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**Corry Area School District
Athletic Department
Extracurricular Code of Conduct Contract**

Please sign and return this page of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct Manual. This must be on file with the Athletic Department before the student-athlete is allowed to participate in any competitions.

We have read and understand all information in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct Manual.

Student-Athlete Name (Print) _____

Student-Athlete Name (Signature) _____

Graduation Year _____

Sport(s) _____

Date _____

Parent Name (Print) _____

Parent Name (Signature) _____

Date _____

Acknowledgment of Warning

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WARNING BY STUDENT-ATHLETE

I hereby acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned and warned by the proper administrative and coaching personnel of the Corry Area School District, that by participating in the sport, I am exposing myself to the risk of serious injury, including but not limited to, the risk of sprains, fractures and ligament and/or cartilage damage which could result in a temporary or permanent, partial or complete, impairment in the use of my limbs; brain damage; paralysis; or even death. Having been so cautioned and warned, it is still my desire to participate in the above sport, and should I choose to participate in the above sport, I hereby further acknowledge that I do so with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to which I am exposing myself by participating in the above sport.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WARNING BY PARENTS

I hereby acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned and warned by the proper administrative and coaching personnel of the Corry Area School District, that by allowing my son or daughter to participate in the sport, I am exposing my son or daughter to the risk of serious injury, including but not limited to, the risk of sprains, fractures and ligament and/or cartilage damage which could result in a temporary or permanent, partial or complete, impairment in the use of my limbs; brain damage; paralysis; or even death. Having been so cautioned and warned, it is still my desire to allow my son or daughter to participate in the above sport, and should I allow my son or daughter to choose to participate in the above sport, I hereby further acknowledge that I do so with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to which I am exposing my son or daughter by participating in the above sport.

Extracurricular Participation Guidelines

All members of the extracurricular activities are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

1. Attendance for a full day of school is required to participate in meetings, practices, or competitions. Parent excuses are not accepted as valid excuses. The individual must have an excuse from a doctor, dentist, etc.
2. The use and/or possession of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited.
3. All members of extracurricular activities are responsible for representing the Corry Area School District. Any member involved in behavior that breaks the code of conduct is subject to a review by a committee of the principal, athletic director, and the coach to determine the appropriate discipline.
4. Anyone participating in an extracurricular activity must abide by all rules set forth in the Student Code of Conduct. Excessive suspensions and/or detentions may result in removal from the team or activity.
5. Student-Athletes' eligibility will be monitored on a weekly basis. The student athletes' grades will be checked every Friday. The weekly eligibility begins Monday and ends on Sunday. Student-athletes on **Athletic/Academic Suspension** are not permitted to be excused early from school to attend away competitions.

If a student-athlete is failing one class, they will be placed on Athletic/Academic Probation. Students will have one week to improve their grade and will be eligible to participate in all practices and competitions. If the grade does not improve by the following week, they will be placed on Athletic/Academic Suspension. During suspension, the student-athlete may, at the discretion of the coach, participate in practice but not in competition. The student/athlete will remain on Athletic/Academic Suspension until the grade improves to a level of proficiency.

If a student-athlete is failing two or more classes at one time, they are immediately placed on Athletic/Academic Suspension and are encouraged to attend tutoring. During suspension, the student-athlete may, at the discretion of the coach, participate in practices but not in competitions. However, after two weeks of suspension, if the grades have not reached proficiency, the student-athlete will no longer participate in practices. Final approval to participate in practices and/or games will be made by the Principal or designee with notification to the Head Coach.

6. Any student-athlete who willfully participates in stealing or vandalizing any school property, at Corry or at any visiting school, will be dismissed as a competitor for thirty (30) days. For the second offense, the student-athlete will be dismissed for one (1) calendar year from all activities. However, that athlete will be allowed to practice and travel with the team while on suspension.

7. All student-athletes will ride to and from all away events on school-approved transportation unless the coach receives the travel release form from the student-athlete's parents/guardians in a face-to-face meeting. No student-athlete will be released to anyone except his or her parent/guardian.
8. Any member of an extracurricular activity that is suspended is not able to participate in meetings, practices, or competitions during that suspension.
9. Coaches and advisors will develop specific team rules that will be provided in writing before competitions begin.

Drug and Alcohol Guidelines

The use and/or possession of tobacco, vaping devices, alcoholic beverages, or unprescribed drugs are absolutely prohibited. Student-athletes who are caught using or found in possession of the aforementioned items on school property or during school-sponsored events will be subject to school disciplinary measures up to and including expulsion.

Fundraising

The purpose of fundraising is to provide the extracurricular activity and their members with equipment and opportunities not covered by the school district budget. It is important that each parent and booster understand their commitment is not only to their son or daughter but also to the program that they are fundraising.

