

## **TWIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC CODE STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Twin Valley School District recognizes the vital role athletics play in promoting the physical, mental, social, emotional and moral development of its students. Involvement in these activities affords students the opportunity to gain valuable experiences and insights into teamwork, self-discipline and life itself. The high profile status of athletics in school gives many students a chance to experience success and develop confidence and self-esteem. Participants in athletics often earn the respect of their fellow students and are viewed as leaders within the school society. It is important to note, however, that while education is a right, participation in athletics is a privilege and along with that privilege are certain responsibilities. When a student joins an athletic team and decides to represent his or her school, the student also agrees to accept the training rules, regulations and responsibilities as set forth by individual coaches and the school district. Student athletes and their parents are required to read the rules and regulations contained herein before a commitment to join an athletic team is made. Before a prospective athlete begins practice for any season, he or she must return this form signed by both the student and a parent or guardian signifying that they have read and understood the rules, regulations and responsibilities as established by the Twin Valley School District Athletic Department as conditions for participation in athletics. Only after they read and become aware of all the responsibilities involved can a student and his or her parent decide whether or not they wish to make the commitment for full participation in athletics.

### **STUDENT ATHLETE DISCIPLINE CODE**

- A.** The student athlete is accountable to the rules and regulations set forth in the student handbook dealing with the athletic program and individual team rules and regulations. These include all rules and regulations set forth by the PIAA and the Twin Valley School District regarding attendance and eligibility.
- B.** The student athlete shall attend all practices, contests, team meetings, etc., unless excused in advance by the coach or absent from school.
- C.** Each athlete that competes in any sport must acknowledge that all school issued equipment must be returned at the end of its season, regardless of the condition of the equipment. If equipment is not returned, the athlete is responsible for the full price based upon replacement cost determined by the Athletic Director.
- D.** The student athlete who is assigned to detention on a specific date in conflict with a practice/event is ineligible to participate in the practice/event at that time. In the case of a suspension-in school or out-of-school-that student is ineligible to participate in practices or events during the entire suspension period, including weekend participation where applicable.
- E.** Insubordinate and abusive behavior or profane language will not be tolerated and could mean suspension or dismissal from the athletic team.
- F.** The possession and / or use of tobacco products in any form is not permitted and will be cause for immediate suspension from the team consistent with the provisions as set forth by Twin Valley School District Athletic Drug and Alcohol Policies.
- G.** The selling, providing, possession, or use of steroids or other drugs or alcohol on or off school property is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the School District's Drug and Alcohol Policy. In addition, any student/athlete determined to be in violation of any of the above infractions on or off school property will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season. The student shall also be referred to his or her school's Student Assistance Team. Any Subsequent drug or alcohol violations will constitute a repeat offense and be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth in the Twin Valley School District's Athletic Drug and Alcohol Policy, including one year or permanent suspension from participation in athletics. In the case of extremely serious drug or alcohol related incidents, a student may be immediately suspended from further participation in the athletic programs offered by Twin Valley School District. The administration (Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director) has discretion of disciplinary action depending on the nature and severity of the incident and the student's academic and behavioral standing.

The athletic programs throughout Twin Valley School District history have been a source of joy and pride for the school and community. We commend the efforts of all those young people who have chosen and will continue to choose to represent themselves, their team, their parents and the Twin Valley School District in athletic competition. To protect the rights of everyone, we basically remind students to be respectful, treat others as they wish to be treated, and always remember that home or away, on or off school property, you represent your school and family. By following such a code of ethics it is ensured that athletes will continue to serve as positive models for school and community. If you have any questions regarding these rules or regulations, please feel free to contact the Athletic Director at 610-286-8600.

I have read the list of rules and regulations set forth as conditions for participation in athletics in the Twin Valley School District and understand that failure to comply with those rules and regulations could result in termination of the privilege of participation.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_