

# **PLAINFIELD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

950 Park Ave \* Plainfield, NJ 07060 \* Phone: (908) 731-4200 ext. 5172

## **ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

All student athletes participating in both the high and middle schools' interscholastic athletic programs are held to the highest standard of character and sportsmanship. Each coach will issue our Board of Education approved **Athletic Code of Conduct** contract. The **Code of Conduct** must be signed by both the participant and his/her parent or guardian and returned to the coach prior to the first interscholastic contest. Failure to do so may result in delay of participation.

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

The New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association rules and Regulations regarding eligibility are mandatory. In addition, the Plainfield School District Board of Education has adopted the following guidelines for students participating in all school athletics.

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students failing 2 classes or more become ineligible for athletic participation. Failure of any classes may constitute removal from the athletic team for that reason.

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (class of 2025) will automatically be eligible in his/her first semester. To be eligible in the second semester he/she must have achieved one half of 30.0 or 15.0 credits for participating in spring activities.

All students entering 10<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grades will be required to achieve 30.0 credits in the year prior to participation in the first semester of a school year. To be eligible in the second semester, the student must have achieved 15.0 credits.

These academic requirements will apply to all cheerleaders, band members, student managers, student trainers, and athletes. Additional information regarding eligibility can be obtained upon request from the Director of Athletics, Athletic Academic Facilitator principal.

### **AGE ELIGIBILITY**

A student cannot participate if he/she has reached the age of 18 prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. A 9<sup>th</sup> grade student cannot reach the age of 16 prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of his/her freshman year.

### **ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY**

In order for a student to participate in a scheduled athletic event, practice, or school function, he/she must be in school on the day of the event or the last day of school prior to the Saturday event based on the following time frame:

- 1) Entry to school before 8:00am – no note required – eligible to practice or play
- 2) Entry to school before 8:01am – 10:33am – note required, approval by athletic director – upon approval, eligible to practice or play.
- 3) Entry after 10:33am – note required – not eligible to play or practice. An excuse from a doctor or prior written approval from the Director of Athletics or an administrator are the only VALID excuse. Excessive absenteeism, tardiness, and cutting classes will not be tolerated. These offenses justify removal from a team with consent of the Director of Athletics.

### **ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**

Athletic equipment used by student participants must be returned or paid for the end of the sport season and prior to the issuance of any awards or recognition. Equipment will not be issued for any upcoming season until all equipment accounts are cleared from the preceding season.

### **AWARDS**

Awards are to be considered a privilege. They therefore can be revoked or recalled (including violations or any **ATHLETIC CODE POLICIES**).

### **CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION FROM AN ATHLETIC TEAM**

1. To be eligible, a student must have an acceptable academic, citizenship, and disciplinary record. Gambling, stealing, the use of tobacco (In any form), possession, sale, and use of drugs (including steroids), and /or alcoholic

beverages are prohibited. Also, any form of bullying/intimidation/harassment in the form of a written, verbal, or physical act as well as any inappropriate photos, language, video, and documents on social networks will be disciplined as follows.

- a. First offense violator shall be suspended from play for a period of at least one-week. This will include all games and practices.
2. Additional offenses for the same violation listed above will result in his/her dismissal for the remaining part of the season, involving intervention with the supervisor of athletics.
3. In addition, Board Policies, and the Student Handbook, clearly details all aspects of drug, alcohol, substance use and abuse, including other sanctions.

Suspension for cause other than the above-mentioned are the discretion of the coach and the Director of Athletics. The regulations include, but are not limited to insubordination, profanity, fighting, unsportsmanlike conduct, non-compliance with the AAA Program, unexcused absence from practice and/or game, unsatisfactory attitude, and a failure to follow any additional rules and additionally cannot return to practice or games until all mandatory SAC sessions have been completed.

Discipline referrals and school suspensions are justification for suspension or removal from a team.

### **CONFLICTING ACTIVITIES DURING SPORT SEASON**

Prior to the start of any season, an athlete must realize his/her obligation to the team and refrain from scheduling any conflicting activity during that season.

### **INJURIES**

Any athlete, who sustains an injury during a school related athletic activity, must report it to his/her coach **IMMEDIATELY**, which in turn will report it to the district Athletic Trainers. The Athletic Trainers will then be responsible for providing this information to the school nurse. If any injury occurs outside of school, it must be reported to the coach prior to the athlete's next practice or game.

### **TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ATHLETIC EVENTS**

No student-athlete is permitted to use personal transportation to or from any away athletic event. Official school transportation will be provided, originating at the school, and returning to the school. In a family emergency this rule will be waived as long as prior approval is given by Director of Athletics.

### **STUDENT ATHLETIC CONDUCT**

As an athlete, pride in your school, team and yourself is all part of good sportsmanship. Your pride is reflected in your personal conduct. Student athletes will not violate the rules of common decency with each other. They shall respect the authority of coaches and other school staff and shall confirm to request made by them.

In addition, an athlete's appearance shall be a matter of pride, which means cleanliness and neatness in dress and equipment. Student athletes are expected to dress properly when representing their team and school at any athletic or academic function.

### **SPECTATORS SPORTSMANSHIP**

Regarding the playing of the game as an art and appreciation and enjoy it as such. Show respect for officials, respect for players and respect for yourself. These are essentials for raising the standards of good sportsmanship. Become familiar with the rules of the game, and you will enjoy it more. If you cannot control your words or actions in a positive way, you will be asked to leave the event.

**Let the coaches coach, players play, and officials officiate.**

---

**Athlete's Signature**

---

**Date**

---

Athlete's Name *(Please Print)*

---

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

---

**Date**

---

Parent/Guardian's Name *(Please Print)*