

Athletics Code of Conduct

Durham Charter School
Interscholastic Athletics



Athletics Handbook Code of Conduct



Section 1: Philosophy and Objectives

Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of this manual is to establish clear policies and guidelines for the Durham Charter School Athletics and Activities Program. It is designed to ensure consistency, fairness, and professionalism across all athletic programs while fostering a safe and positive environment for scholar-athletes. This document serves as a reference for coaches, administrators, scholars, and guardians, supporting the successful operation of the athletic department and the development of scholar-athletes.

Educational Values of Interscholastic Athletics

Participation in athletics plays an essential role in a scholar's educational experience, helping to develop:

1. Physical fitness and well-being.
2. Positive use of leisure time.
3. Goal-setting and achievement.
4. Self-discipline and perseverance.
5. Confidence and emotional control.
6. Healthy competition and sportsmanship.
7. Effective communication and teamwork.
8. Respect for rules, authority, and peers.
9. Social competence and leadership.
10. Academic commitment and success.

Statement of Philosophy

Durham Charter School's athletic programs are designed to promote scholar growth beyond the classroom. Athletics are a vehicle for fostering teamwork, responsibility, resilience, and integrity. Our goal is to ensure every scholar-athlete experiences both personal and athletic development while competing in a supportive, inclusive, and safe environment.



Section 2: Staff Responsibilities

Athletic Director(s)

The Athletic Director(s), under the supervision of the Executive Director, are responsible for the oversight, coordination, and promotion of the school's athletic philosophy and policies.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Administer and enforce all school board, NCHSAA, and Durham Charter policies.
2. Collaborate with the Executive Director to recruit and assign qualified coaches.
3. Coordinate supervision and security at all athletic events to ensure a safe environment.
4. Distribute important athletic information to coaches, guardians, and staff.
5. Approve the purchase of athletic equipment and maintain accurate inventory records.
6. Oversee athletic insurance, physical forms, eligibility documentation, and guardian permissions.
7. Ensure all coaching staff are trained in compliance with school and state athletic policies.
8. Verify athlete eligibility in partnership with coaches and administration.
9. Arrange transportation for athletic events.
10. Coordinate event staff and secure officials for competitions.
11. Perform additional duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

Head Coach

The Head Coach is responsible for the leadership and management of their sport program, and for the personal and athletic development of scholar-athletes.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Demonstrate thorough knowledge of the sport and relevant rules and guidelines (NCHSAA, NFHS, school policies).
2. Teach sport-specific skills and strategies.

3. Create a positive, inclusive, and disciplined team culture.
4. Provide equal opportunities for all team candidates.
5. Plan and supervise age-appropriate practices and conditioning.
6. Ensure the safety and well-being of all scholar-athletes during practices and games.
7. Submit team schedules and rosters to the Athletic Director(s) for approval.
8. Establish expectations for equipment use, care, and return.
9. Monitor the academic progress of all athletes and support academic accountability.
10. Submit uniform and equipment requests at the conclusion of each season.
11. Collect and inventory all equipment and uniforms post-season.
12. Uphold ethical conduct on and off the field, modeling respect, fairness, and leadership.
13. Provide written team rules signed by both athletes and guardians, with copies filed with the Athletic Director(s).
14. Fulfill additional coaching duties as assigned by the Executive Director or Athletic Director(s).

Assistant Coach

The Assistant Coach plays a critical support role in the coaching team, helping the Head Coach implement the program and fostering player development.

Key Responsibilities:

1. Support the Head Coach in following all rules and regulations (NCHSAA, NFHS, school policies).
2. Assist in skill instruction, game preparation, and team supervision.
3. Help maintain discipline and sportsmanship among athletes.
4. Monitor equipment usage and assist in inventory management.
5. Act as the Head Coach in their absence when required.
6. Supervise athletes during practices, games, and travel.
7. Carry out additional duties as assigned by the Head Coach, Athletic Director, or Principal.

Section 3: Athletic Coach Evaluation

Durham Charter School is committed to maintaining the highest standards of coaching performance. This evaluation process ensures that coaches meet expectations for skill, conduct, and leadership while continuously improving their programs.

Performance Ratings:

- **5 – Exemplary:** Exceeds expectations in all areas.
 - **4 – Above Average:** Frequently exceeds expectations.
 - **3 – Satisfactory:** Meets expectations.
 - **2 – Needs Improvement:** Improvement needed to meet expectations.
 - **1 – Unsatisfactory:** Consistently fails to meet expectations.
 - **N/A – Not Applicable:** Does not apply to this role.
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Evaluation Categories:

Knowledge of Sport

- Demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of game rules, strategies, and techniques.
- Designs and delivers structured, progressive practice sessions.
- Develops and applies game strategies appropriate to the team’s skill level.
- Ensures compliance with all district, state, and national athletic association regulations.

