



PENNSVILLE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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Athletic Code of Conduct

As a member of an athletic team at Pennsville Memorial High School, I agree to adhere to the terms and conditions listed below in order to participate.

Behavioral Expectations for Student Athletes

I understand that student-athletes are visible representatives of the institution both on campus and off-campus whose behaviors are often closely scrutinized by the media and general public. Student-athlete behavior affects public perception of institutional culture, athletics department standards, and the character of the student body. Therefore, it is an expectation that student-athletes will demonstrate consistent role-model behavior, sportsmanship, and self-control. More specifically:

- **Student-athletes must be committed to fair play. Intentional acts of unsportsmanlike behavior or cheating will not be tolerated.**
 - *Consequence - immediate removal from the game. 1st Offense will be missing the remainder of that game. If the player is ejected by an official for the offense, it will be the mandatory suspension from NJSIAA, plus an equal number of games suspension from PMHS Athletic Department.*
 - *A second offense will result in removal from the team.*
- **When representing their teams during competition, student-athletes will exercise self-control in all ways including, but not limited to, resisting the use of profanity, demonstrating unnecessary aggression or hostility towards others, making inappropriate physical gestures, taunting or excessively celebrating, and disrespecting coaches, officials, teammates or opponents.**
 - *Consequence - immediate removal from a contest, and the player will sit the remainder of the game.*
 - *Second Offense - The player will be removed for the remainder of the game and sit the next 2 games.*
 - *Third Offense - The player will be removed from the team*
- **Student-athletes are prohibited from interacting in any negative way with fans.**
 - *Consequence - immediate removal from a contest, and the player will sit for the remainder of the game.*
 - *Second Offense - The player will be removed for the remainder of the game and sit for the next 2 games.*
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- When interacting with the media, student-athletes are expected to remain positive and not use media interviews as a platform to share personal frustrations about the team, coaches, the athletics department or the institution or to make any negative comments about opponents or officials.
- Any actions that result in a student-athlete being sanctioned by school, local, state, or federal authorities may also result in sanctions from the athletics department.

Possible consequences of violations of the above principles:

Due to our firm commitment to our student/athletes in our Athletic Program, the coach, Athletic Director, and the Principal shall meet and determine consequences according to the degree of the infraction following the school's official discipline policy. Penalties range from a minimum of a one-game suspension to a maximum consequence of permanent dismissal from the program. Many penalties are already clearly outlined in the guidelines above, but we do understand that situations will arise that we may not be able to account for at this time.

Sportsmanship

Student-athletes are expected to always demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field. Student-athletes who violate the NJSIAA sportsmanship rules will be subject to punishment from the NJSIAA.

NJSIAA Disqualification Rule:

1. 1st Violation – Season of 12 games or more = 2 game suspension from NJSIAA and 2 games from PMHS Athletics. Season of 12 games or less = 1 game suspension from NJSIAA and 1 game from PMHS Athletics.
2. 2nd Violation – Removal from team

Pennsville Memorial High School Athletic Beliefs

1. Coaches should teach fundamental athletic skills, promote proper sportsmanship, and provide opportunities for the student/athlete to participate safely.
2. Parents play an important role in the development of the student/athlete. We also believe that it is vital for all parents along with the student athlete to attend a mandatory coaches' meeting after the tryout period has concluded.



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3. Participating in athletics under a code of good sportsmanship fosters enjoyment and helps student-athletes strive for personal and team success.
4. Coaches should play a major role in monitoring and guiding our student-athletes through all their academic endeavors.
5. Any use of tobacco, alcohol, and or illegal drugs/substances, or any use of profanity on the field or in school is intolerable.

Training/Citizenship

As a member of a Pennsville Memorial High School athletic team, student-athletes will maintain high ideals of personal integrity and team loyalty. To maximize the commitment to that goal, each student-athlete is:

1. prohibited from using, selling, possessing or distributing drugs, alcohol and tobacco products.
2. prohibited from negative involvement with police or authorities because of violation of local, state or federal law.

Academic Requirements

I understand that my academic performance has the highest priority and I will make every effort to maintain a good scholastic record.

