

CONNETQUOT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ISLIP



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL
EDUCATION, ATHLETICS, & RECREATION**

***ATHLETIC
CODE OF CONDUCT***

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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS REGULATION ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

The opportunity to participate on a Connetquot School District athletic team is a privilege afforded our students by the Connetquot School District's Board of Education. With every privilege comes an inherent responsibility. The following Code of Conduct was developed by a committee of Connetquot High School senior athletes, coaches and administrators with the intent to provide every athlete, parent and coach a clear set of expectations and rules of behavior for a Connetquot athlete. The Connetquot School District has taken great pride in the accomplishments of our athletes throughout the years; however, the Connetquot School District has taken greater pride in the character, behavior, and citizenship of the young men and women who have worn the Connetquot uniform. It is hoped that every athlete and parent will better understand what it takes to be called a Connetquot athlete and aspire to keep this tradition of excellence. The Connetquot Central School District heartily embraces the New York State goals of Education through athletics called, the Educational Framework for Athletics or the 4C's. Successful programs develop individual and team potential by promoting high standards of competence, character, civility and citizenship. Each of these qualities is defined as follows:

COMPETENCE

A student athlete in a quality program is competent in terms of: skill development, knowledge of the game/strategies, fitness/conditioning/healthy behavior.

CHARACTER

A student athlete in a quality program demonstrates: responsibility to self, team and school, accountability, dedication, trustworthiness/fair play, self-control.

CIVILITY

A student athlete in a quality program demonstrates civility towards others showing: respect, fairness, caring.

CITIZENSHIP

A student athlete in a quality program demonstrates citizenship through actions show evidence of: loyalty, commitment, teamwork, role modeling.

Being a member of a Connetquot Central School District Athletic Team is a privilege, not a right. You are responsible, as a member of a team, with your coaches, parents and teachers to continually strive to better yourselves in all the 4C's.

****** Character, Civility and Citizenship apply to Student athlete expectations in the community, outside of school hours as well as within the school setting.***

Prohibited Behaviors for a Connetquot Athlete

Alcohol, Tobacco, Vaping and Substance Abuse

An athlete may not use alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices or illegal substances such as illicit drugs or steroids at any time. Any student found to use alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, or any illegal drug on or off school property at any time, including weekends, during the sport season will be suspended from

participation in that sport for an allotted time period to be determined by the athletic director and head coach.

If a student self discloses and informs a coach or other official about a substance abuse problem, the length of the suspension may be shorter in duration, if the athlete is willing to take active steps to remedy the problem.

Hazing

Hazing is a form of harassment whether it is physical or verbal, should not be condoned by a victim, a coach, staff, family, school administration, fellow students and especially team members. Students found to have committed an act of harassment and/or bullying against any student in the Connetquot School District, including team members, will be faced with strong disciplinary actions, which may include suspension from their athletic team. Team members are fully expected to notify a coach if any behavior is observed.

Behaviors

- Foul language and insulting remarks are not permitted.
- Students will not be permitted to fight or strike teammates and opponents unless in the context of the sport where such physical contact is required or permitted.
- Athletes are expected to obey a coach's directions. Disobedience, unwarranted comments, and other subversive behaviors may interfere with the coach's ability to conduct a practice and may distract from the time a coach should spend for the purpose of the team. Athletes are expected to communicate with coaches before or after practice to avoid distracting team practice and team goals.
- Athletes are expected to follow the rules and protocol of their sport and should not intentionally violate any rules of the sport that they are playing during practice or competitions.

Expected Behaviors for a Connetquot Athlete

Attendance

- Students are expected to attend every practice and athletic contest.
- Students are expected to abide by the rules of attendance established by each coach. Coaches are expected to clearly inform students of their attendance policy so athletes are fully aware of the coach's expectations.
Students must be in attendance in school to legally participate in an athletic event or practice. Students must be in school for a minimum of 5 periods.
- In the event a practice must be missed, the athlete is responsible to provide a valid reason. Disciplinary action will be based on the coach's policy and discretion. A recruiting **showcase** is NOT a valid reason to miss a game or practice, however an **official visit** can be an excused absence depending on the communication between the hs coach, college coach as well as the parents and athlete.

