

GRANGER MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Being an athlete requires more than being a team member. It often causes many demands that may require personal sacrifices. *Being a team member is not a right, but a privilege.* If an individual athlete is willing to put extra effort into athletics, he/she will be rewarded many times over.

PREAMBLE

Participation in athletics means more than individual or team competition. It is more than winning or losing. Participating in athletics teaches many social and emotional lessons, sportsmanship, cooperation, teamwork, appreciation, understanding and pride. This guide has been prepared for all Granger athletes with these goals in mind. As an athlete, you will be asked to read the following guidelines and submit a commitment to your coach.

1. Athletes will keep academics and citizenship on the highest levels.
2. Athletes must accept responsibility for taking proper care of all equipment and uniforms.
3. Athletes must realize that profanity will not be tolerated.
4. Athletes will demonstrate good conduct in or out of school.
5. Athletes need to realize that while winning is a desired outcome; they must learn to enjoy victory, yet maintain modesty. On the other side of victory is defeat. Athletes should be able to accept losing graciously.
6. After a completed, well-played contest, each athlete must courteously congratulate his or her opponents.
7. Athletes need to develop a pride in their coach, teammates, school, and most importantly THEMSELVES.
8. Athletes must encourage their teammates at all times. They should never criticize or blame another teammate for their play.
9. Athletes will never argue or dispute an official's call.
10. Athletes have a great influence on their fellow students. Good examples such as speaking with respect to all students, faculty, and staff are a positive approach that is highly encouraged.

11. Athletes will remember to conduct themselves properly on all school busses as they represent Granger Middle School.
12. Athletes should maintain proper fitness throughout the year to avoid injuries.
13. Athletes should keep the locker room in proper condition: a) all clothes should be kept off the floor, and b) lockers should be kept locked.
14. Athletes should arrive to practice on time. Athletes should also be picked up from practice promptly.
15. Athletes who are on medical release from physical education class will not be allowed to practice or play.
16. Any violation of the previously listed guidelines will result in appropriate consequences by the coach, athletic director, and principal.
17. Athletes who miss practice may have a reduction in playing time based on the discretion of the coach.

ACTIVITIES ARE A PRIVILEGE

The activities / athletics included in this Code place the student participants in the role of representatives of Granger and their fellow students. Participation is a privilege extended to these students, which permits them to benefit from a well-organized program of special interest for which the school provides coaches, sponsors, equipment, and facilities. No student has the right to participate in any of these activities or any other extracurricular/co-curricular activities.

With the privilege of participation comes the additional responsibility of each participant to learn, understand, and follow the rules established by the District, the school and the coaches/sponsors of the particular activity.

Because these activities are voluntary and because those participating represent their school, we expect the behavior of those who try out and participate to be of the highest order. This is particularly true of academic requirements, honesty, school citizenship, and sportsmanship. The dignity of the school is reflected in its activity program. Since it is a privilege to participate and represent the school, it is logical that the school has the authority to revoke or restrict the privilege for those who do not conduct themselves in a responsible manner. This sense of responsibility

extends to the activity as well as to conduct inside and outside the school.

When the doors of participation and competition are opened to those who have questionable habits or who are not good citizens, the activity program can fail. The privilege of representing the school should be left in the hands of those who have earned it.

SPORTSMANSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

Good sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic programs, as well as for the individuals who participate in such programs. People involved in all facets of the interscholastic program are expected to demonstrate respect for others and display good sportsmanship.

SPORTSMANSHIP IS EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Sportsmanship starts on the court or athletic field and extends into the bleachers and beyond. In today's increasingly competitive environment, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat seem to be more intensified than ever before. It is important to raise the public awareness of sportsmanship and interscholastic activities. It is everyone's responsibility to practice good sportsmanship. Recognizing the efforts by students, coaches, administrators, spirit groups, and fans is a valuable part of the interscholastic experience.

kept in the proper spirit of competition. It is hoped that all fans will abide by these guidelines.

