

***CANFIELD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT***  
***STUDENT/PARENT CONDUCT CODE*** (REV 5/14)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSION:** The Canfield High School Extra-Curricular program will provide diverse opportunities for personal growth by providing the privilege for students to try-out for and participate in extra-curricular activities.

**VALUES:** The Canfield High School athletic administration will promote:

1. Teamwork and cooperation
2. Honesty and integrity
3. Striving for excellence
4. Holistic growth of the individual

**PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS:** We feel strongly that participation in an educational-based sports program provides many opportunities to learn life lessons and compliments a student's overall maturation and development.

Any time high emotion, physical activity and contact are present, there is a risk of injury. In consideration of the Canfield School System permitting my son/daughter to participate in sports, WE HEREBY ASSUME ALL THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SAID PARTICIPATION AND AGREE TO HOLD CANFIELD SCHOOLS COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING MANAGERS AND TRAINERS, HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, DEBTS, CLAIMS, AND/OR DEMANDS OF ANY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH MY SON'S/DAUGHTER'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CANFIELD ATHLETICS. THE TERMS HEREOF SHALL SERVE AS A RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK FOR MY HEIRS, ESTATE, EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, ASSIGNEE, AND FOR ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY.

Furthermore, I specifically acknowledge that football, wrestling and ice hockey are contact sports that involve greater risks.

As a parent of a student athlete and a spectator at athletic/extra-curricular events I know that there are sportsmanship expectations expressed in the Canfield School Board Policy 2431 B – Administrative Guidelines:

## SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS FOR SPECTATORS/**STUDENTS/PARENTS/ATHLETES**

EVERYONE is expected to:

- A.** Remember that s/he is at a contest to support and yell for the team and to enjoy the skill and competition; **not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.**
- B.** Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student—athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- C.** Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- D.** Learn the rules of the game, so that s/he may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- E. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. Treat them as one would treat a guest in his/her own home.**
- F. Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to the opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial, or sexual nature.**
- G.** Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- H.** Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- I.** Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).
- J.** Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- K.** Recognize and compliment the efforts of school and league administrators in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the role of good sportsmanship to that end.
- L.** Be a positive behavior role model through his/her own actions and by censuring those close by whose behavior is unbecoming.

Any form of unacceptable behavior by anyone is subject to discipline which may include removal from the event, suspension of participation in all athletic events for a season or school year, suspension from school, and/or referral to the police. **Unacceptable behavior by non-student spectators may result in removal from the event, denial of admission to school athletic events for a season or school year, or referral to local authorities.**

As Canfield High school is a member of the All American Conference all students, parents, and fans must also abide by these rules and regulations:

## All American Conference Sportsmanship Rules and Regulations

“Any spectator who verbally or physically (standing up to make a verbal insult) abuses a coach, official, spectator, or player will be immediately removed from the game and will be suspended for 1 football game or 2 games of other sports. A parent or fan who is ejected from a game will also serve the suspension. This suspension will apply to all home and away games. A second offense will result in suspension for all sporting events for the remainder of the season. Any spectator who violates a suspension will not be allowed to attend any sporting events for the rest of the school year.”

### **STUDENT PARTICIPATION RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

The athletic participant and parents acknowledge that participation on an athletic team is a privilege and not a right. **We further agree and acknowledge that playing time, position played, and level played are determined by the coaching staff and not to challenge the coach, athletic director, administrators or board members as to these determinations.**

All participants are subject to the rules listed below and by our signatures we hereby acknowledge having read and agree to them. We will sign a copy of this document when our child first goes out for a Canfield High School sports team. THE SIGNED DOCUMENT WILL BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AND ITS TENETS WILL BE ADHERED TO THROUGHOUT OUR SON’S/DAUGHTER’S ATHLETIC CAREER AT CANFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

THESE EXPECTATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES ARE IN EFFECT AND WILL BE ENFORCED FOR TWELVE (12) MONTHS OF THE YEAR FROM GRADES NINE-TWELVE (9-12) **ON OR OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY.**

If an athlete comes to a coach, administrator, or a licensed professional for help before being caught for any infraction, then this action will be taken into account as the following consequences are rendered. It is understood that any self-declared problem will no longer occur after such a request for assistance.

