

# Student Athletic Handbook

## **Accountability**

A student may be declared ineligible to participate in athletics if they have exhibited behavior that is detrimental to the concept of sportsmanship and if the judgment of administration feels it reflects discredit upon the school.

Student athletes will be responsible for the uniform that is provided to them, and must turn it into the coach immediately following the final game of the season. If a student athlete fails to return a uniform or fails to provide financial reimbursement for the unreturned item, then they will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities until they do so.

## **Attendance**

Student athletes must be in school for a full day, the day of the event. A full day constitutes being in school from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. If a student athlete is dismissed from school or arrives later than 8:45 am, and wishes to attend a practice or a game, that athlete must receive written permission from school administration. Any student athlete who is dismissed by the Nurse, may not attend a practice or game regardless of what time that student was dismissed. If there is a violation of this policy, the student athlete may face disciplinary action that could include suspension from the team.

## **Dressing for Game**

Student athletes will not change on the bus for away games. Student athletes need to wait until they arrive at an away facility, or change in our own locker room prior to boarding the bus.

## **Game Disqualifications**

Any student athlete who is disqualified from an athletic contest, will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game, per the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) bylaws. In addition, Paul School will match the NHIAA sanction. Therefore, if they are disqualified, they will not be able to participate in the next two games. They will also be required to meet with the Athletic Director and the Principal, where additional consequences will be discussed. Any student athlete who receives a second game disqualification, will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

## **Grading**

**Student athletes will be required to maintain a passing average in all of their classes (70 points or higher). A check of their grades will be completed each week on Friday during the season. If a student is failing at the time of the check, they cannot participate in games or practices until a passing grade is maintained and confirmed by their teacher.**

## **Injuries**

Any student athlete who is injured during a practice or game, to the extent where an accident report is generated by the Coach, must see the school Nurse before participating in the next scheduled event.

## **Paperwork**

Before students are allowed to attend tryouts, practices or games, parents/guardians must have fully completed, signed and turned in the EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM and the last page of the student handbook.

If the student athlete does not have a current physical on file with the school Nurse, you must provide one prior to tryouts.

## **Parent Conduct**

When your child is involved in interscholastic sports, they will experience some of the most rewarding and inspiring moments of their lives. It is also important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. Coaches are professionals that make judgment calls based on what they believe is best for the team and all athletes involved. Please do not confront coaches before, during, or after a game. This is an emotional time for all involved. If you have an issue with a coach you would like to discuss, please call the Athletic Director and he will set up a meeting. Topics that should not be discussed with coaches include playing time, team strategy, other student athletes, and play calling.

Parent conduct also includes behavior at the game. Any parent who uses derogatory language or is asked to leave a game by a game official, will receive a ban from future sporting events. Failure to follow the above may result in your student athlete being removed from the team.

## **Player Supervision**

No student athlete is allowed to be on the field during a designated practice or game without the Coach or a faculty member present. Failure to follow this rule may result in suspension from the team.

## **Student Athletic Handbook Agreement**

Please sign below to confirm that you and your child have reviewed the Student Athletic Handbook together, and that you understand the policies, procedures and consequences listed.

Students may not participate in any athletic event until all paperwork has been turned in. If you have any questions, you may call our Athletic Director, Mr. Balsler at 522-8891 ext 308.

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Student Athlete Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date