

Bishop Kearney | A Golisano Education Partner

Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct

Being involved in a sport/activity at Kearney is a privilege and an honor. Representing our school at home, in the community, and at schools at which we are guests, carries a great deal of responsibility. Interscholastic competitions should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. The highest potential of activities is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. In order to participate in high school extracurricular activities, each student must understand and comply with the following:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Trustworthiness – Be worthy of trust in all you do.

Integrity – Live up to high ideals of ethics and always pursue victory with honor; do what's right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.

Honesty – Live and compete honorably; don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest conduct.

Loyalty – Be loyal to your school and team/club; put the team/club above personal glory.

RESPECT

Respect – Treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of other student participants.

Class – Live and participate with class; be a good sport; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; compliment extraordinary performance, show sincere respect in pre- and post-activity rituals.

Disrespectful Conduct – Don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals.

Respect Officials – Treat contest officials with respect; don't complain about or argue with official's calls or decisions during or after an event.

RESPONSIBILITY

Importance of Education – Be a student first and commit to getting the best education you can. Students must have a serious commitment to their education, a commitment to succeed academically and the character to represent their institution honorably.

Role-Modeling – Remember, participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. You are expected to represent your school, coach, and teammates with honor, in and out of school, consistently exhibiting good character and conducting yourself as a positive role model.

Self-Control – Exercise self-control; don't show excessive displays of anger or frustration; have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.

Healthy Lifestyle – Safeguard your health; don't use illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

FAIRNESS

Be Fair – Live up to high standards of fair play; be open-minded and always be willing to listen and learn.

CARING

Teammates – Help promote the well-being of teammates by positive counseling and encouragement or by reporting any unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches/moderators.

CITIZENSHIP

Play by the Rules – Maintain a thorough knowledge of and abide by all applicable game and competition rules.

Spirit of Rules – Honor the spirit and the letter of rules; avoid temptations to gain a competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship techniques.

GENERAL SCHOOL POLICIES:

- A participant absent from the school for a full day will not be allowed to participate in practice or a contest on that day. The exception is when the participant is attending a school sponsored activity or field trip.
- A participant that arrives to school after the end of first period and has an “unexcused” reason for tardiness, will not be permitted to practice or participate in a contest on that day.

(For athletic contests only)

- Since athletics is a natural outgrowth of the physical education program, athletes who are illegally absent from or who do not participate in physical education classes will not be permitted to practice or to suit up for a contest on the day of that absence. The NYSPHSAA regulations state that a student must be a “bona fide” pupil and must be enrolled in physical education to participate in athletics.
- The locker room is the athlete’s home-away-from-home during the season. Those who do not show respect for the locker room and/or team or individual equipment in the locker room will be held accountable through any measures deemed suitable by the coach or Athletic Director. This applies to all facilities at Kearney as well as to any facilities that Kearney may visit.
- Each athlete is responsible for his/her own equipment. New or extra equipment will not be distributed until defective equipment is returned. Any equipment that is lost, damaged, stolen, or not returned by the athlete will be paid for by the athlete at the current rate of purchase for those items.
- An athlete unhappy with a decision of the coaching staff or with the attitude of another player should discuss this issue in private with the coach or Athletic Director. Team issues should not be discussed around school or the community.
- At **NO** time shall an athlete question the decision of an official or demonstrate a lack of respect for opposing players, coaches, or persons in authority.
- No friends or fans will be permitted to travel on the team bus or be in the locker room prior to, during, or after contests.
- Student athletes may not drive to an away contest in their own vehicle. They must take the team bus or get special written permission to drive with their own parents.
- Student athletes must return from an away contest on the team bus or go home with their own parents. Athletes may NOT go home with other parents or friends.
- **ANY** conduct exhibited by the athlete in practice, in school, in the community, in competition, or during travel to and from contests that is deemed detrimental to team morale and the standards of the Code of Ethics will be dealt with by the coach or Athletic Director in any means he/she feels is necessary. This may include suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

DRESS CODE FOR ALL HOME AND AWAY CONTESTS

Students will be required to come to the game/contest, whether at home or away, in their **PROPER SCHOOL UNIFORM**. For sports that require players to dress before traveling to a contest, those athletes will dress in their **TEAM UNIFORM** before getting on the bus. There will be NO changing on the bus. Violations of the Dress Code for games will result in the athlete not being allowed to participate in the game. In this case, the athlete must sit in the stands behind the bench area and NOT on the team bench.

HAZING/HARASSMENT

Hazing is defined as any act, whether physical, mental, emotional or psychological - which subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to anything that may abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass or intimidate the person, or which may in any fashion compromise the inherent dignity of that person. In addition, any request by a teammate which compels another member to participate in any activity which is against school policy or state/federal law will be defined as hazing. Any individual involved in hazing or harassment will be subject to disciplinary actions depending on the degree of the hazing/harassment. The severity of the discipline will be at the discretion of the administration.

CUTTING OR SKIPPING A CLASS

Any student that cuts or skips a class will be suspended from the next contest and further cuts or skips could result in longer suspensions and/or removal from the team.

DETENTION and/or IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

Any student that is assigned an afternoon detention or ISS may not participate in any practice or game/contest on the day they serve their afternoon detention.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

School policy states that any student serving an Out-Of-School suspension may not participate in any school activity for the duration of their suspension. Additionally, a student will be required to sit out the first contest held after their return to school. The participant will be required to attend the game/contest but will remain in "proper school uniform" (not team uniform) while sitting on the team bench.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Any student failing two or more classes will become ineligible to participate in extracurricular school activities until such time that the student is failing less than two classes. If try-outs occur during that period of ineligibility, there are no assurances that a position will be held on a given team/club. An Administrator will begin the evaluation process of checking grades beginning on October 1 and will continue every other Monday for the entire school year.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Students are prohibited from smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using illegal substances.

*Incidents involving drugs or alcohol will be investigated and students involved will be subject to disciplinary action.

*Students that **admit to using or have been found to have used** drugs or alcohol will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the student handbook

**REMEMBER –YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR OF YOUR
SCHOOL.**

MAKE US PROUD!