

Exeter Region Cooperative Athletics Code of Conduct

Name (Print) _____

Sport (Print) _____

The privilege of representing Exeter High School and the Cooperative Middle School on an athletic team carries certain responsibilities to be fulfilled by each team member. This information is intended to give a clear understanding to the athlete and his/her parents/guardians as to what these responsibilities include. Meeting these guidelines, both as players and families will contribute to the successful functioning of the team.

Basic Responsibilities of a Team Member

- Attendance is expected at all games and practices throughout the season.
- Athletes may be excused for personal appointments or family and school commitments that cannot be rescheduled.
- Productive practice sessions are expected where an attitude of enthusiasm and cooperation is displayed.
- Responsible safe-keeping and care of all equipment and uniforms issued is expected. Articles issued must be returned at the time designated by the coach.
- If an injury occurs during practice or a game, it should be reported to both the coach and the athletic trainer as soon as possible.
- It is expected that the athletes will be well groomed and abide by the dress and appearance rules established by the school. The coach may set additional requirements.
- Students should abide by all school rules listed in the Student-Parent Handbook. Coaches will review these rules with the team. Make sure you are familiar with these rules.
- It is a violation of this agreement if an athlete, by their actions inside or outside of the school environment brings dishonor or discredit to the school or athletic team.
- During the season of practice or play, a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, be in the presence of, buy/sell or give away any substance containing tobacco, alcohol, marijuana or any controlled substance. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.
- If any violation occurs and is confirmed by a school official, the athlete will be suspended from the team for seven days and from competition for fourteen days. At the end of the first week, the athlete will return to practice. If a subsequent violation occurs, the athlete shall be removed from the team and excluded from athletic participation for the remainder of the school year.
- Any athlete that knowingly sells, provides, furnishes or makes available to another, any illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products or other substances such as over the counter and prescribed medications that are used contrary to intent may be removed from the team and excluded from athletic participation for the remainder of the school year. These situations will be reviewed by the Athletic Director and the School Administration.
- It is a violation of the agreement if any student or students are involved in a hazing incident. Hazing is defined in the NHIAA Handbook as: "any conduct or method of initiating students onto any team or organization, which subjects a student to physical or mental abuse and/or publicly embarrasses or humiliates the student."
- Any athlete that is convicted of a crime will be subject to disciplinary actions as deemed by the Athletic Director and the School Administration.
- Furthermore, if an athlete violates this agreement he/she will forfeit the privilege of any team leadership role for the remainder of the school year (i.e. Captaincy). Moreover, if an athlete is disciplined in accordance with this code, he/she will not be eligible for any end of the season awards except the school letter.

Basic Responsibilities of a Coach

- To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play in all aspects of personal behavior.
- To stress the value of sport, apart from winning or losing.
- To stress the value of striving for personal excellence.
- To show respect and courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
- To understand and accept the rules governing the contest.
- To encourage initiative, good judgment, leadership and accountability by team members.
- To ensure that the athletic program contributes to the achievement of approved educational aims.
- To ensure that student/athletes are cognizant of school rules.
- To report any suspected or known violations of the players code.

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing this agreement the athlete agrees to abide by all the rules set forth in this Code of Conduct.