

Northeast Athletics **Code of Conduct**

Adherence to the Athletic Code of Conduct is important for the good of athlete and the success of the team. It is important to know that the code of conduct is not confined to school time or school functions, but reflect an expectation and commitment to an everyday lifestyle in and outside of school.

Any conduct deemed detrimental to the student athlete, team and/or overall good of the school system, anytime, on and off campus, can result in penalties ranging from verbal reprimand to dismissal from the team as determined by the head coach.

Team Selection

The head coach will select the members of the team, with input from the assistant coaches. The overall makeup of the team will also reflect the best interests of the continuing sports program at Northeast High School.

Criteria for selection:

Academic Eligibility	School Pride
Technical Skills	Character
Strength and endurance	Team Attitude
Quickness and speed	Coach Ability
Spirit, desire, and determination	Winning attitude and experience

Selection of Team Captains

Captains will be selected for the team by the head coach, with input from the assistant coaches and players.

Attributes to be considered:

Leadership ability	Good Character
Team spirit	Respect of teammates and coaches

Playing Time

The opportunity to represent Northeast High School in athletic competition must be earned. All decisions concerning playing time and starting positions are left to the discretion of the coaching staff.

Residency

The athlete must with his/her parents or legal guardian in a permanent address in the Northeast school district. Failure to abide by this regulation could result in the team forfeiting games and the athlete being for 60 days or longer. In the event that the residency changes during a sports season, the athlete must notify the athletic director immediately of this address change.

Academic/Attendance Regulations

1. Team members, taking a full academic schedule, must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher with no more than one E during the sports season. Athletes on partial schedule must maintain a 2.00 GPA with no E's. An "I" is tallied as an "E" until it is complete.
2. Athletes who do not meet the eligibility requirements will be placed on academic probation at the beginning of the season for a sixteen day period. During that period the athlete may practice, including scrimmages, but they may not participate in games. This includes riding the bus, being in uniform or sitting on the bench. Athletes must also complete eight study hall sessions totaling six hours. If at the end of this probation period the athlete meets the academic standards then they will be allowed to participate. If they are not deemed academically eligible than they are ineligible for all sports for the remainder of the season.
3. Truancy/class cutting: 1st Offense is one game suspension; 2nd Offense is suspension for the remainder of the season.
4. You must be in school the entire school day in order to practice or play in a contest. Athletes must have prior approval of the athletic director to play in a game, if the athlete must miss school for a doctor/dentist appointment.
5. Students are expected to behave properly in school. Inappropriate conduct may lead to suspension from practice or game.
6. The MPSSAA awards the Minds in Motion certificate to any athlete who attains a 3.25 GPA or higher during their sports.

Practice Rules

1. Be on time or early for practice.
2. You should give your full effort each day.
3. Always encourage your teammates to do their best.
4. Be dressed in proper practice attire.
5. Have all your equipment for practice and maintain the safety of your equipment.
6. You must report all injuries to your coach. *Note* If you must see a doctor for an injury, the doctor must clear you in writing for you to resume playing. *Note* must be on file with the athletic director/
7. Profanity and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable and could lead to severe consequences.
8. In the event an athlete must miss practice, the athlete's parents are to contact the coach prior to the absence.
9. Accept constructive criticism from the coaching staff.
10. Always strive for pride and excellence.
11. Represent Northeast High School proudly.

Game Regulations

1. All athletes must ride the team bus to and from all athletic contests unless an approved travel form has been completed and the principal prior to the event has granted permission.

2. Your team's dress code will be enforced in school on game days.
3. You are responsible for all equipment and uniforms issued to you. You will be charged full replacement cost for an equipment/uniform that is lost, damaged, or stolen.
4. You are expected to follow all rules of the National Federation of High School Sports Association, which pertain to your sport.
5. You are to exhibit good sportsmanship at home and away games.
6. You are to show respect for officials and your opponents.

Team Conduct

1. You are to represent Northeast High School with pride at all times.
2. Hazing of any kind will result in the athlete being dismissed from the team.
3. Athletes are not to use alcohol, drugs or tobacco products of any kind during the sports season and throughout the school year.
4. The head coach, with input from the assistant coaches, may dismiss players from the team for actions or behaviors deemed detrimental to the overall good of the program.

Parent Conduct

1. You are to encourage your child to do their best.
2. You are to encourage the team with positive comments.
3. Remember at away games you are the guest and public display of courtesy is not an option it is expected.
4. Support and encourage teamwork and good sportsmanship, which are paramount to the development of our athletes.
5. Set a positive example through good conduct and use of appropriate language.
6. Report unacceptable behaviors to the administration or staff member on duty.
7. Smoking and the use of alcohol or drugs are prohibited on school grounds at all times.
8. Remind those around you to set a positive example by respecting our athletes, our coaches, other parents, and visitors and our school.
9. Any field that a school team plays on becomes an extension of school property. All rules will apply.

I understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to support and practice this "Code of Conduct" agreement. Furthermore, my failure to comply with this agreement may result in disciplinary action to include suspension or dismissal from my sports team.

Player's Signature _____ Date _____

Parents/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____