

Geneva Middle School Athletic Code of Conduct

PHILOSOPHY

The faculty and coaches of Geneva Middle School believe that every athlete through proper direction will contribute to the total school and community environment and, more importantly, will develop values that will have life long benefits for the individual during his or her athletic experience at Geneva Middle School. Interscholastic athletics are a special service of schools and a privilege for boys and girls which also carry certain obligations as the rules and regulations below indicate. The various areas that follow, whether dealing with training rules or conduct, are an attempt to maintain high standards which, when practiced, will bring success and pride to athletics in this school. We feel that asking an athlete to maintain the following regulations is a small sacrifice in comparison to the long-range benefits that can be attained through athletic experiences.

Athletes should read the following information carefully. If the athlete is willing to make the commitment that is essential to meet the challenge of interscholastic athletics, he or she should make sure all areas are complete and signed. The following rules pertain to athletes, managers, and pep squad members.

TRAINING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ATHLETES OF GENEVA MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following rules have been established by the athletic department. All athletes are expected to follow these rules and coaches are required to enforce them. In addition to specific athletic rules and regulations, athletes are reminded that the Code of Conduct governing expected student behavior applies to behavior at school activities and will be enforced. Unusual circumstances will be up to the discretion of the Athletic Director, the Assistant Principal, and the Principal.

EXPECTED BEHAVIORS

1. Athletes are expected to refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol or any drugs not prescribed by a physician. In addition the use of steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is strictly prohibited unless the school has on file a statement from a physician indicating that such medication is necessary for treatment of a physical condition.
2. Athletes are expected to respect both school property and the property of others including the equipment and property of other schools.
3. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner toward coaches, game officials, teachers, and school officials, including the faculties and officials of competing schools.
4. Because regular participation is of benefit to both the athlete and his or her teammates, athletes are expected to attend all practices and games.

FAILURE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

The faculty and coaches of Geneva Middle School nearly always have reason to be proud of students' performance and behavior. In the few cases where athletes do not meet expectations, athletes are subject to consequences.

USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, OR OTHER DRUGS

The Code of Conduct provides for the following:

1. *Use, possession, solicitation to procure/purchase, or being under the influence of alcohol, other illegal/inappropriate chemical substances, or paraphernalia for drug use at school, on school property, at any school activity, or anywhere during regular school hours, will be considered a Category 3 offense, as defined in the Student Handbook, and applicable consequences will apply.*
1. *Sale/distribution of or intent to sell/distribute alcohol, other illegal/inappropriate chemical substances or paraphernalia for drug use, at school, on school property, at any school activity, or anywhere during regular school hours, will be considered a Category 3 offense, as defined in the Student Handbook, and applicable consequences will apply.*
1. *Use, possession, or solicitation to procure/purchase tobacco or tobacco products at school, on school property, at any school activity, or anywhere during regular school hours, will be considered a Category 3 offense, as defined in the Student Handbook, and applicable consequences will apply.*

In addition to the Code of Conduct which prohibits the use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs "at school, on school property, at any school activity, or anywhere during regular school hours," coaches expect that students will refrain from these activities at **all** times.

DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY

The Code of Conduct provides for the following:

Students will be held financially responsible for causing damage to school property or the property of others. Students will be held financially responsible for the loss of any school property such as uniform(s) and/or equipment issued to them. In cases where the damage is accidental, requiring payment for the repair or replacement cost may be the only action taken. When negligent behavior is involved, additional disciplinary action will be taken.

Repeated negligence or damage to property on the part of an athlete may lead to the coach suspending the athlete from participation.

REGULAR PARTICIPATION

1. Each athlete will be allowed 2 unexcused absences. Any missed practice or contest without parental excuse constitutes an unexcused absence.
2. A third unexcused absence will result in suspension from the team for 10 school days. The athlete must practice but may not participate in any contest within the 10 school days.
3. A fourth unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the team.
4. Unexcused tardiness to practice or contests will count as 1/2 of an unexcused absence. Tardiness will be considered unexcused if it is the result of detention, a required student/teacher conference, or other behavioral problem. Tardiness will be considered excused if the student must make up class work or go to medical appointments; however athletes are encouraged to arrange for these activities during other times if at all possible.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Along with the above agreed upon policies and regulations, the following additional items must be completed before athletes are allowed to participate or practice:

1. All athletes must have on record a certified physical exam within the past year. Physical exams are good for 13 months.
2. For each sport they are participating in, each athlete and his/her parent must sign the Parent and Student Agreement at the bottom of this page verifying that they have read, understand and will comply with all training rules and regulations.
3. **All fees must be paid prior to the first game of a season.** Students will be suspended until fees are turned in. Fees are non-refundable after the first contest of play.
4. Each athlete must maintain academic eligibility. An assessment of student academic progress in all classes will be taken weekly. Three or more D's or F's will result in suspension from the team until rectified. Athletes will be cleared to re-enter practice/competition when they meet the academic standard and it is verified with teachers.

Please sign and return this to your coach. A copy of this information can be found on the school's website for future reference.

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____