



Student Name _____ Grade _____

ETHICS IN SPORTS

I. Policy Statement

The Central Section, CIF is committed to the exhibition of sportsmanlike and ethical behaviors in and around all athletic contests. All contests must be safe, courteous, fair, controlled and orderly for all athletes and fans alike.

It is the intent of the CIF that violence, in any form, not be tolerated. In order to enforce this policy, the Central Section has established rules and regulations which set forth the manner of enforcement and of this policy and the penalties incurred when violation of the policy occurs. The rules and regulations shall focus upon the responsibility of the coach to teach and demand high standards of conduct and to enforce the rules and regulations set forth by CIF.

The Central Section requires the following Code of Ethics be issued **each year** and requires signing by student athletes, parent/guardian and coaches prior to participation as a guide to govern their behavior.

II. Code of Ethics

- To emphasize the proper ideas of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
- To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
- To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
- To establish a happy relationship between visitors and host.
- To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- To encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by the players on a team.
- To recognize that the purpose of athletics to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional wellbeing of the individual players.
- To remember that an athletic contest is only a game, not a matter of life and death for player, coach, school, official, fan or nation.

III. Violations and Minimum Penalties

Act

1. First ejection of player or coach from a contest or SCRIMMAGE for unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. Second ejection of a player or coach from a contest during the same season of sport for unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Third ejection of a player or coach from a contest during the same season of sport for unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. Any players that leave the "bench" area to begin a confrontation or leave these areas during an altercation.
5. When players leave the bench area to begin a confrontation or leave the bench area during an altercation and in the opinion of the officials, the situation is out of control.
6. Illegal participation in next contest by player ejected in previous contest.
7. Illegal placement of ejected player or illegal participation by coach ejected in previous contest.
8. Any acts of a more serious nature by individuals or teams or situations not specifically covered by this policy or the Constitution or Governing Rules.
9. If act occurs in CIF Section Finals and both teams are charged with a forfeit.

Penalties

Ineligible for the next CIF contest (league, non-league, tournament, invitational, playoff, etc., scrimmage excluded). The next contest could be the second game of a doubleheader or even the next season of sport. Athletes competing in concurrent sports would be ineligible for both sports.

Ineligibility for next two CIF contests as above will carry over the next season of sport.

Ineligibility for all CIF contests for one calendar year (365 days). Any appeal must go through the CIF Eligibility Committee.

Ejection from the contest for those players designated by officials. The contest may be terminated by the officials. One or both teams may forfeit the contest.

Contest stopped ejection from the contest for those players designated by the officials. The team(s) that left the bench area must forfeit contest, record a loss, and the team(s) and players will be put on probationary status for the balance of the season. A second similar infraction during the season of sport will result in cessation of the sport for the team(s) and/or players. If the act occurs at the end of the season, the probationary period will extend to the next year's season of sport. Any appeal would have to be made to the CIF Executive Board.

Ineligibility for remainder of season for player. Forfeiture of contest.

Constitution and sport governing rules and procedures for a coach who knowingly violates CIF or Section Rules.

Area Commissioner may determine and implement penalties for individuals and teams not otherwise specified by CIF Central Section Constitution and Bylaws.

After deliberation by the CIF and a double forfeit is in order, there will be no champion.

10. An ejected coach must leave the site of the contest. The coach may have no contact with his/her team from that point on. If there is no certified replacement for the coach, the contest is halted and the game is forfeited. The coach must also sit out the next contest and cannot attend the contest or have any contact with the team during the contest. The coach may be allowed to participate in practices on days other than the day of the contest.
11. An ejected player may stay on the bench for the remainder of the contest for supervision reasons. Further disruption by ejected players may force them to be removed from the site. This could lead to a forfeit. Players ejected must sit out the next contest, but may sit on the bench in street clothes.

APPEALS PROCEDURE – First and Second Ejection

Unless Otherwise specified, an appeal of the ineligibility of a player or coach may be made, in writing, to the player or coach's site administrator. The site administrator or his/her designee's decision on his/her athlete or coach shall be final and shall be conveyed to the site administrator of the school(s) involved, to the president of the league(s) involved and the CIF Area and section Commissioner.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT

CIF State constitution, Article 5, Section 522. Any student who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be banned from interscholastic Athletics for the remainder of the student's eligibility. A game or event official is defined as a referee, umpire or any other official assigned to interpret or enforce rules competition at an event. A student may, after a lapse of 18 calendar months from the date of the incident, apply for reinstatement of eligibility to the State CIF Commissioner.

For this document, the Central Section also includes coaches, administrators or other school personnel assigned to the contest or games as a game official.

I have read and I understand the Policy Statement, the Code of Ethics and the violations and Minimum Penalties of the "Ethics in Sports" policy. I agree to abide by the policy and related consequences while participating in interscholastic athletics, regardless of context, site or jurisdiction. I further agree not to use drugs, alcohol, steroids or other performance enhancing drugs while in high school.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

P.U.S.D
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR
INTERSCHOLASTIC STUDENT ATHLETES

I understand that, in order to participate in high school athletics, I must act in accord with the following:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Trustworthiness- be worthy of trust in all I do.

Integrity- live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor, do what's right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.

