

Canton Preparatory High School Athletic Code of Conduct

The Athletic Code of Conduct applies to any student-athlete who:

1. Is on Canton Preparatory High School property.
2. Who is at school or at any school sponsored activity.
3. Whose conduct at any time or place has a direct and immediate effect on maintaining order and discipline in the school or maintaining the safety and welfare of the students and staff.

Participation in athletic activities is a privilege extended to the student body by the Administration of Canton Preparatory High School. Students participating in athletic activities act as representatives of the school. All student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to meet the highest standards of Canton Preparatory High School.

When a student voluntarily agrees to participate in interscholastic athletics he/she agrees to abide by the Canton Preparatory High School Athletic Code of Conduct. This Code is in effect year round (12 months) and participants are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times, including functions that occur outside of school. These expectations embody a total lifestyle approach with emphasis on the following core values:

INTEGRITY – *We do what is ethical under all circumstances*
EXCELLENCE – *We strive to be our best on and off the field.*
RESPECT – *We honor and value ourselves and others.*
TEAM – *Together as one we pursue common goals.*
COMMITMENT – *We give total effort and sacrifice to achieve our purpose.*

The Athletic Code of Conduct deals with specific violations that should be applied within **every** athletic program; however, this code is not intended to be all-inclusive. *If no penalty is listed in the code for a violation, the coach has the authority to determine the penalty (consistent with the philosophy) of the code.*

School Attendance Policy

An athlete must be in school the day of a practice or contest for at least half a school day and must also attend school the day before going to any special tournament or out-of-state contest.

If an athlete is illegally absent, truant, suspended in or out of school, or excused from any part of the school day due to illness, he/she may not participate in a sport activity that day, whether it is practice or a game. An athlete is expected to report on time for school each day.

Note: *Absences that are approved by the office enabling students to participate include but are not limited to class field trips, college visitations, doctor and/or dentist appointments, and funerals.*

Each athlete must make every effort to be in school the day following athletic events by 9:00am. If a pattern of absence develops following athletic events, the coach will take appropriate disciplinary action. That action may range from a warning to suspension from

participation for a period of time.

Violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct

1. Use, possession, concealment, distribution, sale or being under the influence of those substances listed in items a-f below will lead to consequences as outlined in the penalty section of the code. Contact must be made with the parent or guardian and a follow-up meeting with the parent or guardian, coach, and the student should take place within one week of confirmation of the violation.
 - a. Tobacco or tobacco products in any form.
 - b. Alcohol or alcoholic beverages in any form.
 - c. Illegal drugs, including but not limited to those substances defined as “controlled substances” pursuant to federal and/or state statute.
 - d. Steroids, human growth hormones, or other performance-enhancing drugs.
 - e. Substances purported to be illegal, abusive, or performance enhancing (look-alike drugs).
 - f. Misused prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, or inhalants.
2. Use, possession, concealment, distribution, manufacture, or sale of devices designed for and/or associated with the use of controlled substances listed in items a-f above will result in consequences as outlined in the penalty section of the code.
3. Violation of federal, state, or local law/ordinance, including felony or misdemeanor acts other than minor traffic offenses. Upon conviction, the student is subject to the consequences listed in the penalty section of the code.
4. Cumulative or gross misconduct, including behavior which school officials consider conduct unbecoming to an athlete and a representative of the Canton Preparatory High School (including but not limited to: gambling, vandalism, unsportsmanlike conduct, theft, fighting, hazing, burglary, bullying, assault) is subject to the consequences listed in the penalty section of the code in addition to the disciplinary consequences assigned by the school administration.

Penalties (applied to any of the above violations)

1. First Violation – After confirmation of a violation (by the student, the parent, or a school official), the student will not be allowed to participate in athletics for four (4) weeks of interscholastic athletic events. If the student is unable to complete the suspension within the current sport season, the suspension will be prorated into the next sport in which the athlete participates, even though it may carry over into the next school year. The suspension should occur as soon as possible following confirmation of the violation. The athlete will still be allowed to practice with the team during the Athletic Code of Conduct suspension provided that a school-imposed suspension does not prevent practicing. If the violation causes a student to miss practice, the coach will determine when the student is “fit for duty” and can safely return to competition.
2. Second Violation – After confirmation of a second violation of any kind in a subsequent sport season during the same school year, the student-athlete will be dismissed from that team and be excluded from all athletic participation for at least one calendar year.

- 3. Third Violation** – After confirmation of a third violation of any kind in a subsequent sport season during the same school year, the student-athlete will be dismissed from that team and be excluded from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student's high school career.

Self-Disclosure – An athlete who by himself/herself or together with his/her parent or legal guardian, voluntarily discloses to a school employee, school official, coach or an administrator a need for assistance for alcohol or substance abuse prior to any reports, charges, or complaints under the Athletic Code will not be charged with a violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct. This self-disclosure exemption is available to an athlete only once during his/her high school career. If it is determined that the athlete has used this self-disclosure opportunity primarily to avoid a penalty under the Athletic Code, the student will be subject to the appropriate penalty listed in the Athletic Code. Information regarding treatment programs is available upon request from the school office.

1. Satisfaction of the assessment/treatment requirements must be verified in writing by a licensed agency and must be submitted to the Athletic Director or designee on a weekly basis until completion of the program.
2. Any expenses incurred for the chemical assessment/treatment program will be the responsibility of the athlete and not Canton Preparatory High School.

Student Transfer – A student who is not eligible for athletics at one school cannot be made immediately eligible by virtue of transfer from one school to another. The student will be subject to either the penalty listed in the Canton Preparatory High School Athletic Code of Conduct or the penalty imposed at his/her previous school, whichever is greater.

Appeal Process – An eligibility decision may be reviewed (if submitted in writing to the Athletic Director within 5 days of confirmation of the violation) by the Athletic Director. If necessary, a further appeal can be made to the Principal. During the appeal process, the penalty shall remain in effect until the final decision is made.

Referral: The Athletic Director reserves the right to refer an Athletic Code of Conduct violation to the principal if some form of school discipline is warranted.

- **In the event that the Athletic Code of Conduct or other school policies or procedures do not cover the situations that arise, the administration reserves the right to establish such rules, conditions, and penalties to respond effectively to unanticipated or unique circumstances. A single violation may be deemed severe enough by school administration as to warrant the enforcement of the single violation as if it were a second or third violation.**

**CANTON PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT
INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

AS A STUDENT:

- I understand and agree that participation in athletic activities is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of the *Athletic Code of Conduct*.
- I have read the *Code of Conduct* and thoroughly understand the consequences that I will face if I do not honor my commitment to the *Code of Conduct*.
- I understand and realize that there is risk of injury in participating in athletic activities.
- I understand that this is binding while a student at Canton Preparatory High School.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN:

- I have read the *Code of Conduct* and understand the responsibilities of my son or daughter as a participant in athletic activities at Canton Preparatory High School.
- I pledge to promote healthy lifestyles for all student athletes of Canton Preparatory High School.
- I understand and realize that there is an assumed risk of injury involved for my child as a participant in athletic activities.
- I understand that some practices may be held at an off-site location and realize and accept there is an assumed risk of injury for my child as he/she travels to and from this location. I release all liability and negligence from Canton Prep and/or coaches as my child travels to these practices.
- I understand this is binding while my child is a student at Canton Preparatory High School.

Parent/Guardian/Custodian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This agreement must be signed and on file in the Athletic Office before a student may participate in athletic events for Canton Preparatory High School.

