

**HOPE for Hyndman Charter School**  
**Athletics Department**  
**Code of Conduct**

**PHILOSOPHY:**

Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege offered to students at HOPE for Hyndman Charter School. Students participating in interscholastic athletics represent themselves, the school, and the community. All student athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that meets the highest standards of sportsmanship.

The Code of Conduct is designed specifically to establish high expectations and standards for all student athletes. These expectations embody a total lifestyle approach with emphasis on **Respect** for self, others, and property; **Loyalty** to self, teammates, coaches and school; support for the ideals of **Sportsmanship**, and **Maturity** to accept choices and consequences. The effectiveness of this code is dependent on the collective commitment of students, parents, and school personnel, along with a proactive approach to prevention and assistance.

**The terms of the Code of Conduct extend for the duration of the school year. Sanctions imposed as a result of the Code of Conduct may carry into the next school term.**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**A. Academic**

HOPE for Hyndman Charter School students must be passing at least 4 full credit subjects or the equivalent, according to PIAA standards. Failure to meet this requirement will cost the student athlete one week of eligibility, which will be determined each Friday. Students with two D's or below in any two classes will be assigned to mandatory tutoring sessions and must participate those sessions to remain eligible. Failure to participate in any single tutoring session will result in the loss of eligibility for the following week. Students with two F's may be ineligible for one week and will be assigned to mandatory tutoring sessions. Failure to attend any single tutoring session will result in the loss of eligibility for the following week.

**Ineligible students must practice but may not compete. They must attend games but may not leave school early.** Fall sports eligibility begins with the final grades from the preceding school year. Failure to pass the full credit as prescribed by the school at the end of each marking period will cost the student athlete 15 school days of eligibility in the next grading period, as per PIAA standards.

**B. Attendance**

Participating student athletes must attend on the day of practice or contest. Students who sign in one hour or more after the start of school or who leave one hour or more before the close of school without a school approved appointment are ineligible to participate that day. Students with 10 days of

unexcused absences shall be ineligible until they have been in attendance for 20 school days. Coaches are responsible for enforcing these attendance guidelines.

**C. Unacceptable Behaviors**

A student athlete shall not engage in:

1. Any unlawful conduct.
2. Any violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
3. The use, possession or sale of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
4. Vandalism of school property or that of staff.
5. Any conduct determined by the coach or administration to be detrimental to the athletic program or school.

**Unacceptable behaviors can result in the loss of privileges up to and including suspension from all activities.**

**D. Transportation**

All student athletes must ride school-provided transportation to competitions. Student athletes must return on school-provided transportation unless they have submitted a signed travel release form the day prior to the event. Forms are available from the Athletic Director.

**E. Equipment**

The Athletes are responsible for the equipment assigned to them. All lost, stolen or damaged equipment will be paid for by the athlete. The athlete will not be permitted further athletic participation until all obligations have been met.

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**PARENT AND ATHLETE TO COMPLETE THIS PORTION and RETURN TO COACH**

I will uphold these rules and regulations, and I understand the penalties that have been established for failure to comply.

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ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

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DATE

I/We support the ideals of this Code of Conduct as well as the penalties stipulated above.

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PARENT(S) SIGNATURE

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DATE