

PART D – PARTICIPANT’S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

It is mandatory that all coaches take an appropriate amount of time prior to the start of the season to review the H.W.I.A.C. By-Laws, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Drug Policy and to clarify this code of behaviour with their athletes.

- 1. It is a privilege – not a right – to play for an interscholastic team. While there are many advantages, there are also a certain number of responsibilities.
- 2. It is your duty to promote good sportsmanship between your own teammates, and to appreciate what your opponents do well
- 3. Please educate your friends and family as to how to view a contest. Tell them to cheer for you – not malign the other team or the officials.
- 4. Officials and coaches must be treated with the highest degree of respect. Sport is best when everyone understands that – right or wrong – the word of the official is final. You must remember that often the community forms an opinion of your school based on your actions. You represent your school on the playing field and in the community.
- 5. Set a good example for your teammates. Encourage team members to act in a way that will enhance the morale of the team. The team must be free from:
 - (a) foul language;
 - (b) physical and verbal abuse of players;
 - (c) comments relating to ethnic or religious origin;
 - (d) negative comments – of any kind – directed towards teammates or your opponent.
- 6. You are a member of a team. Concern yourself with what is going on in the game. Do not concern yourself with the activities of the spectators. Appreciate the spectator support and cheering, but do not interact with them during the game.
- 7. Being a team member requires a commitment to your teammates, your coach and your school. You are expected to fulfil this commitment throughout the entire season.
- 8. A player must be in school the day of the contest in order to be eligible to participate that day.
- 9. A player must agree to be tobacco/non-prescription drug/alcohol free within the team environment.
- 10. It is mandatory that prior to the playing season every athlete completes a statement of intent (co-signed by the Coach) which indicates an understanding of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Policy, Philosophy, Rules/Regulations and Ethics. This statement will be filed together with the team eligibility list in the Principal's office.

In the event my actions violate this code of behaviour or the rules of the game, I understand I am subject to disciplinary action specified in the rules of the game and possibly supplemental discipline specified in the constitution of the Hamilton-Wentworth Interscholastic Council. Such supplemental discipline may include, but is not limited to, possible suspension from a subsequent game(s) or suspension and even prohibition from participation in all athletic activities governed by the Council.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

These signatures confirm an understanding of Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Policy, Philosophy, Rules/Regulations and Code of Behaviour. In addition, they indicate a commitment, by each individual, to meet Board expectation.

_____	_____
Student	Parent/Guardian
_____	_____
Principal	Phys Ed Head



STUDENT ATHLETE INFORMATION PACKAGE

- It is essential that all information requested in the package is completed fully and accurately and returned to the school prior to participation in any of the activities listed below.
- If there is any uncertainty around the information that has been requested or if further details on the risks associated with the activities listed below is required, please contact the school.
- The information contained in this form is valid for 4 months from the date indicated in the Acknowledgment section below.
- It is the responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian to inform the school of any changes to the health of the student

PART A – INFORMED CONSENT

I /We hereby acknowledge participation by _____ Student Name

In the following activity or activities organized by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board/Hamilton-Wentworth Interscholastic Athletic Council:

_____ Activity	_____ Activity	_____ Activity
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Participation in activities of this type involves risk of injury, minor or serious, including the possibility of permanent disability. Injuries may result from the actions of the individual, the actions or in-actions of others, or a combination of both.

All activities include rules and regulations designed to enhance the safety and protection of participants. The chance of an accident occurring can be reduced by abiding by these rules and regulations, by carefully following instructions at all times while engaging in the activity and by maintaining a level of fitness suitable for safe participation in this activity. By choosing to participate, I acknowledge an understanding of these conditions and assume the risk of an accident occurring.

All activities include rules and regulations that establish behavioural expectations for participants. These include rules of the game/ activity and the H.W.I.A.C. Player’s Code of Behaviour as outlined on the back page of this document. Should my actions violate these rules and regulations, I understand I am subject to disciplinary action by the H.W.I.A.C. that could include possible suspension from a subsequent game(s) or suspension and even prohibition from participation in all athletic activities governed by the Council .

I understand that throughout the year, in effort to recognize athletic accomplishments, event results containing player names and team pictures may be included on District School Board web sites or in District School Board publications. By choosing to participate in the activity, I am giving permission for this information to be published as outlined.

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board does not provide any accidental death, disability , dismemberment or medical expense insurance on behalf of the student participating in athletic activities. Student Accident Insurance coverage may be purchased annually.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I/We have read the above and understand that by participating in the listed student athletic activity(s) I/we are assuming the risks associate with doing so.

I/We acknowledge receipt of information containing details (Information to Parent / Guardian or school letter form) of this/these trip(s).

_____	_____
Participant Signature	Date
_____	_____
Parent / Guardian Signature	Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date