



# Jacob Hespeler Secondary School

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## ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT

### **CONDUCT:**

Team players are privileged to represent J.H.S.S. and should conduct themselves as suitable ambassadors for our school at all times. All Students are responsible to the principal for their conduct at any school event. **It is a privilege to be on a J.H.S.S. team not a right.**

### **ACADEMICS:**

Players are expected to be conscientious students, and good citizens of the school. School work missed because of athletic activities must be completed to the teachers' satisfaction. All athletes must be enrolled in a full-time program, if they are in Grades 9, 10 or 11.

### **RESPECT:**

A team player is expected to: give consideration to others' beliefs and views; embrace diversity; take into account all orientations; and celebrate individuality. In summary – be inclusive.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

**J.H.S.S. players will display good sportsmanship, at all times.** Good sportsmanship means showing respect in dealing with teammates, coaches, opposition, officials and spectators.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Strict adherence to rules while on buses or visiting other school is expected. Students must be transported in vehicles arranged by the school, unless otherwise approved.

### **FEES/UNIFORMS:**

**Players must purchase a Student Activities Card, to help defray the cost of athletics to the student body. Athletic fees will be determined on an individual team basis.** School uniforms must be in good repair and washed upon their return. Team uniforms are to be worn for team activities only.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**In order to play on a specific game day, players must be in attendance at school and in class, unless the coach has been forewarned of a valid reason (doctor's appointment).** Players must participate in physical education classes on game days.

### **INJURIES:**

**All injuries must be reported to the coach.** If warranted, the coach must fill out a Risk Management form.

### **VALUABLES:**

Players are responsible for the safekeeping of their own valuables during practices, games or field trips.

### **DRUGS/ALCOHOL:**

Consumption of drugs or alcohol is forbidden at any time, on any school premises, or at any school. **Alcohol or drug consumption at any school-sponsored event or activity is strictly forbidden.**

### **SMOKING:**

Since smoking is not considered a good health practice, players are expected to refrain from smoking at least during the sports season.

**Smoking at an event or activity is strictly forbidden.**

### **COMMITMENT:**

Once the commitment to a school team has been made, a player must follow through with his/her commitment to the team. It is unfair to teammates and coaches to leave a team mid-season. It is also unfair to other aspiring players who have failed to earn a place on that team. Therefore any player who quits a school team during the season, will be ineligible to play on any Jacob Hespeler school team in the next sports season. An exception to this general rule can be made if the coach and the player reached mutual agreement that the departure of the



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player is in the best interest of all concerned. Any absences by the athlete from practices or games must be discussed with the coach beforehand or as soon after the absence as possible. Excessive absences could lead to removal from a school team, at the discretion of the coach and/or the administration. Players must abide by any decision made by the coaches. Students may leave the team without penalty, until the team has played its first league game. A coaches decision to remove a player from a team is final, and may only be appealed in writing to the school's Head of Physical Education, Student Activity Director and the Principal.

Teams with insufficient interest re: attendance at practices, poor effort, attitude, etc. will be subject to cancellation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Athletes' Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the terms outlined within it.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **\*\*GENERAL STATEMENT\*\***

The Athletes' Code of Conduct has been constructed to assist players, coaches and administration in making Jacob Hespeler's Athletic Program rewarding for all those involved. The rules contained in the code are not designed to limit participating, but rather to ensure respect and dedication for the Athletic Program and the individuals involved in it.



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