Scholar Engagement and Rapport

- Maintains positive, supportive relationships with scholar-athletes.
 - Reinforces ethical conduct, emotional control, and sportsmanship.
 - Identifies and nurtures individual growth, both academically and personally.
 - Encourages athletes to prioritize their academic success alongside athletic commitments.
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- Works professionally and cooperatively with other coaches, faculty, and administrators.
 - Demonstrates openness to feedback and ongoing professional growth.
 - Supports and collaborates with colleagues to improve the overall athletic program.
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4 Serves as a Role Model

- Models integrity, fairness, and accountability in all interactions.
 - Promotes a positive image of Durham Charter School within the community.
 - Maintains professional appearance, respectful demeanor, and clear communication at all times.
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5 Professionalism

- Conducts oneself ethically during practices, games, and interactions.
 - Maintains positive working relationships with school staff, families, and the broader community.
 - Demonstrates a commitment to scholar safety and program excellence.
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6 Equipment and Inventory Management

- Submits complete and accurate inventory reports to the Athletic Director(s).
 - Ensures 100% collection of school-issued uniforms and equipment at season's end.
 - Provides explanations for any lost, damaged, or unreturned equipment.
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7 Communication

- Maintains open and timely communication with athletes, guardians, teachers, and administration.
- Proactively informs the Athletic Director(s) of concerns, incidents, or scheduling issues.
- Supports scholar academic progress through collaboration with faculty.

Section 4: Eligibility Requirements

Durham Charter School scholar-athletes are representatives of their school both on and off the field. Participation in athletics is a privilege that is earned and maintained through adherence to the following eligibility standards:

Academic Eligibility

- Athletes must maintain a 2.0 GPA and have passing grades in all classes to play.
- Academic eligibility will be reviewed by coaches at two-week intervals.
- Scholars who fall below academic expectations may be placed on probation and must demonstrate academic improvement to remain eligible.

Attendance Requirement

- Athletes must attend school for at least half of the instructional day to participate in practices or games the same day unless excused by the principal for approved reasons.
- Scholars must maintain an 85% attendance rate or higher each semester to remain eligible. Both excused and unexcused absences will count towards attendance.

Conduct and Character

- Scholars must maintain exemplary behavior on campus, during travel, and at athletic events.
- Athletes receiving school disciplinary action may lose eligibility temporarily or permanently.

Medical Documentation

- All athletes must submit an annual physical examination form signed by a licensed medical professional before participating in any practices or competitions.
- All athletes must submit a concussion form signed by both scholar and parent/guardian annually.

Age and Transfer Policy

- Scholars must meet age and enrollment eligibility as outlined by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) and Durham Charter School policies.

Section 5: Athlete Expectations

Durham Charter athletes are expected to exhibit personal integrity, teamwork, and sportsmanship at all times.

Behavior Expectations:

1. Exhibit respectful, responsible, and cooperative behavior at school, during travel, and in competition.
2. Demonstrate commitment to the team by attending practices, games, and team meetings on time and prepared.
3. Follow all team rules and the scholar-athlete code of conduct.

Academic Responsibility:

- Maintain consistent academic effort and seek assistance when needed.
- Prioritize schoolwork while balancing athletic commitments.

Sportsmanship:

- Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- Display self-control and integrity, win or lose.

Appearance and Representation:

- Dress in a manner that reflects pride in the school community at all athletic events.
- Uphold the positive reputation of Durham Charter School through conduct both online and in person.

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Durham Charter Athletic Department maintains a **Zero Tolerance Policy** for the following behaviors. These actions will result in *automatic disciplinary action*, including missing game time, possible suspension or removal from the team, without warnings or second chances.

Zero Tolerance Behaviors Include:

- **Fighting or physical violence** (on or off school grounds)
- **Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco**



- **Bullying, harassment, or threats** (including in-person or digital)
- **Disrespect toward coaches, teachers, officials, or teammates**
- **Stealing or vandalism**
- **Cheating or academic dishonesty**
- **Skipping school or unexcused absences from class or practice**
- **Any behavior that puts the safety or integrity of the team at risk**

Section 6: Parent and Guardian Expectations

Parents and guardians are essential partners in supporting the success of Durham Charter School's athletic programs. Families are expected to model positive conduct and reinforce the school's values at all times.

Communication

- Direct questions or concerns to coaches using appropriate channels and at appropriate times.
- Attend scheduled guardian meetings and maintain open communication with coaching staff.

Conduct at Events

- Demonstrate sportsmanship and respect toward all players, coaches, officials, and other spectators.
- Avoid disruptive behavior, criticism of officials, or unsportsmanlike conduct at all times.

Support and Encouragement

- Encourage athletes to maintain a balance between academics and athletics.
- Encourage athletes to support each other, by means of supporting other teams during off-seasons.
- Support athletes' growth by emphasizing effort, teamwork, and character development rather than just wins and losses.

Section 7: Injury and Health Protocols

The health and safety of all scholar-athletes is the highest priority at Durham Charter School. All injuries must be reported immediately and managed according to best practices.

Injury Reporting

- Coaches must document and report all injuries to the Athletic Director(s) within 24 hours.
- Serious injuries require immediate notification of guardians and, if necessary, emergency medical response.

Return-to-Play Policy

- A scholar-athlete may return to practice or competition only with written clearance from a licensed healthcare professional following any injury or illness.
- Concussions must be managed according to NCHSAA and NFHS protocols, including completion of the required "Concussion in Sports" education courses by coaches.