1. Remember the game is for the players. They are here because they want to play, compete, and enjoy the experience. Your sportsmanship will enhance this educational experience.
2. Refrain from distracting the players during play.
3. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good sportsmanship.
4. Treat the officials with respect before, during, and after the contest. We can not play the game without officials, as they are an integral part of the game, and they should be recognized as impartial arbitrators.
5. The administration has the authority to remove any spectator who does not conduct himself or herself respectfully without refund. Abusive or inappropriate

language will not be tolerated.

6. Recognize the fact that, as a spectator, you represent the school, as do the athletes.
7. Spectators are to remain off the playing surface at all times.

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

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

Communication between Coach and Families

1. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all players on the squad
2. Locations and times of practices and contests
3. Team requirements such as fees and special equipment
4. Procedures should your child be injured during practice or competition
5. Written team rules and guidelines
6. Contact Chain – Coach, Athletic Director, Building Administration

Communication Coaches Expect from Athletes

1. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance
2. Medical Concerns
3. Injuries

Student athletes at Summit Hill will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there will also be times when things do not go the way the student would like. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. All athletes **MUST** have on file a current physical exam certificate that will not expire within the season in order to practice or participate.

2. All athletes must show evidence of being covered by a health insurance plan. Students must show proof of insurance at registration by submitting insurance company name and policy # or by enrolling in the school insurance plan.

3. If the Athletic Director and or Nurse has reasonable cause to believe a student's health condition may pose

a risk to the student or others in the activity, he/she may require a more current certification of fitness to participate from a physician.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents are responsible for arranging transportation for their student-athletes throughout the course of any given athletic season. Parents need to arrive in a timely fashion at the conclusion of all practices and contests to pick up their son / daughter. Coaches will communicate with parents about any time changes to the practice schedule in a timely fashion. Exceptions would include inclement weather when after school activities (games and practices) may be cancelled at the last minute. In these instances, student-athletes should take their regular after school transportation home.

TEAM TRAVEL

Athletes must travel to contests away from Granger MS in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions to the rule are:

1. Injury to the participant that requires alternative transportation
2. Written arrangements between the parents and coach on coaches sign out sheet
3. Doctor or medical appointment
4. Academic assistance
5. Loss of bus privileges as deemed by the administration

Students-athletes are only allowed to ride home from contests with their parent(s) or guardian. Any other person will not be permitted to provide transportation for the student without prior written consent from the parent/guardian.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, MEDICAL EXCUSES and VACATIONS

1. ***Daily school attendance, no less than 3 ½ hours, is required for a student to participate in daily practice, contest or events.*** Exception can only be made by the athletic director and/or principal. It will not be the practice for participants to purposely miss part of a school day. Documentation of medical appointments, etc., must be provided to the coach, athletic/activity director prior to participation of practice, or contest/event.

2. Athletes who are medically excused from regular physical education classes may not participate in school activities, practices, or games without a doctor's release or a release from the school nurse. However, participation in athletics for such students may be limited by the school based on the safety judgment of the Athletic Director after consultation with the coach.

3. Vacation absences or missed practices during an activity or team season can result in ***restricted participation***. See the individual coach/sponsor at the start of the sport/activity for details about absences.

ATHLETE ETHICS CODE

1. I will always be on time and prepared for practice and games unless previous arrangements have been made with the coach.
2. As a member of a team, I will be courteous, respectful, and practice good sportsmanship to my teammates, opponents, referees, coaches and teachers at Granger Middle School.
3. It is a privilege to represent Granger and proper behavior is required in class, practice, and athletic contests.
4. Proper care of equipment is mandatory.
5. I will use appropriate language at all times.
6. I understand that good sportsmanship is a must. Criticizing, blaming, or disputing my teammates, coaches, opponents or referees will not be tolerated.
7. Respecting another school's facilities and staff is proper behavior.
8. I will be alcohol, drug and tobacco free. These violations will result in immediate dismissal.

VIOLATIONS OF THIS CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS:

- *First violation* - warning and conference with coach
- *Second violation* - conference with coach, principal, athlete, and parent
- *Third violation* - review with principal/coach for team dismissal

Finally, since it is our goal to have an excellent school and athletic program, violations of school rules are not acceptable. Students who have reoccurring disciplinary actions may be reviewed for eligibility by the coach and/or administration.