Student Discipline in School

Students who are on suspension from school for any reason may not participate in athletics during the day(s) of suspension. Any student that is suspended in any way from their regularly scheduled classes

will not be permitted to participate in athletics on that day. Students with a history of discipline issues may lose the privilege to participate in athletics.

Sportsmanship

It is important for athletes to remember that participation is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.

The Connetquot athlete is to demonstrate self-control and respect for teammates, other athletes, officials and spectators at all times. Connetquot athletes are expected to treat opponents with respect before, during and after competitions. Congratulations, shaking hands and other acts of good sportsmanship are expected from the Connetquot athlete.

The Connetquot athlete must understand the following Sportsmanship Code:

1. Follow the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play;
2. Eliminate all possibilities which tend to erode the best values of the game;
3. Stress the values derived from playing a game fairly;
4. Show cordiality and courtesy to visiting teams and officials;
5. Establish positive relations with visiting teams and hosts;
6. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials;
7. Follow the section XI, NYSPHSAA and Connetquot High School rules of eligibility;
8. Encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by teammates;
9. Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, moral, social and emotional wellbeing of the individual player; and
10. Remember that an athletic contest is ONLY A GAME, not a matter of life or death for an athlete, coach, school, spectator or community.

Spectator Behavior (includes parents and family members)

Spectators are an important aspect of the Connetquot athletic program and enhance the accomplishments of the individual athletes. All athletes that are spectators at other sport contests are held to the same rules as they are during participation in their own sport. Failure to follow the spectator code of conduct may result in loss of playing privileges in their own sport. Failure for parents and family members to follow spectator behavior can result in ejection from the premises and repeated incidents of poor spectator behavior can result in loss of privileges from future contests.

Spectators are expected to conform to the accepted standards of sportsmanship and may never distract from the accomplishments of the Connetquot athletes. Spectators are capable of creating a negative impression of the Connetquot athletic program and embarrassing Connetquot athletes. The following behaviors must be followed by all spectators:

1. Respect officials, visiting coaches, visiting players, visiting cheerleaders and visiting spectators. Treat all visitors as guests to our community and extend all courtesies to our visitors;
2. Booing, whistling, stamping of feet, disrespectful remarks and obscene gestures must be avoided and will not be tolerated;
3. Bells, horns or other noise devices will not be allowed at any contests;
4. All Spectators must refrain from making derogatory comments toward any players (from either team), officials, coaches or spectators'
5. Absolutely no comments of a personal nature may be made toward a visiting player, visiting coach or official.
6. Parents of athletes should refrain from confronting coaches during practices or after games. Any conferences regarding their child should occur at a time that is acceptable to both the coach and

parent. Coaches contact information will be provided at the coaches' parent meeting. The order of communication during the season should be as follows: athlete to coach, parent to coach, parent to Athletic Director (if necessary)

Club Teams

It is recognized that many times an athlete may have numerous commitments. Some of these may include participation on outside club teams. It is important that the athletes and their parents understand that as a member of an interscholastic team, their primary commitment is to their school team.

Awards/Letters

1. Awards and/or letters will be issued only to those student athletes who complete their season **(including post-season play-offs)** in good standing. Student athletes who are dropped from the team and those who resign or have an unexcused absence before the last contest are not eligible for awards.
2. Student athletes who fail to return their practice/ game uniforms and/or any piece of equipment are ineligible for awards and cannot participate in any other sport until the uniform obligation is met.

Procedures

The athletic coach in consultation with the Athletic Director will be responsible for determining the nature of any offense of this code and assigning the disciplinary action.

The student athlete and his/her parent/guardians will be given the opportunity to discuss the charges and disciplinary action with the Athletic Director or another designated administrator.

ATHLETE'S NAME _____

GRADE _____

SPORT TEAM _____

I have read the Code of Conduct for a Connetquot athlete on line as well as , and I am willing to adhere to all rules and expected behaviors. I am also aware that disciplinary actions will be instituted if I fail to adhere to the rules and expected behaviors.

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date