1. Credits (NJSIAA Standards)
 - A. Fall and winter season – 30 credits earned the previous school year
 - B. Spring season – 15 credits during the 1st semester of the current school year.
2. Grades – Any student placed on the athletic study list by the Athletic Director or coach must report to after-school study hall on all non-game days for 30 minutes (Mon-Thurs). Students will attend study hall on practice days. Specific study hall guidelines are available to students and parents. Please call or stop by the Athletic Office for information.



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Student-Athlete Agreement

I, the student-athlete, acknowledge that I have read the terms of this Code of Conduct. I agree to conduct myself according to the terms of this Code of Conduct. I also understand and agree that if **I CHOOSE to violate any of the terms of the Code of Conduct, my CURRENT or FUTURE** participation in interscholastic athletics may be limited or terminated in addition to penalties or consequences that may result or be imposed for the violation under the Pennsville school district rules and policies.

“Signature will be taken digitally through Registration Portal”

Parent/Guardian/Spectator Code of Conduct Agreement

As a parent, I pledge to:

1. Demonstrate respect for all players, opponents, coaches and officials.
2. Never use profanity or enter into negative verbal arguments at games, practices or with spectators.
3. Never confront a coach before or after a practice, game or school sponsored event with the intent of discussing your child's role on the team. It is the policy of the Pennsville Memorial High School Athletic Department that parental grievances should not be addressed during or immediately after any practice or athletic contest. If a situation arises where a parent or guardian wishes to meet with a coach to address a specific issue or complaint, they must first call the High School Athletic Director to set up a meeting.
4. Avoid making derogatory comments to players, parents, or officials.
5. Encourage my son/daughter to abide by the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.
6. **The NJSIAA has recently adopted a policy requiring all schools to notify parents of their Spectator Code of Conduct. This code of conduct and its penalties are on the following pages. All TriCounty Conference Schools have adopted these guidelines and will be enforced at home and away events.**



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TriCounty Conference Spectator Code of Conduct - Minimum Guidelines

Under the Sportsmanship Rule/Policy, as it is currently written, unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, actions of a fan or spectator who:

- strikes or physically abuses an official, opposing coach, player, or spectator;
- intentionally incites participants or spectators to violent or abusive action;
- uses obscene gestures or profane or unduly provocative language or action towards officials, opponents, or spectators; or
- engages in harassing verbal or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or religion at an interscholastic event.

The list of covered persons also includes school staff and school security – this is in addition to officials, opposing coaches, players, or spectators currently identified by the NJSIAA Sportsmanship

Rule/Policy.

This list of the above unsportsmanlike actions is a minimum. In addition, TriCounty Conferences policy also prohibits the following:

- Use of profanity, threatening comments, or biased language before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Verbally harasses an official or opponent participant (i.e., coaches or players from any participating school) by using names or uniform numbers.
- Entering the field of play – before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Physical altercation with an official, coach, player, school staff, school security, or spectator –
before, during, or after an interscholastic event.
- Use of artificial noisemakers or other instruments intended to disrupt the interscholastic event or distract the participants during an interscholastic event.

****Any other action deemed inappropriate by School Staff, School Security, and/or School Administration will also be included in this policy. When necessary, local authorities will be contacted to intervene and charges will be filed whenever deemed appropriate.**



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Disciplinary Actions

The TriCounty Conference policy includes the following disciplinary actions for violations of the code of conduct:

- Immediate removal from the event and school premises.
- Suspension from the next home interscholastic event for a first offense.
- Longer suspensions from interscholastic events for multiple violations in a defined period (season, school year, calendar year, etc.).
- Completion of required educational component(s) before attendance at future home interscholastic event.

NJSIAA recommends the following educational components, which can be accessed at the National Federation's "NFHS Learn" website (www.nfhslearn.com):

- Positive Parenting within School Programs
- Sportsmanship
- Teaching and Modeling Behavior
- The Parent Seat

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I/we, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student-athlete, acknowledge that I/we have read the terms of this Code of Conduct. I/we agree to conduct myself/ourselves according to the terms of this Code of Conduct. I/we also understand and agree that if my/our son/daughter CHOOSES to violate any of the terms of the Code of Conduct, his/her CURRENT or FUTURE participation in interscholastic athletics may be limited or terminated in addition to penalties or consequences that may result or be imposed of the violation under the Pennsville school district rules and policies. I/we also understand that if I/we choose not to follow the terms of this Code of Conduct that we may be banned from any further athletic activities.

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