

Representing our team as a member of D3 Multisport is a privilege that student athletes and coaches must accept with a full sense of responsibility. Along with this, it should be understood that each represent our team, and the image one demonstrates will be regarded as the standard for the team. It is the desire of the team administration and the involved coaches that the image for D3 Multisport be of a positive nature, and one that will enhance the image of D3 both inside and outside our community. This accepted kind of behavior and attitude is expected to be shown in the classroom and general team area, as well as on the sporting field.

This “Code of Conduct” shall act as the guide by which all team representatives will conduct themselves in any capacity or endeavor. The code contained herein covers the areas of personal behavior, attitude, courtesy, appearance, academics, sportsmanship, and commitment to the various programs.

***Each team member and parent is expected to thoroughly review this conduct code before the season begins, and should keep a copy at hand, in order to refer to it if necessary.

A. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR (Includes Coaches/Supervisors)

i. Language: The use of profane or improper language, is not acceptable. Extreme verbal outbursts show a lack of self-control and immaturity; these reflect on the team as well as the individual.

ii. Attitude: There is an expectation that all athletes be courteous, mature, cooperative and respectful at all times. Individuals should conduct themselves with the knowledge that they, alone, are responsible for their own actions.

iii. Sportsmanship and Fair Play: In all practice and game situations, athletes are expected to perform to the best of their ability, within the context of specific rules of their sport. Sportsmanship and fair play to teammates, opponents, and officials, should be in the forefront of a team’s basic philosophy and attitude. Shaking hands with opponents after competition should be a routine procedure.

iv. Rules of the Road: All team members must abide by the laws and rules of the road. Running red lights, blowing through stop signs, not signaling, aggressive biking toward cars, etc will no be tolerated. This is even more important when in team uniform. You are not only representing yourself but the team as whole and inappropriate behavior is unacceptable. Local police will issue tickets for not following road laws.

iv. Team Initiation – Intimidation (Bullying): Team initiation often intimidates new team members by forcing them to perform acts that are deemed offensive, unsafe, humiliating or in poor taste. For these reasons, there shall be no initiation of new team members at D3 Multisport. (Coaches should spend time with their players on this very serious matter).

B. APPEARANCE/DRESS CODE

Team members should present a neat appearance at all functions pertaining to their activity.

Coaches should use proper discretion. As a team leader they may choose to establish particular dress codes for various functions.

C. GENERAL COMMITMENT

i. Academics: Realizing that academics are the priority during the school year, students are expected to maintain acceptable standards of academic achievement. It is understood by all the academic responsibilities include attendance, punctuality, cooperation, general behavior, respect for teachers and fellow students, and a genuine effort on all homework assignments, tests, projects and examinations. Individuals struggling in a subject should seek extra help.

ii. Jobs/Part-time employment: Students must realize the difficulty of making a serious commitment to both team activities and part-time employment. Priorities should be established, and if an individual chooses to work at a job which may interfere with practices or games, it is generally understood that this will hinder his/her responsibility as a team member. Players devoting time to jobs in lieu of practice time cannot expect as much playing time or competition involvement. Their roles in that activity may be reduced or eliminated.

iii. Uniforms/Equipment: All participants have a personal responsibility to properly care for any uniform or equipment item issued to them. This includes a neat and orderly appearance at all times, as well as the immediate return of all uniform/equipment items issued.

iv. Smoking and Smokeless Tobacco: Smoking is detrimental to your ability to perform, and therefore hinders both you and your team, in addition to your personal health. Smoking is not an acceptable activity for students who wish to represent D3. Coaches will set their own rules in this area.

v. Alcohol and Drug Use: The use of alcohol or drugs in a non-medical fashion will not be tolerated under any circumstances, and will result in immediate dismissal from the team. Reinstatement to the team will be at the discretion of the coach.

vi. Facilities/Activity Areas: Team rooms are the responsibility of users. These areas must be kept neat and orderly, and maintained in good condition. These designate areas are a privilege to use, and all participants must do their part to care for the team area. "Horseplay" or fooling around in team locker/shower areas is not allowed. Failure to comply with these rules may result in loss of personal privileges for these areas.

vii. Practices: Team members must demonstrate a commitment to the program by attending practices. Athletes must realize the importance of game preparation. Failure to attend practices or games, without just cause, may mean loss of player status with the team structure. Regular practice attendance includes being on time and assisting with equipment needs.

viii. Overlapping Sport Seasons: Individuals who choose to participate in overlapping sports must realize that their prime commitment lies with the team in season. Any participation in the

second sport while the first is continuing may only be done with the permission of the coach of the “in” season sport. All students in general should not attempt to undertake too many activities.

**Note to Coach- Please encourage students to participate. Be flexible, remember the “in season” sports take precedent over the second in event of conflict.

ix. Parent line of Communication: Should be directed to the Head Coach for sport related issues.

If individuals choose to participate in a sport that is not team related, it is understood that the team sport takes first priority.

I. PARENT PARTICIPATION:

Parents who attend their sons/daughters games are encouraged to support our Code of Conduct. This would eliminate possible problems that may occur at hotels and/or gymnasiums especially during games. While attending games and supporting your children, parent behavior should be in line with the expectations we have in the code of conduct for our athletes. (Please read the section on playing time as this seems to be a persistent concern every year in our athletic programs.)