

## **ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Hinsdale Middle School**

The following code of conduct and regulations applies to all participants on Hinsdale Middle School athletic teams and support squads, hereafter referred to as “athletes”. It is expected that all athletes who desire to participate will abide by these rules at all times. It is an honor and a privilege to represent Hinsdale Middle School in inter-scholastic competition. For this reason we have high expectations of this behavior of our athletes.

#### **Regulations**

1. An approved physical examination must be had prior to participation in any sport. The physical examination is valid for one full calendar year as of the date of the examination. It is wise to obtain examinations during the months of June, July or August to assure a full school year of uninterrupted participation. The physician’s Certificate Card forms can be obtained from the Nurse’s Office or the Athletic Director’s Office.
2. Athletes must submit a completed parent permission form prior to participation in each sport.
3. Athletes who make a team are required to pay a participation fee. This fee must be paid before the athlete can compete in a contest with another school.

#### **Code of Conduct**

1. Athletes shall always conduct themselves so as not to bring discredit to themselves, to their team, to their coaches, to their families, or to their community.
2. Athletes will follow all school rules. They will cooperate in the spirit of sportsmanship/citizenship during school and inter-scholastic activities.
3. Infractions of school rules result in administrative suspensions from school will automatically remove the athlete from the athletic program until reinstatement by the school administration.
4. Insubordination, unsportsmanlike conduct and unexcused absences will not be tolerated. They will be subject to review by the coaches, athletic director and administration officials.
5. Special training rules and behavioral restrictions may be established for any of the various sports by the coach involved, subject to approval of the athletic director and principal.
6. An athlete must be in school attendance on the day of a contest in order to participate in that contest. Excused anticipated absences may be exceptions. Athletes with medical excuses for P.E. class on a given day may not participate in interscholastic sports on that day.
7. Disciplinary detentions from classroom teachers for behavior or late work may take precedence over practices or games.
8. An athlete’s interscholastic sports eligibility may be suspended if he or she is earning less than a C grade in any core or encore class. Infractions of the foregoing rules will be dealt with by the coach involved, the athletic director, and/or the principal. They may result in an athlete being benched from a game or dismissed from the team.