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Hudson Independent School District

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I. Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill/dance team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of or as a representative of the District. The term includes any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Hudson ISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with this important difference: Participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students engaging in extracurricular activities represent not only themselves, but also other students and the school district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies students to the community or public in any setting as Hudson ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Hudson ISD student body at all times and places.

Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, Hudson ISD sets higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* extends beyond the Hudson ISD *Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* is applicable for all students grades 7-12 participating in extracurricular activities:

- regardless of whether school is in session
- regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event
- regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs
- regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs

It is possible that a student who violates the *Hudson ISD Student Code of Conduct* will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities and could violate the *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the *Hudson ISD Student Code of Conduct*.

III. Conduct Expectations

The following are conduct expectations for all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action by the coach or sponsor:

- Student commitment to a team or organization is required for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however, students may not quit one sport or

organization in order to participate in another while the sport or club that he or she quit is still active.

- Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involve competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent's fans. Hudson ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability.
- Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and prepared.
- Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should call the coach, sponsor, team captain, or club president as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. Each activity will decide how missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made up; however, disciplinary action may still be taken if a participant is absent more than two times in a semester.
- Injured or ill students who are unable to participate, but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meeting or event are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group.
- Students are required to act in a respectful manner at all times. This includes appropriate verbal and physical communication with or towards teammates, coaches, officials, HISD employees and parents. This also includes dress and attitude.
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the *Hudson ISD Student Code of Conduct*. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.
- Any other conduct expectation articulated by coaches and/or sponsors for specific teams/organizations.

IV. Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Offenses

Hudson ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from the following:

Minor offenses

- possessing, smoking, selling, or otherwise using tobacco products on campus or at any school-related activity, or when prohibited by law; and
- possessing or using electronic cigarettes or accessories on campus or at any school-related activity, or when prohibited by law

Major offenses

- possessing or using drug paraphernalia that has drug residue
- possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using, or being under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug
- engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals
- being assigned to the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP)
- testing positive in a random, school-administered drug test
- failing to appear for a random, school-administered drug test when counted present at school

Hudson ISD student/athletes are required to notify their head coach or Athletic Director of any violations resulting in a citation from any law enforcement officer. The head coach and Athletic Director will determine if any further discipline action is warranted. Failure to report the citation to the head coach or Athletic Director may result in the immediate suspension and removal from athletics for one calendar year from the date of discovery.

V. Procedures

The coach and/or sponsor will determine whether an *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* violation has occurred.

Upon determination of a student's breach of conduct expectations, coaches and/or sponsors have the authority to impose reasonable sanctions including extra workouts, suspension from practice or competition, or removal from the activity.

Upon determination of a student's prohibited conduct, the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified and appropriate disciplinary action will be enforced.

VI. Disciplinary Action

Coaches and/or sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and determine if it is a minor or major offense. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in determining punishment for *Extracurricular Code of Conduct* violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the above-mentioned rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

Suspension* from all extracurricular activities for the following time periods:

Minor Offenses

1st offense - suspension for 21 calendar days

2nd offense - suspension for 42 calendar days

3rd and subsequent offenses - suspension for 126 calendar days

Major Offenses

1st offense - suspension for 42 calendar days

2nd offense - suspension for 126 calendar days

3rd and subsequent offenses - suspension for one calendar year. After a period of one calendar year, the coach/sponsor and administration will determine reinstatement. Reinstatement will be based on such things as academic record, attendance, behavior record, and any other information deemed appropriate.

*At the discretion of the coach and/or sponsor, students may be allowed to practice for extracurricular activities during times of suspension.

Suspensions for behavior which is in violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct are cumulative from the student's initial date of enrollment in Hudson High School through his/her completion of the 12th grade.

Suspensions for behavior which is in violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct are cumulative from the student's initial date of enrollment in Hudson Middle School through his/her completion of the 8th grade.

VII. Insurance for Students in Extracurricular Activities

Before the beginning of each season, a Parent Consent Form, Physical Examination Report, School Insurance information and Drug Consent Form signed by the parents must be filed with the school. Hudson ISD is not liable for accidents or injuries sustained by students participating in extra-curricular activities. **The option of participating in a school insurance program at parent expense is provided by the district to help in defraying the cost of such injuries/expenses.**

VIII. Acknowledgement

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity or holding any office (elected or appointed) is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the *Extracurricular Code of Conduct*. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states that the signing party understands the consequences for engaging in prohibited conduct.

