

CIF ATHLETE'S CODE OF ETHICS

SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC, AND PERHAPS, FATAL LINJUR Y MAY RESULT FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION.

By its very nature, competitive athletics may put students in situations in which SERIOUS, CATASTROPHIC, and FATAL ACCIDENTS may occur and many forms of athletic competition result in violent physical contact among players, the use of equipment which may result in accidents, strenuous physical exertion, and numerous other exposures to risk of injury.

Students and parents must assess the risks involved in such participation and make their choice to participate in spite of those risks. No amount of instruction, precaution, or supervision will totally eliminate all risk of injury. Just as driving an automobile involves choice of risk, athletic participation by high school students also may be inherently dangerous. The obligation of parents and students is making this choice to participate cannot be overstated. There have been accidents resulting in death, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and other very serious permanent physical impairment as a result of athletic competition.

By granting permission for your student to participate in athletic competition, you and the student acknowledge that such risks exist. Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in athletic competition and in the proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students must adhere to that instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper uses and techniques. As previously stated, no amount of instruction, precaution, and supervision will totally eliminate all risk of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal injury. If any of the foregoing is not completely understood, please contact your school principal for further information.

1. I will conduct myself in a manner that does not bring discredit to myself, the team, or the school.
2. I will maintain a 2.0 GPA and no "F" grades in the current grading period in order to remain eligible. Probation may occur once in Freshman/Sophomore year, and once in Junior/Senior year.
3. I will be expected to follow all team, school, district, CIF, and State Ed. Code rules.
4. I will abstain from the use of those items that may be injurious to my health (examples: controlled substances, steroids, weapons, etc.).
5. I will respect the property of others.
6. Failure to clear outstanding debts will result in loss of eligibility until debts have been cleared.
7. If I am ejected from a contest, I will not be allowed to participate in the next contest(s).
8. I must attend a minimum of four (4) hours of classtime on the day of a practice. I must attend all classes on the day of a contest. In the event of an emergency, prior arrangement must be approved by the administration.
9. I will not be allowed to participate in any capacity is suspended in school (full day) or out of school.
10. Athletes will be responsible for providing travel waivers in advance if they plan to be released after a contest. Waivers are good for one season of sport.

Any infraction of the above mentioned rules, or other rules that pertain to Yucca Valley High School students may result in coached discipline, suspension from the team, or removal from athletic participation. Each case will be reviewed by the administration.

*All recipients of school issued athletic awards must have a valid ASB card. I also understand that I will not be allowed to participate without a current physical examination and written verification of insurance.

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extracurricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following Code of Ethics is presented.

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety/awareness.
6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the U.S. or the American Medical Association.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
11. Win with character, lose with dignity.

We acknowledge that we have read and understand the material contained on both sides of the CIF code of ethics and consent form:

Signed _____ / _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian) (Student)