A first violation will result in a denial of athletic participation for a minimum of 10% up to a maximum of 20% of the current or upcoming season’s contests, depending upon when the offense occurred. (The definition of a “contest” is a regularly scheduled or post-season game with an external opponent, not a scrimmage, preview or jamboree event.) Prior to being cleared to resume participation, the player, the parent(s)/legal guardian of the player, the head coach and the athletic director will meet to determine what remediation/other corrective actions might be taken, if any.

A second violation will result in denial of participation in school-sponsored athletics for one (1) calendar year from the date of the occurrence. Following a second violation, the player, the parent(s)/legal guardian of the player, the head coaches involved, the athletic director, the player's guidance counselor, a high school administrator and any others deemed appropriate (Director of Special Education & Gifted, Primetime teacher, etc.,...) will meet to determine what further appropriate remediation/other corrective actions might be undertaken.

A third violation will result in denial of the privilege of participating in school-sponsored athletics for the remainder of the violator's enrollment at CHS. After a third violation, the player, the players' parent(s)/legal guardian, the head coaches involved, the athletic director, the player's guidance counselor, a high school administrator and any others deemed appropriate will meet to review the incident and formally impose the sports ban, if deemed warranted.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE CODE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION/COACH CONSIDERS EGREGIOUS, FLAGRANT, HEINOUS, ETC... WILL BE GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM A TEAM. Examples of these violations would include but not be limited to: violation of the school drug policy during the time the student is under the supervision of the school, serious insubordination, serious violation of the schools code of conduct, etc...

#### **EXAMPLES TO WHICH THE ABOVE PENALTIES WOULD APPLY:**

- 1) Any possession, consumption or sale of drugs (including steroids, and illegal muscle enhancements), alcohol, or tobacco products on or off school grounds.
- 2) Admission to, conviction of, and /or participation in any act that could be considered a minor misdemeanor or a more serious offense/felony. These acts might include payment of restitution for damages or reasonable suspicion of involvement in the above-named offenses. (Vandalism, indecent exposure, harassment/hazing, theft, assault, defacing property, threatening acts and/or degrading acts are some but not all-inclusive examples of such behavior).
- 3) Any act or gesture which is considered by the administration or school board to be rude, obscene, immoral and/or reflects poorly on Canfield Schools.
- 4) Any violation of the school's code of conduct.
- 5) **THE ADMINISTRATION, A.D. AND/OR COACH RETAIN THE RIGHT TO USE DISCRETION IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES AND CONSEQUENCES DUE TO A BROAD RANGE OF BEHAVIORS, MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES, AND A SINCERE DESIRE TO MODIFY BEHAVIOR.**

#### **ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES WITH DIFFERENT CONSEQUENCES:**

A player's ejection from an athletic event for "unsportsmanlike conduct" will result in a two game suspension (one game in football). Prior to a player returning to

competition, a meeting will be held with the player, the head coach, athletic director and the player's parent(s)/legal guardian to discuss the circumstances and determine any additional course of action. A second "unsportsmanlike conduct" suspension from a contest will result in denial of the privilege of participation in that sport for the remainder of the season, while triggering a second player, head coach, athletic director and player's parent(s)/guardian meeting to discuss appropriate further remediation.

Any student who quits a sport after making the team will be ineligible to participate in another sport until the sport he/she quit has completed its season. If a student is cut from a team, he/she is eligible to participate in another sport during that season if it is agreed to by the new coach.

All athletes are expected to abide by their coaches' rules concerning conduct travelling to, at and returning from athletic events. These include practices, games and any other activity sponsored by the coaches. **A COACH IS ENTITLED TO REQUIRE RULES THAT GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE ABOVE SET OF GUIDELINES AS WELL TO IMPOSE ANY REASONABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR.**

In order to be eligible for participation in a sporting event, the student must attend **TWO BLOCKS OF CLASS** the day of the event unless there is a family emergency or a medical appointment. **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND PRIMETIME** the day after an athletic event and face disciplinary action from the administration and/or coach if they fail to do so.

#### Canfield Local School District Bylaws/Policies

#### 5610.05 – PROHIBITION FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

"Students prohibited from participation in all or part of any extra-curricular activity are not entitled to further notice, hearing, or appeal rights."

I HAVE READ THE CANFIELD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT STUDENT CONDUCT CODE AND I AGREE TO FOLLOW THIS CODE AS A MEMBER OF ALL CANFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER.

AS PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN, I/WE ALSO AGREE TO ABIDE BY AND ASSIST IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE CANFIELD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT STUDENT/PARENT CONDUCT CODE.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_