Honesty- live and compete honorably; don't lie, cheat, steal, or engage in any other dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Reliability- fulfill commitments; do what I say I will do.

Loyalty- be loyal to my school and team.

RESPECT

Respect- treat all people with respect all the time.

Class- live and play with class; be a good sport; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity.

Disrespectful Conduct- don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, trash talking, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.

Respect Officials- treat contest officials with respect, don't complain about or argue with official calls.

RESPONSIBILITY

Importance of Education- be a student first and commit to getting the best education I can.

Role Modeling- remember, participation in sports is a privilege, not a right and that I am expected to represent my school, coach, and teammates with honor, on or off the field.

Self Control- exercise self-control; don't fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration; have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.

Healthy Lifestyle- safeguard your health; don't use any illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco and drugs, or engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose, or maintain weight.

FAIRNESS

Be Fair-live up to high standards of fair play; be open minded; always be willing to listen and learn.

CARING

Concern for Others- demonstrate concern for others; never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to myself or others.

CITIZENSHIP

Play by the rules- maintain a thorough knowledge of and abide by all game and competition rules.

Spirit of the Rules- honor the spirit and the letter of the rules; avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship that violate the highest tradition of sportsmanship.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct. I understand that I'm expected to perform according to this code and I understand that there may be sanctions or penalties if I do not.

Student- Athlete Signature

**PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION**

Part A

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, authorize my son/daughter to participate in the extra-curricular programs, i.e., athletics, band, cheerleading, offered by the Porterville Unified School District, hereinafter referred to as the "District".

I fully understand that the District does not provide or make available medical and hospital services for any of its students participating in extra-curricular programs.

As the parent/guardian, I assume full responsibility for any medical and hospital services that may be needed by my son/daughter in the course of the extra-curricular activity, including, but not limited to, his/her participation in practice sessions, travel to and from competitions, and participation in competitions.

Furthermore, I shall pay the costs for any medical and hospital services which may be required for my son/daughter while he/she is a participant in any extra-curricular activity program offered by the District and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District in any suit which may be brought against the District for the costs of such services, including attorney fees.

I understand that I may purchase insurance for medical and hospital services through Pacific Educators, Inc., the District's insurance carrier, for any injuries incurred by my son/daughter during the course of participation in extra-curricular programs. If I wish to purchase such insurance from the District's insurance carrier, I may contact Porterville Unified School District Business Services for information (Education Code 49471).

**DRUG/ALCOHOL / STEROID CONTRACT
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Part B

I understand that my participation in extra-curricular activities in the Porterville Unified School District is a privilege based on my adherence to the district alcohol and drug policy.

I have read and agree to abide by every aspect of the policy realizing that I am a representative of our school as a participant in extra-curricular activities such as sports, music, drama, student government, F.F.A. or any other performing group representing my school.

I understand that in addition to academic eligibility requirements for students participating in competitive and performing activities, I will be expected to refrain from using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol and ALL other drugs at all times. This includes evenings, weekends, holidays, on or off the school campus and during the entire term of my activity.

I make this promise thoughtfully, with full knowledge of the weight of the decision, and the moral responsibility I have to carry it out regardless of the pressure of my peers.

Part C

P.U.S.D. High School Athletic Agreement

School Policy

- 1) Exemplary conduct of the athlete on/off campus.
- 2) Attendance at school all day of contest.
- 3) Passing 20 units of class work with 2.0 GPA and full credit each quarter.
- 4) Going to and returning from contest with the school team.
- 5) May not participate on city or church teams in the same sport.
- 6) Must have insurance, physical examination, and parental permission.
- 7) School Insurance – Doctor must be contacted within 120 days of injury.
- 8) Student's responsibility to notify coach or school official of all injuries.

Training Policy

- 1) Abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.
- 2) Proper dress, grooming and appearance.
- 3) Language befitting ladies and gentlemen.
- 4) Financially liable for school equipment.
- 5) Good sportsmanship and fair play.

Attendance Policy

Absence from any portion of the school day for any reason other than illness must be cleared by the attendance office before the student may participate. Illness prohibits you from participation in athletic contests. Students are to secure an off campus permit through the attendance office before leaving campus any time during the school day.

- 1) If the attendance office indicates that an absence is unexcused, the district's extra-curricular activity unexcused absence policy will be enforced. (1st unex. absence is 5-day suspension from athletic. 2nd unex. absence is suspension from athletics for the remainder of the quarter.
 - 2) There will be a 2:00 PM deadline for verifying absences that occur on any given school day.
 - 3) All clearances for absences must go through the attendance office. (Attendance will not call students in to clear an absence or tardy. It is the student's responsibility.)
- PE medical or parental excuses also prohibit an athlete from practicing or playing in athletic contests for the duration of the excuse.

**THIS POLICY IS IN EFFECT EACH SCHOOL DAY
NOT JUST GAME DAYS.**

CONTRACT AGREEMENT RE: PART A / PART B / PART C

By signing, I agree to all of the content, terms, and conditions contained in **Part A, Part B, and Part C** of this page.

I understand that to violate this contract will endanger or disqualify my privilege to participate in High School Athletics as stated in **each part**.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____

Student Athlete Signature

Date: _____