

Policies and Activity Code

Mission/Philosophy

The Tri-County Athletics is pleased to have you participate in its program. The program is designed to help students become successful individuals and better citizens of our community, state, and nation. Additionally, this program allows each participant to make a personal commitment to healthy involvement in activities which expand and enrich their academic program. The intent of this policy is to provide you and your parents or guardian with a reference to your responsibilities and expectations for your participation in this program. No code can be all inclusive. Whenever conduct or behavior is determined inappropriate, a consequence will be imposed.

Tri-County Athletics is a Christian Sports Club which will include Christian values, prayer and occasionally, brief devotions based on the Bible. This program is unique from others because we are also looking to develop character, mentorship and leadership skills. Mark 10: 43-45 "...but whoever wants to become great among you shall be your servant. Whoever of you wants to become first among you, shall be bondservant of all. For the Son of Man also came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

There is an expectation that coaches bring a high level of dedication and commitment to the athletes and the program they supervise. Additionally, the student participant is expected to accept the dedication and hard work that compliments a successful program.

In a general sense, students who participate in this program are expected to conduct themselves, at all times and in all places, in a positive manner that will bring credit to themselves, their family, and the community.

Broad Goals

1. Serve the varied needs, interests, and abilities of students.
2. Provide positive outlets for student energies and provide a place to succeed.
3. Allow students to acquire new skills and enhance existing ones.
4. Enhance peer and adult interaction and cooperation.
5. Provide activities which bring students together for mutual expressions of interest.
6. Help students develop responsibility, leadership and skills of competition.
7. Provide opportunities for the expression of gifted and talented abilities.
8. Encourage lifetime interests.

Statement of Participation

Participation in this program is a privilege, not a right. The coach shall determine which athletes will play, who will start, and how long an athlete will play in any given contest.

Sportsmanship

Player's Role:

- Play the game for fun
- Be gracious when you win and graceful when you lose
- Respect and abide by the rules of the game
- Put the team ahead of yourself in every situation
- Accept decisions made by those in authority
- Demonstrate respect to your opponents, coaches, and teammates
- Be accountable for your own actions
- Develop a teachable spirit that allows you to take correction as a compliment
- Accept and embrace the discipline involved in athletics, because it benefits the team
- Develop the feeling of pride, based upon "shared joy" of the team, and do not have pride that emanates from arrogance or a sense of entitlement
- Support the rules of the, coaches, and parents
- Be an athlete of character through demonstrating (commitment, discipline, selflessness, communication, coachability, confidence, accountability, mental toughness, enthusiasm, encourager and leadership)

Parent's Role:

- Attend as many games as possible
- Do everything possible to make the athletic experience positive for your child and others
- View the game with team goals in mind
- Attempt to relieve competitive pressure, not increase it
- Look upon opponents as friends involved in the same experience
- Accept the judgment of the officials and coaches; remain in control
- Accept the results of each game; do not make excuses
- Demonstrate winning and losing with dignity
- Dignify mistakes made by athletes who are giving their best effort and concentration
- Be an encourager – encourage athletes to keep their perspective in both victory and defeat
- Be a good listener
- In conversation about the game, comment on the positive parts and refrain from representing the activity with only negative observations
- Accept the goals, roles and achievements of your child
- Understand that my actions reflect on the players, the team, the family, and my community
- Responsible to communicate any questions/concerns to the coach (the coach may bring the questions/concerns to the board if needed)

Fundraisers/Donations

Students and parents will be asked to be a part of team fundraising. Any money collected from fundraisers or donations (business or private) under the name of this program must be turned in to the treasurer so it can be added to the program funds. Fundraisers/Donations are for the benefit of the team.

ELIGIBILITY

Academic Eligibility

We believe that academic success is more important than athletics. We will not be checking player's grades but will depend upon the parents and players for input. If a player is struggling, your coach will work with you to insure that you get sufficient time to work on classes and homework. If you miss significant practice time to focus on academics it could affect the amount of play time in games, but most importantly, we want our players to succeed on and off the court.

Medical Consent

Athletes will not be permitted to practice or be issued equipment until their medical consent card is signed and returned to the coach prior to or at the first practice. Athletes are required to have a physical examination every two years.

If a student has had a physical one year, the following year they will need to have a parent permission card (alternate year card).

Fees

All fees must be paid in full prior to participation in the first practice.

Attendance

Students are required to contact the coaches if they can not make the practices. If there are any unexcused absences from practice they will be ineligible to play in the next game.

VIOLATIONS

The participant must not violate any of the Wisconsin Criminal Statutes, including but not limited to, the following chapters:

- Alcohol, Tobacco, Controlled Substances
- General Crime
- Crimes against life and body
- Sexual Immorality
- Gambling
- Crimes Against Government
- Disorderly Conduct
- Crimes against animals
- Hazing
- Traffic Statutes (Operating under influence – Open intoxicants, Minor transport)

Presence in bars or attendance at parties where these prohibited substances are available is prohibited. This rule is not meant to include presence in an establishment that is primarily an eating place, or to prevent being employed at such places. It also is not meant to include presence in places like a golf course club house where alcoholic beverages are served when a participant would have a legitimate reason to be there. Attendance at family gatherings sponsored by parents/guardian where use of alcohol is occurring will not be considered a violation. (This does not allow the holding of or use of these products.) These exceptions would include such logical events as family weddings, graduation parties, and other similar occasions.