1. In all general fundraisers, all monies raised are used for the benefit of that program's boosters and will remain with that booster group in the event that your son or daughter is cut or quits the program.
2. In major fundraisers that involve individual record keeping for a specific purpose such as a trip, the money raised will remain with the program boosters in the event that your son or daughter quits the program.
3. In all major fundraisers that involve individual record keeping for a specific purpose such as a trip, the money raised can be move into another ATHLETIC account if your son or daughter is cut from the program and participates in another sport.
4. In all major fundraisers that involve individual record keeping for a specific purpose such as a trip, the money raised will be moved into the general ATHLETIC FUND if your son or daughter is cut from the program and does not participate in another sport.

Athletics Website Information through ScheduleStar

The Corry Area School District uses the online scheduling tool, ScheduleStar. This tool allows student-athletes and parents to have the most up-to-date schedules, get directions to other schools, and be notified of cancellations as the games are postponed. Parents and student-athletes can access the website at www.corryathletics.com or through the school website www.corrysd.net under the district tab or through quick links.

Parent's Guide to the Corry athletics website

Our website offers complete and up-to-date scheduling information directly our athletic office. An account is not required but you may sign up for a free account to receive up-to-the-minute schedule alerts.

At the top right of the athletics website there is a link to sign up to become a “fan”. When you click that link you can create a fan account. Having a fan account allows you to do several things that you cannot do without signing up. You can:

- Follow your favorite teams
- Choose to get text or email alerts about schedule changes
- Sync your calendar to the website calendar
- Submit photos that may be published on the website
- Take the first steps in the college recruiting process

All of the above services are available to be activated from the fan dashboard once you have a fan account.

Without a fan account you can still access athletic information from the website. You can:

- Look up team schedules, coaches, rosters, news, photos, videos, links and files
- See all athletic activities that are happening for a particular date through the calendar view
- Print/download copies of physical packets and waiver forms
- Find address of opponents
- Find booster club information
- Find alumni/hall of fame information
- Find links to daily weather information

www.corryathletics.com is a great resource for our school's schedules and athletic information. Use it today to keep up to date on your favorite teams!

PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION

Chain of Communication

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing open communication and an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the squad.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. Procedure if your child is injured during participation.
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation.

COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's expectations.

As your children become involved in the programs at Corry Area Middle/High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

Coaches are professionals. They make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved and the team. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed next, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student-athletes

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The first step in resolving a conflict is the promotion of open communication. Through this communication many issues can be resolved by the parties most directly involved with the conflict. All coaches should demonstrate proper and effective communication when dealing with their student-athletes and provide an environment for the student-athletes to address concerns with their coaches. However, there are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

General Complaint Procedure - Corry Area School District Board Policy 906

It is the intent of the Board that complaints, concerns and suggestions be addressed and/or resolved at the lowest appropriate level.

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW SHOULD YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH

1. Call Corry Area High School at 814-664-4677 to set up an appointment with the coach.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director at 814-664-4677 ext.3132. They will coordinate the meeting for you.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a contest or practice. The coach has a duty to supervise the team. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution and often escalate the issue.

When an informal discussion fails to resolve the complaint, the following procedure shall be used.

1. First Level - If a satisfactory resolution is not achieved by discussion with the coach, the complainant shall submit a written complaint to the building principal and athletic director and a conference shall be scheduled with the complainant. The written complaint shall include the contact information of the person or group filing the complaint, the specific nature of the complaint, a brief statement of relevant facts, how the complainant has been affected adversely, and the action requested. The building principal or designee shall provide a written response to the complainant.

All conflicts involving playing time, play-calling, team strategy, or other student-athletes will not be addressed any further.

2. Second Level - If a satisfactory resolution is not achieved through a conference with the building principal or designee, the complaint shall be referred to the superintendent or designee. The superintendent or designee shall review the complaint and may schedule a

conference with the complainant. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written response to the complainant.

3. Third Level - If a satisfactory resolution is not achieved through referral to the Superintendent or designee or if resolution of the complaint is beyond his or her authority and requires Board action, the Superintendent or designee shall refer the complaint to the Board.

Corry Area School District Athletic Department Conflict Resolution Form

The Corry Area School District promotes effective and open communication. Prior to completing the conflict resolution form, a Parent/Guardian/Student-Athlete must have met with the Coach and discussed their concerns. In addition, an informal meeting between the Parent/Guardian/Student-Athlete, the Coach, and the Athletic Director must have taken place in attempt to resolve the issue. Once these steps have been completed, the concerned party may complete the written formal complaint form.

Name of person filing complaint _____

Name of your son/daughter _____

Program in which your child is participating _____

Coach/Advisor of that program _____

Specifics of complaint (useback of page if necessary)

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return the formal complaint to the Athletic Director and Building Principal.