

**SEAFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEAFORD DELAWARE**

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SEAFORD ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT
General Creed and Policies for ALL Interscholastic Sports

ATHLETIC CREED

CITIZEN – Be a good citizen. Just do the right thing the first time and every time. Make good choices. Be an example. Understand that making bad choices has consequences. Play for the name on the Jersey and not your own name. Be a Victor, not a Victim.

STUDENT – Be a good student. Be in school every day. Keep your grades up—sit in the front of the class, do not wear a hat, do not use your cell phone, and participate in class. Your academics must come first.

ATHLETE – Give effort every day. Playing sports is a privilege. You will never know how much you will miss sports, until it is taken away. Represent your school with pride and class.

PARENT – Be a good supporter of your Child, the Coaches, Officials, and the School. As a parent, if you have any concerns or comments, please start by talking to your child’s coach; however, ***please wait 24-hours from the time of the situation to make contact with the coach. A 24-hour waiting period allows everyone to discuss the situation calmly and in a professional manner.***

GENERAL POLICIES

1. Athletes should exhibit an attitude of loyalty and respect at all times toward teammates, managers, coaches, opponents, and officials.
2. Athletes should uphold the ideals of good sportsmanship and demonstrate such during practices and in competitions.
3. The locker room is the athlete’s home away from home during the season. Athletes will show respect to equipment and facilities both at home and away.
4. Each athlete is responsible for his/her equipment and uniforms. Any equipment or uniforms lost, damaged, or stolen must be paid for by the athlete at the current rate of purchase to replace items. Athletes will not be permitted to play another sport in another season until all equipment and uniforms are returned.
5. At no time shall an athlete question the decision of an official or demonstrate a lack of respect for opposing players, coaches, or persons in authority.
6. All athletes must be in attendance at school for a least half a day, arrival no later than 11:00 a.m., in order to participate in athletics that day.
7. An athlete absent from school for a full day will not be allowed to practice or compete on that day. Exceptions include school-sponsored activities or field trip, doctor’s appointment with a note, attendance at a funeral with a note or copy of obituary.
8. Athletes will provide his/her own transportation to and from practice each day.
9. An athlete excused from Physical Education class for medical reasons will not be allowed to practice or compete in athletics on that day.
10. Athletes will dress in the same type of uniform. There will be no special markings, stickers or alterations to uniforms. Shoes are considered a part of the uniform. Official school colors are Navy Blue and Yellow Gold with accent trim of White.

11. An Athlete unhappy with a decision of the coaching staff or with the attitude of another player should discuss these issues in private with the coach or in a closed team meeting. Team issues should not be discussed around school, in the community, or on social media.
12. Smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, or using illegal substances will not be tolerated under any circumstances. These behaviors are considered detrimental to team morale. If these behaviors are reported to or observed by a coach, teacher, or administrator, after investigation, the athlete may be dismissed from the team.
13. Political protests are not conducive to team or individual sports and should not be a part of interscholastic sports at Seaford. Any athlete who participates in a demonstration of a political nature while in uniform will be dismissed from the squad.

PRACTICE POLICIES

Athletic practices are generally held Monday through Friday, for a maximum of two hours directly after school. Practice times may vary depending on the sport and the availability of facilities. Saturday practices may also be scheduled at the coaches' discretion.

Athletes are expected to attend all practices. Athletes are allowed three excused absences, upon the fourth absence, athlete may be dismissed from the team. Athletes should report all absences from practice to coach prior to the absence. Each coach will provide athletes and parents with practice requirements specific to that sport.

GAME POLICIES

1. Any inappropriate behavior which includes a lack of hustle, use of profanity, or gestures that are in any way mocking, demeaning, or ridiculing to teammates, opponents, officials, coaches, or spectators is prohibited and will not be tolerated.
2. No friends, family, or fans will be permitted on the team bus or in the locker room prior to, during, or after contests.
3. Behavior of the athlete while traveling to and from contests and in the locker room facilities at home or away should uphold the standards of this Code of Conduct.
4. Athletes are expected to travel to and from athletic events on the team bus. If a parent wants to take a student home after an athletic event, he/she must personally see the head coach and give coach a written note that the athlete is leaving.

GRADE ELIGIBILITY POLICIES

During and at the end of the marking period, the athlete must report any failing grades to their head coach. DIIA eligibility requires that athletes must pass a minimum of five (5) classes—two must be major subjects, i.e., math, science, English, history, per marking period to be eligible. Seniors must be passing ALL courses required for graduation.

I have read and understand the contents of this document. I further understand that it is my responsibility to abide by the Code of Conduct as a representative of Seaford High School, the athletic program and the Seaford community.

Athlete Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Coach Signature _____ Date _____