It is the responsibility of each participant to avoid attending or participating in any gathering that includes these activities. Failure to leave will be viewed as "Guilt by Association" and will result in the suspension of one contest. Guilt by association will not be considered a first violation.

Activity Season/Suspensions

In determining violation consequences, a season is the number of contests scheduled. Then the number of contests played by the team will be used to determine the length of the penalty. A contest is competition in which an official score is recorded, and the end result is a win, loss, tie, or rating.

The student under suspension must practice and complete the season in good standing if he/she chooses to participate in that activity after his/her suspension is fulfilled. Once a season has started, a participant cannot join a team in order to fulfill a suspension.

Enforcement of Activity Rules

1. Enforcement of the Activity Code will be based on the following:
 - a. All violations must be reported to the board or the coach. The source of the report must be verifiable.
 - b. Students may self admit to a violation.
 - c. The board or coach will be responsible for notifying parents/guardian by letter and personal contact for any violation.
2. The suspension shall begin the day the decision is rendered and parents/guardian is notified. If the student is not actively involved in any sport or activity at the time of violation, the penalty will take effect beginning with the next sport or activity in which the student participates. Any student serving a penalty during a sport or activity season must remain active in the sport or activity in order for the penalty to be valid. The violator must attend practice during the suspension period.
3. Disciplinary measures which may involve suspensions for a violation unbecoming of a participant and not specifically covered by the Student Activity Code, will be determined by the Board.
4. It shall be the coach's prerogative to suspend/discipline any student from a squad whom they consider to be a demoralizing influence or a detriment to the objective of that activity.

Consequences:

A. First Violation

- Suspension for 25% of the regular season
- Student must practice

B. Second Violation

- Suspension for 50% of the regular season
- Student must practice

C. Third Violation and Subsequent Violations

- Removal from the team

D. Guilt by Association

- One game suspension.

Equipment, Practice, and Participation

Participants will have signed and returned the appropriate paperwork and payed all fees prior to the first practice or receiving equipment. Depending on the activity, forms may include the 'Activity Code Participant Acknowledgement slip', 'WIAA Physical examination card' (for athletes), 'insurance waiver', 'medical consent card', and other forms the coach may request. These forms should be signed and returned to the coach or board.

Coaches have individual expectations in regards to a participant's behavior, commitment to rules, game/activity conduct, transportation conduct, equipment care, language, dress, training, etc. Each coach will make aware to the participants their expectations of students and their methods.

Transportation

You are responsible for your own transportation to and from practice and games. Car pooling is encouraged.

Governed By

In addition to the rules and consequences set forth in this Student Activity Code, the student will also be governed by: the board of the Tri-County Athletics, civil and criminal laws of the community, county and state. Violations of the Activity Code do accumulate throughout the student's high school career.

PARENT-STUDENT PARTICIPATION CODE AGREEMENT

I have read the Tri-County Athletics Activity Code. I understand that violation of any of the regulations will result in action as prescribed.

Further, we understand that participation this program is a privilege and that all such participation is voluntary.

I am aware that playing or practicing to play/participate in any extra-curricular activity can be dangerous, involving many risks/injuries. I understand that some risk is assumed by the participant as a matter of participating. I further understand that some of these activities involve even greater risk of injury than others and that such injuries can be permanently disabling, crippling, or fatal.

Because of the dangers of participating in such activities, I recognize the importance of following the coach's instructions regarding playing techniques, training, and other rules, etc., and agree to obey such instruction.

Participation in sports increases the possibility of coming in contact with the blood and body fluids of other people. At the present time, Hepatitis B and HIV are of the most concern for disease transmission. Student athletes should avoid assisting in any body fluid spills clean-up. If blood is splashed in the eyes, nose, mouth or any open wounds, flush the area with water immediately and talk to your coach about the occurrence. If you have concerns, we suggest you consult with your physician about the Hepatitis B Vaccine.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations set down by my individual coach. I agree to assume full responsibility for all equipment issued to me, and to confine the use of that equipment to practice, games or meets. I will further agree to pay for any and all equipment which I may lose, misplace, or damage through carelessness or intent.

Student's Name (print)

Date of Birth

Student Signature

Student's Grade

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As parent or guardian of the above participant, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Student Activity Code and understand the rules and regulations set forth. I give my son/daughter permission to participate in activities under the described conditions.

Parent's Signature (legal guardian)

Date

CLUB BASKETBALL REGISTRATION/LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Participant Information:

Name _____ D/O/B _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Participant's Doctor _____ Phone _____

Parent Information:

Parent Names _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

Email address(es) _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Liability release:

I understand that participation in the above Activity or Event may be hazardous for the above-named participant. In signing below, I assume risk of harm or injury which may occur to the participant as a result of participating in the above-named event or activity. I hereby release (business or organization name)

_____ and its officers, coaches, or agents from any liability, costs and damages resulting from this individual's participation.

If the participant is a minor:

I agree that the minor has my consent to participate in the event or activity. I also give my consent for the business or organization to seek emergency treatment for the minor if necessary, and I agree to accept financial responsibility for the costs related to this emergency treatment.

Name of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date