

ATHLETES' CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING RULES

It is the intent of the Athletic Department to impose upon its athletes a high standard of conduct and behavior that is consistent with the realities of modern living and recent court decisions in these areas.

The following requirements will be adhered to by all athletes:

1. The use, purchase, or possession of alcoholic beverages or regulated drugs, without a valid prescription, or drug paraphernalia as defined by state statute, shall result in dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season in addition to any penalties accessed through the criminal justice system and/or school board policy.
2. The use, purchase, or possession of tobacco products will result in dismissal from the team in addition to any penalties accessed through the criminal justice system and/or school board policy.
3. Stealing or vandalism committed incident to school or a school activity shall result in restitution and dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season in addition to any penalties accessed through the criminal justice system and/or school board policy. For the purposes of this provision, a person who buys, receives, or aids in the concealment of stolen property shall be subject to the penalties herein.
4. Hazing – Participation in hazing will not be tolerated at North Country Union High School. Hazing is defined as any behavior that is physically, emotionally or psychologically abusive to an individual, or selected group of individuals, for the purpose of gaining entrance or acceptance into an established group. Incidents of hazing will be dealt with pursuant to the provisions regarding *Inappropriate Behavior* as more particularly specified herein.
5. Athletes shall represent North Country Union High School in a responsible and appropriate manner at all times. Examples of inappropriate behavior include but are not limited to, inappropriate language, derogatory remarks to an official, an opponent, coach or teammate, or any acts that are in the discretion of the coach, detrimental to the best interest of the team or North Country Union High School. An athlete may be benched for any incident hereunder at the discretion of the coach, and/or suspended or dismissed from the team based upon the severity of the offense after a hearing before the Athletic Director.
6. An administrative finding of a violation of articles 1, 2 and/or 3 herein above, shall result in an immediate suspension from participation pending the hearing before the Athletic Administrator.

Regulations and procedures to be followed regarding dismissal or suspension from a team are listed on the back of this page. Athletes are responsible for reading these rules and consequences of violation of these rules.

Parents and guardians are responsible for reading the Athletic Code and signing the Athletes' Training Rules. If there are questions and/or concerns about any athletic issue, the following process is in order: first, contact the coach; second, contact the athletic director; third, contact the principal; fourth, contact the superintendent; fifth, contact the school board. If step #1 does not answer the question satisfactorily, then move on to step #2, and so forth until you feel you have an answer that addresses your concerns.

DISMISSAL FROM THE TEAM

A team member will be dismissed from a team if he/she:

1. Violates provisions 1-3 of the Athletic Code of Conduct.
2. He/she does not maintain the minimum academic requirements.

A team member may be dismissed from a team if he/she:

1. Violates provisions 4 or 5 of the Athletic Code of Conduct.

Before the athlete's dismissal, the Athletic Director will conduct a hearing with appropriate personnel. The Athletic Director's decision may be appealed to the principal.

SUSPENSION FROM A TEAM

A. A team member will be suspended from a team if he/she:

1. Is suspended either in or out of school for a complete day.
The athletic suspension will equal the time of a school suspension.

B. A team member may be suspended from a team if he/she:

1. Is in violation of #4 or #5 of the Athletic Code of Conduct.
1. If the coach believes the athlete's behavior is in conflict with the philosophy and objectives of the Athletic Handbook.

Before the athlete's suspension, the Athletic Director will conduct a hearing with appropriate personnel. The Athletic Director's decision may be appealed to the principal. During the appeal process, the athlete will not participate in practices or games.

I have read and understand student requirements pertaining to the Athletes' Code of Conduct and Training Rules.

Name (PRINTED) of Athlete: _____

Signature of Athlete: _____ Grade: _____

Name (PRINTED) of Parent: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Name of first sport you participated in this school year:

Name of sport for which this contract is being signed:
