of personal cleanliness
- h. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials and accept their decisions without question
- i. Respect the facilities of the host schools and the trust in being a guest.

**12. SPORTSMANSHIP EJECTION RULE:**

An athlete who is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible for the team's next contest. A player who engages in fighting, biting or aggressive physical contact shall be ineligible for the team's next two contests.

### **13. DISCIPLINE:**

- a. Coaches are to establish and enforce conscientiously those rules which are necessary in their sport. The rules are to be consistent with the overall policies of the athletic department, the school and the school's division.
- b. The coach/school reserves the right to permanently exclude an athlete from further participation on the first violation of a team or athletic department policy, a school rule, or an ASIL policy (American Schools in Italy League)
- c. Any athlete breaking a team rule is subject to disciplinary action by the coach and may be benched for one weekend of competition
- d. The drug and alcohol policy for DoDDS Europe is included on a separate sheet.
- e. Athletes will not haze/harass another teammate, manager, student trainer or athlete in the athletic program. Athletes violating the DoDDS hazing policy, laid out in the IAP, will be immediately removed from the team as well as the athletic program. The student may only be reinstated to the Athletic program after following the procedures stated in section 17. *Due Process for the Athlete*, if reinstatement is approved.
- f. Lying, stealing, biting and fighting will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the team and the program.

### **14. DUE PROCESS FOR ATHLETES:**

An athlete who wishes to have the Athletic Council review an action taken against him/her by their coach may request a review of the coach's actions when extenuating circumstances appear to have occurred. The athlete must personally submit the request in writing to the Athletic Director within 24 hours of the action. The council will be comprised of the following individuals: Athletic Director, Asst. Principal, current Coach for the sport involved, one additional coach, and two faculty representatives. The council will make its recommendation to the Principal whose decision is final.

### **15. TRAVEL:**

All students must travel to and from all out of town contests in transportation provided by the school unless prior permission has been granted by the School Administration and the Coach. Athletes will not be permitted to return home with another athlete's parents. Male athletes should travel in slacks, shirt and tie for away games. Female athletes should travel in dresses and/or skirts/slacks and blouse. Halter tops and spaghetti straps are not allowed. Exceptions to this dress code must be approved by the principal before travel is authorized for the team.

### **16. RELEASE FROM CLASS:**

It is the responsibility of athletes to obtain assignments from their teachers NLT the day before the classes they will miss because of an athletic contest. All work should be made up promptly. All students are required to travel with schoolwork of some kind.

### **17. PARTICIPATION ON NON DODDS TEAMS:**

Students participating on non-DoDDS teams as well as DODDS teams must participate in all DODDS practices and scheduled games to maintain eligibility on a Naples HS team.

### **18. VACATION POLICY:**

Taking vacations or attending non-DoDDS sponsored activities by team members during a sport season are discouraged and may result in loss of letter. Parents/athletes wishing to take a vacation or attend a non-DoDDS activity during a sport season should reassess their commitment to being a team member. Athletes and parents must contact the head coach no less than 2 weeks before the scheduled trip and be willing to assume the consequences related to their team status and lettering.

### **19. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:**

All uniforms and equipment must be returned at the end of the season prior to that season's Athletic Banquet or upon departure from the team. No athlete will be eligible for another sport if they have not cleared a previous sport. Parents are responsible for replacement of uniforms and equipment lost or damaged.

**20. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:**

Students and parents are financially responsible for all uniforms and equipment issued to the student. All uniforms and equipment are to be returned within 5 days of the last contest, cleaned and in good condition. Any equipment or uniforms not returned in good condition at the end of the season will be subject to a financial penalty. Athletic letters will not be awarded until all issued uniforms are cleaned and returned to the coach.

**21. INHERENT RISK OF INJURY:**

Whenever participating in a DODDS, or any athletic program, there is always an inherent risk of injury related to the sport.

**22. LETTERING:**

An athlete must complete the season in good standing and have met all the requirements set forth by the coach at the beginning of the season. All issued equipment and uniforms must have been returned in good condition.

# Athletic Code Contract

I have read and agree to abide by the policies set forth in the Naples MS/HS Athletic Code of Conduct. I am aware that any violation of these policies may result in disciplinary action up to the point of expulsion from all extracurricular sports.

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Student's Printed Name

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Student's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Coach's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(Copy turned into the Athletic Director)