



## SEVERNA PARK ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT



Adherence to the Athletic Code of Conduct is important for the good of the athlete and the success of the team. It is important to know that the code of conduct is not confined to school time or school functions, but reflect an expectation and commitment to an everyday lifestyle in and outside of school.

### Team Selection

The head coach will select the members of the team, with input from the assistant coaches. The overall makeup of the team will also reflect the best interests of the continuing sports program at Severna Park High School.

#### **Criteria for selection :**

- Academic eligibility
- Technical skills
- Strength and endurance
- Quickness and speed
- Coachability
- Spirit, desire, and determination
- Team attitude
- Winning attitude and experience
- Character

### Selection of Team Captains

Captains will be selected for the team by the head coach, with input from the assistant coaches and players.

#### **Attributes to be considered:**

- Leadership ability
- Team spirit
- Respect of teammates and coaches
- Good character

### Playing Time

The opportunity to represent Severna Park High School in athletic competition must be earned. All decisions concerning playing time and starting positions are left to the discretion of the coaching staff.

### Residency

The athlete must reside with his/her parents or legal guardian in a permanent address in the Severna Park school district. Failure to abide by this regulation could result in the team forfeiting games and the athlete being suspended for 60 school days or longer.

In the event that the residency changes during the sports season, the athlete must notify the athletic director immediately of this address change.

### Academic/Attendance Regulations

1) Team members, taking a full academic schedule, must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher with no more than one "E" during the sports season. Athletes on partial schedule must maintain a 2.00 GPA with no "E's."

- 2) Team members unable to meet academic standards, at the issuance of report cards, will be placed on academic probation for 15 school days. While on probation, the athlete may practice providing he/she earns one hour of tutoring each week. Failure to meet the academic standards at the end of the probation period will result in the athlete being suspended from the team for the remainder of the sports season.
- 3) Truancy/class cutting
  - 1st Offense - (1) game suspension
  - 2nd Offense - suspension for the remainder of the season
- 4) You must be in school the entire school day in order to practice or play in a contest. Athletes must have approval of the principal to play in a game, if the athlete must miss school for a doctor/dentist appointment.
- 5) The MPSSAA awards the "Minds in Motion" certificate to any athlete who attains a 3.25 GPA or higher during their sports season.

### Practice Rules

1. Be early.
2. Give your full effort.
3. Encourage your teammates to do their best.
4. Be dressed in proper practice attire.
5. Have all of your equipment.
6. Report injuries to your coach.
 

Note - If you must see a doctor for an injury, the doctor must clear you "in writing" for you to resume playing. Note must be on file with the athletic director.
7. Profanity and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable.
8. In the event an athlete must miss a practice, the athlete's parents are to contact the coach prior to the absence.
9. Accept constructive criticism from the coaching staff.
10. Strive for excellence.

### Game Regulations

1. All athletes must ride the team bus to and from all athletic contests unless an approved travel form has been completed and permission has been granted by the principal prior to the event.
2. Team dress code will be enforced in school on game days.
3. You are responsible for all equipment and uniforms issued to you. You will be charged full replacement cost for any equipment/uniform that is lost, damaged, or stolen.
4. You are expected to follow all rules of the National Federation of High School Sports Association which pertain to your sport.
5. Exhibit good sportsmanship.
6. Show respect for officials and your opponents.

### Team Conduct

1. You are to represent SPHS with pride at all times.
2. Hazing of any kind will result in the athlete being dismissed from the team.
3. Athletes are not to use alcohol, drugs or tobacco products.
4. The head coach, with input from the assistant coaches, may dismiss players from the team for actions or behavior deemed detrimental to the student athlete, team and/or

overall

good of the program.

I understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to support and practice this "Code of Conduct" agreement.

Furthermore, my failure to comply with this agreement may result in disciplinary action to include suspension or dismissal from my sports team.

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_