Girls Basketball Appendix

Attendance:

- All practices and games are mandatory. If a player knows she will be absent, the coach must be notified in advance.
- Any player that misses practice a day before a game will not be allowed to play in the upcoming game, unless approved by the Head Coach.
- Any player that misses 3 practices (unless excused by the Head Coach) may be dismissed from the team.
 - Excused absences include illness, injury, and death of relative/close friend.
 - Unexcused absences are any other absences other than above, at the Head Coach's discretion.
- Missing practice due to a vacation during the Thanksgiving or Christmas break is considered unexcused.
- All players are expected to be on time to all practice. This means dressed out and on the floor at the designated time. A time is given to all players by the Head Coach. If a player is late, extra conditioning will take place after practice.

Game Rules:

- Players will be at the game at the designated time. If the player is late for a home game, discipline will be determined by the head coach. If a player is late for the bus for away games, she will be left behind and will not be allowed to play if she shows up for the game.
- Players are not permitted to carry on a conversation with parents/fans during the game. If there is an issue, the coach(s) need to be notified, and the issue will be addressed accordingly.

Attire:

- Athletes are expected to arrive at practice in the appropriate attire. Any missing/inappropriate attire will result in extra conditioning.
- Off-season attire: Athletic shorts and athletic t-shirts are permitted. No boxer shorts or shorts that are worn higher than mid-thigh are permitted.
- In-season attire: Each player will be issued practice attire. Each player is responsible for her practice attire for the entire season.
- No jewelry will be worn during practice, unless approved by the Head Coach. This will result in extra conditioning.
- No hard/plastic head bands and/or bobby pins will be worn during practice. This will result in extra conditioning.

Classroom Behavior:

- Athletes are expected to follow all classroom rules per individual teachers. If a player has shown misconduct in the classroom, discipline will be determined by the Head Coach.
- If a player's grade falls below an 80, they may be required to attend before school tutorials. Discipline will take place for having a failing grade in any class. The only way a player can play, is to pass. Be accountable in the classroom.

Attitude:

- Each athlete is a representation of Hudson, and are expected to show respect to all faculty and staff.
- Foul language is not accepted, and discipline will follow.
- No player is allowed to argue with any referee at any time during a game.
- Athletes are expected to respect their teammates. Any negative attitude will result in discipline action placed by the Head Coach.
- No player is allowed to fight during a scrimmage/game. This may result in suspension from that game, and possibly future games. This will be determined by the Head Coach, Athletic Director, Principal, and possibly UIL.

Social Media:

- Any player who uses social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) to spread rumors, put down, or talk bad about any teammate, student, or person, may be dismissed from the team.

Select Basketball:

- No player is permitted to play on any outside team during the high school basketball season. Failure to comply may result in dismissal from the team.

Baseball Appendix

Attendance:

- All practices and games are mandatory. If a player must be late or absent, one of the baseball coach must be notified in advance.
- Any player that misses practice the day before a game will not be allowed to play in the upcoming game, unless approved by head coach.
- All players are expected to be on time to all scheduled baseball activities. If a player is late to any baseball activity without prior permission from the head coach, extra conditioning will take place as a result.

Game Rules:

- All players must wear their uniform properly as instructed by the head coach.
- After home games, no players may leave the field until all game work duties are completed and head coach dismisses the team.
- Players are not permitted to interact with anyone outside the dugout during the game
- Players are not permitted to act out negatively either physically or verbally during a game. Any player who does so will be immediately removed from the game and be subject to further discipline.

Appearance/Attire:

- Players are expected to arrive at practice wearing the appropriate attire. Appropriate attire consists of clothes issued for practice including cap, baseball t-shirt, belt baseball pants, socks and cleats. No jewelry or wristbands are allowed.
- Players are expected to keep their hair and face neatly groomed as instructed by the head coach.

Classroom Behavior:

- All athletes are expected to follow classroom rules. If a player has shown misconduct in the classroom, the head coach will determine appropriate discipline.

Attitude:

- Each player represents Hudson Baseball and is expected to show respect on and off the baseball field.
- Foul language is not allowed and will result in discipline as determined by the head coach.

