

CHESAPEAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic Code of Conduct

Guidelines for Student Athletes

The following information indicates the expectations of Chesapeake student athletes. Please read this material carefully and return the required signatures to your coach.

Being a member of a Chesapeake Athletic Team makes you a special person. It is a privilege. It is required that you conduct yourself in a responsible fashion at all times. During the season you are a representative of your team and school. We want teams that our school and community will be proud of and support. Therefore, we have guidelines that must be followed by all team members, at all times, everywhere during the season. In order to be a Chesapeake Athlete you and your parents/guardians must agree to these guidelines and your coach's authority to enforce them.

Chesapeake athletic guidelines for student athletes;

- **ATTENDANCE:** Athletes are to understand that their first priority is the education they receive at Chesapeake. For you to practice or play in an event you must attend school for that entire day. In case of extenuating circumstances the Principal of the school may decide to grant an exception upon receipt of a written request 24 hours prior to the absence signed by the athlete's parent. *As a result of a second offense of class cutting or truancy, an athlete will be dismissed from the team.*

- **TARDINESS:** lateness to practice, school in the morning, and class during the school day are habits that Cougar athletes will not have. Your coach expects you to have the responsibility and discipline to be on time at all times.

- **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** Your academics are your first priority. It is your responsibility to structure your time to maintain excellence in the classroom. Your coach will periodically check your academic progress. Practice and playing time may be subject to academic progress.

- **CONDUCT:** In school, on the athletic field, and around the community, Cougar athletes are representatives of the athletic program and their school. You are expected to be the best behaved people in the school and community. Cooperate and show respect to all teachers, administrators, all adult staff, and classmates at all times.

HAZING: Hazing of fellow athletes is prohibited. (Hazing is defined as: doing any act or causing any situation, which recklessly or intentionally subjects a student to the risk of serious bodily injury or emotional harm, for the purpose of initiation into a student organization of a school. The implied or expressed consent of a student to hazing may not be a defense.)

DEMONSTRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP: Athletes are to demonstrate appropriate sportsmanship at all times. Negative remarks to other teams, officials, or fans will not be tolerated. Conduct of our athletes at other athletic events will be expected to be exemplary.

- **DRUG, ALCOHOL, and TOBACCO:** Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are unnecessary substances that the *conditioned athlete* must avoid. The use of these substances will not be tolerated. You are also not to be present at situations where the use of drugs, alcohol are knowingly present or are being illegally used. These guidelines concerning drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are in force at all times everywhere throughout the season.

As a result of confirmed possession or usage of any drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products the athlete(s) will be removed from the team immediately.

Any conduct deemed detrimental to the student athlete, team, and/or overall good of the school system, anytime, on or off campus, can result in penalties ranging from verbal reprimand to dismissal from the team as determined by the Head Coach

- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Everything you post is public information. Do not have a false sense of security about your rights to freedom of speech. Understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. The on-line social network sites are NOT a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions. Any of the below actions may be considered to be detrimental to the team.
 - Derogatory language or remarks that may harm my teammates or coaches; others student athletes, teachers, or coaches; and student athletes, coaches or representatives of other schools.
 - Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; full or partial nudity; inappropriate gestures; vandalism, stalking; underage drinking, selling, possession, or using controlled substance; or any other inappropriate behaviors.
 - Creating a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person.
 - Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation-regardless if the violation was unintentional or intentional.
- **SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET:** To be eligible to attend the Senior Athletic Awards Banquet the athlete must complete the entire athletic year in good standing.

Statement of risk

Regular physical activity yields many benefits to the participants but also could result in catastrophic injuries. All sports involve movement; some involve contact; and some special equipment that makes sports a high-risk area for serious injuries.

The above guidelines are extensions beyond the Anne Arundel County Board of Education rules and regulations as stated in the Guide for Student Athletes and Parents. Our guidelines are in no way intended to be in conflict with our Board of Education's rules, which of course will be carefully enforced. Chesapeake's guidelines are designed to encourage good health, legal behavior, personal safety, pride, discipline and success! You are agreeing to live up to a higher standard of conduct because of your voluntary participation in an extra-curricular activity and in exchange for the privilege of competing!

Failure to obey any of the above guidelines may result in the suspension and/ or dismissal from your team.

As a member of the Chesapeake Athletic program, I have read, understand and accept the Code of Conduct and Guidelines attached with the intention of abiding by them.

I accept my coaches' authority to enforce them.

_____ (Athletes Printed name) _____ (Sport)

_____ (Athlete's Signature) _____ (Date)

As a parent/guardian, I have read, understand and accept the Code of Conduct and Guidelines attached. I accept my child's coaches' authority to enforce them.

_____ (Parent/Guardian Signature) _____ (Date)