Out of school suspension and/or extreme behavior will result in an immediate conference with the coach(es), principal, and parents for possible dismissal.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRETION

Because participation in athletics/activities is a privilege, this Code is merely a guide for responding to certain identified actions or conduct. Not every situation involving conduct inconsistent with a student participant's status as a representative of Granger is or can be covered. The school reserves the right, but not the obligation, to alter, revise, adjust, or increase

sanctions and discipline on a case-by-case basis, as the interests of the school require.

ATHLETIC FEE

The middle school activity fees are \$125 per season for athletics and cheerleading with a maximum of \$250 per school year.

Checks should be made payable to Granger Middle School

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to participate in any co-curricular activities, students must be in good academic standing as proscribed by the Board of Education in compliance with state law. Coaches and sponsors will review eligibility standards at the beginning of each season and as new members join the activity.

Outlined below are the athletic/Extra-Curricular eligibility procedures that will begin with the first full week of the athletic/extra-curricular season.

Level 0: Full Participation Status - Students begin in good standing.

Level I: Any student with an F grade will result in immediate Level I status. Level I is defined as a probationary step. The student will work for the following week to remediate the concern. If the student is successful in remediation, they will be returned to "Full Participation Status." If the student is unsuccessful in remediation, they will be moved to Level II.

Level II: Students from Level I who have been unsuccessful in remediation move into a period of exclusion from performances and competition for the following week in order to focus on remediation. The student may only practice during Level II status. Those students successful in remediation will be returned to "Full Participation Status" which deems that the student has been warned and remediation has

been attempted and attained. If the student is unsuccessful in remediation, they will be moved to Level III.

Level III: Students from Level II who have been unsuccessful in remediation move into a period of exclusion, from practice, performances, and competition for the following week in order to focus on full-time remediation. The student will remain in remediation until the next eligibility check the following week regardless of activities. Those students successful in remediation will be returned to "Full Participation Status" which deems that the student has been warned and remediation has been attempted and attained. If the student is unsuccessful in remediation, they will be moved to Level IV.

Level IV: Students from Level III who have been unsuccessful in remediation move into removal from the activity. Students have exhibited the inability to successfully maintain their academic responsibilities and an extra-curricular activity. The student is now asked to focus on their academics so that they may be eligible for future activities, seasons, and end-of-year events. At this stage, eligibility for continued participation will be reviewed by the coach/sponsor, assistant principal, teacher(s), and principal or his/her designee. The student may be asked to return all uniforms, materials, equipment, and supplies associated with the activity.

*****Notes*****

- 1. A student placed on eligibility warning a second or any subsequent times automatically starts at Level II. There is no repeat "Probationary Period."*
- 2. Students who are excused from PE due to medical reasons are not eligible to participate in interscholastic or intramural sports.*
- 3. These guidelines apply to all interscholastic contest related activities.*

Athletic Code of Conduct

As a student athlete representing Granger Middle School and Indian Prairie School District 204, you carry a responsibility to act in a way that will bring pride to your school, your team, and your family.

As a member of Granger Middle School the following guidelines are expected behavior.

1. I agree to practice good sportsmanship before, during, and after contests, recognizing the talents and efforts of my opponents and game officials.
2. I agree to practice self-control at all times including no fighting or taunting or other negative behavior, which would bring disrespect to my team or my school.
3. I agree to respect those in authority, including the coaches, administrators, custodians, teachers, and officials.
4. I agree to leave the facility I am visiting in better condition than when I arrived. This means not damaging or vandalizing school property, stealing, or leaving trash behind.
5. I agree to represent my team and my school outside of the classroom and the playing field.
6. I agree to adhere to all school rules and regulations.
7. I understand that the failure to comply with school, team, and individual classroom rules may result in disciplinary action by the athletic department, coaches, and building administration.

As a student athlete representing Granger Middle School, I agree to carry a responsibility to act in a way that will bring pride to my school, my team, and my family.

I have read the 2012-2013 Student Athletic Code of Conduct and am aware of the expectations of being a student-athlete at Granger Middle School.

Student's Full Name (Print): _____

Sport: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

(Please Sign and Return only this page to your Coach)