Select team:

- To minimize the chance of injury, players are not permitted to play on select teams for any sport during the spring baseball season.

Golf Appendix

ABSENCES and GOLF PRACTICES

All golfers are expected to practice and play with their own golf clubs. Failure to bring clubs and appropriate golf attire could result in disciplinary action. Practices will consist of conditioning, going to the driving range at Bonner and going to the golf course. None of those days are optional therefore if a golfer has one (1) unexcused absence for the after school practices during the school year the golfer will sit out the first tournament of the season. On the second unexcused absence from after school practices during the school year, the golfer may be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season. Three (3) unexcused absences from after school practice during the school year will result in dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season. If a golfer misses more than one golf tournament due to disciplinary action, ISS, or missing the bus on the day of the tournament, he or she may be dismissed from the golf program for the remainder of the season.

If a golfer misses the bus to an invitational tournament, they must go on to school that day. If a player misses two (2) tournaments due to missing the bus, the golfer may be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season.

ISS

1st offense – Suspension from the next tournament on the schedule

2nd offense – May be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season

No Pass – No Play

Any golfer who is failing at grade check periods will be subject to the UIL No Pass-No Play rules established by that body. If a golfer is found to be continually failing one or more courses, he or she is subject to potential removal from the golf program.

Inappropriate Language

Any golfer heard by a coach, teacher, administrator, or fellow competitor using inappropriate language in any context will be disciplined as follows:

1st offense – Verbal warning

2nd offense – Will not be allowed to qualify for the next scheduled tournament

3rd offense – May be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season

Cell Phone Usage

Cell phones are not permitted during practices or during tournaments, unless permission is granted by the coach (during practices). Cell phone usage may result in the phone being taken

up and turned in to the office. Rules and consequences for cell phone usage in school can be found in the school handbook.

Awarding of Letter Jackets

To receive a Hudson High School letter jacket, the golfer must represent the school by playing in five (5) of the pre-district tournaments or three (3) of the pre-district tournaments and both rounds of the district golf tournament.

When I Am Not On Campus

All golfers are required to be with a coach during practices and tournaments. If there is any disrespect towards another coach, teacher, administrator, or substitute (when I am absent), the golfer is subject to removal from the golf program.

Girls Soccer Appendix

1. Players who are going to miss practice for any reason should let the coach know ahead of time, call or text the Head Coach.
2. **Minor Infractions** that may result in extra conditioning during practice.
 - a. Being late for practice (practice begins 10 minutes after the 1st bell.
 - b. Not having appropriate practice gear (shirt, shorts, cleats, & shin guards.
 - c. Inappropriate language or bad behavior in the classroom.
 - d. Unexcused absences
 - e. ISS or multiple tardies
 - f. Insubordination
3. **Major Infractions** that could possibly result in dismissal from the team.
 - a. Any illegal activity as stated in the athletic or school handbook.
 - b. Repeated minor infractions.
 - c. Failure to maintain grades at 70 or above for more than one grade term.
4. Players must attend all holiday practices leading up to and during the season. Failure to do so **will** result in lost playing time, game suspension, or dismissal from the team.
5. Players are not allowed to play on **any** outside teams during the high school soccer season. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from the team.
6. To earn a letter jacket, a player must be on varsity one full season and play approximately 500 minutes. Team manager may earn a letter jacket after being with team for 2 full seasons.

Swimming Appendix

Attendance:

All practices and swim meets are mandatory.

Excused absences include: illness, injury and death of a relative or close friend

Unexcused absences are held to the discretion of the coach

Expected behavior:

Athletes are expected to follow all classroom rules. If misconduct occurs, discipline will be determined by the coach.

ISS – 1st offense, discipline at the discretion of the coach

2nd offense may result in removal from the team

All athletes will be expected to maintain grades of 80 or higher. If the athlete's grade falls below 80, the athlete will be expected to attend tutorials. **Anytime** the athlete's grade falls below 70, the athlete will not participate until the grade is passing.

Substance abuse of any kind, illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco may result in disciplinary action. Parent and administrator conference will be required. The athlete may be removed from the team.

Social Media:

Any athlete who uses social media to spread rumors, put down, or talk bad about any teammate, opposing team, student, or person, will be dismissed from the team.

Lettering:

Any athlete who qualifies for the regional swim meet or has participated for two years.