



## Highland Athletic Department Code of Conduct

Highland Middle School is committed to an athletic program that will provide all athletes an opportunity to compete at a level equal to their abilities. The cornerstone of our commitment is embroidered in high standards of ethics and sportsmanship, while developing physical and social skills, emotional maturity, and responsible behavior. Participation in athletics is a privilege, which carries varying degrees of honor, responsibility and sacrifice. Since athletics is a privilege, those who choose to participate will be expected to follow the athletic code of conduct.

### **CARING**

- I will demonstrate concern for others.
- I will not engage in behavior that may cause harm to myself.
- I will not intentionally injure my opponents.
- I will support the wellbeing of my teammates.

### **CITIZENSHIP**

- I will abide by all rules and regulations.
- I will follow my coaches' directions.
- I will respectfully and politely obey game officials.

### **FAIRNESS**

- I will only engage in conduct that upholds the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.

### **RESPECT**

- I will be gracious in victory in and defeat
- I will demonstrate respect for my opponent at all times.
- I will not engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean athletes or the sport.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

- I will put my responsibilities as a student first.
- I will represent Highland middle school with honor, on and off the field.
- I will demonstrate an appropriate attitude that reflects self-control.
- I will not use any illegal or unhealthy substances, including alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.
- I will uphold the integrity of the sport by not engaging in any form of gambling.

### **TRUSTWORTHINESS**

- I will compete honorably.
- I will not lie, cheat, steal, or engage in any other dishonest conduct.
- I will put the success of the team before personal glory.
- I will be a reliable member of the team.

I have read and agree to follow the Athletic Code of Conduct.

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_