Heat and Hydration Safety

- Coaches must follow heat illness prevention guidelines and ensure athletes have access to water and shaded rest as needed during practice and competition.

Section 8: Travel Guidelines

When traveling for athletic events, scholar-athletes represent Durham Charter School and are expected to maintain the highest standards of behavior.

General Expectations

- Athletes must travel to and from athletic events using school-provided transportation unless prior written approval is granted by the Athletic Director(s).

- Athletes must follow all coach instructions during travel and demonstrate respectful behavior toward drivers, staff, and teammates.

Conduct on Trips

- Athletes must remain with the team at all times unless granted permission by a coach.
- Personal conduct must reflect the values of the school — inappropriate language, disruptive behavior, or misuse of devices is prohibited.

Emergency Procedures

- Coaches must maintain a copy of emergency contact information for all athletes during travel.
 - In the event of an emergency, parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible by the coaching staff.
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Section 9: Social Media Guidelines

All athletes and coaches are representatives of Durham Charter School both on and off the field, including online.

Responsible Use

- Scholar-athletes must use social media responsibly and refrain from posting content that is offensive, harmful, or disrespectful to teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, or the school.
- Coaches should model professional and ethical behavior on all social platforms.

Digital Citizenship

- Cyberbullying, harassment, or negative commentary directed at others will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action, including possible suspension from the team.
 - Athletes are encouraged to use social media as a platform to promote positive sportsmanship, team achievements, and school pride.
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Section 10: Appendices



The following forms and resources are essential for participation in Durham Charter School's athletic programs. Coaches and athletes must ensure all documents are completed, submitted, and kept on file with the Athletic Director.

Required Forms:

- **Physical Examination Form**
(Required annually for all athletes before participation in practices or games.)
 - **Guardianal Consent and Insurance Acknowledgment Form**
(Signed consent for participation and proof of insurance coverage.)
 - **Athlete Code of Conduct Agreement**
(Signed by the scholar-athlete and parent/guardian acknowledging behavioral expectations and consequences.)
 - **Team-Specific Rules and Expectations**
(Signed by the athlete and guardian to confirm receipt and understanding of coach-issued team guidelines.)
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Helpful Online Resources:

- [Middle School/Junior High School Athletic Manual \(NC\)](#)
- [National Federation of State High School Associations \(NFHS\)](#)
- [NFHS Learning Center](#)
- [North Carolina High School Athletic Association \(NCHSAA\)](#)
- [North Carolina Coaches Association](#)
- [North Carolina Athletic Directors Association \(NCADA\)](#)
- [National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association](#)

Expectations for Scholars

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Athletic Code of Conduct

Purpose

Participation in athletics at Durham Charter School is a privilege and an extension of the classroom. Scholar-athletes are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship, academic integrity, and personal conduct, both on and off the field. This Code of Conduct outlines expectations to ensure all participants represent themselves, their families, and their school with pride and responsibility.

Expectations for Scholar-Athletes

Academic Commitment

- Scholar-athletes must maintain academic eligibility as defined by school and league policy.
- Attendance in class is mandatory. Excessive absences, tardiness, or incomplete assignments may result in suspension from practices or games.

Sportsmanship

- Treat opponents, officials, coaches, teammates, and spectators with respect at all times.
- Refrain from the use of profanity, inappropriate gestures, and unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Accept decisions of officials without argument or criticism.

Personal Conduct

- Scholar-athletes must abide by all school rules, both during and outside of athletic participation.
- Use, possession, or distribution of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or vaping products is strictly prohibited.
- Acts of bullying, harassment, hazing, or any form of discrimination are not tolerated and will result in disciplinary action.

Attendance and Commitment

- Athletes are expected to attend all practices, games, and team events unless excused by the coach.
- Repeated unexcused absences may result in reduced playing time or removal from the team.

Social Media Conduct

- Scholar-athletes are representatives of the school and their team on and off the field — including on social media.
- Posts that are offensive, threatening, or damaging to the reputation of the school or others are grounds for disciplinary action.

Transportation Rules

- Scholar-athletes must follow all school transportation rules when traveling to and from athletic events.
- Athletes are expected to behave respectfully on buses or in school-approved vehicles.
- No unauthorized travel arrangements are permitted without prior written consent from a parent or guardian and approval by the coach or athletic director.

Injury and Health Protocols

- All injuries must be reported to the coach immediately, whether they occur during practice, games, or outside activities.
- Athletes are expected to follow all return-to-play guidelines, including clearance from medical professionals when applicable.
- Scholar-athletes must adhere to all health and safety rules, including proper use of protective equipment.

Consequences of Violating the Code of Conduct

Violations will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by the coaching staff, athletic director, and administration. Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal warning or counseling
 - Parent/guardians' notification and conference
- Suspension from games or practices

- Removal from the team
 - Referral to the school administration for additional disciplinary action

Acknowledgment and Agreement Form

Durham Charter School Athletic Code of Conduct Acknowledgment

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Durham Charter School Athletic Code of Conduct. We understand that participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right, and that violating this code may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the team.

Scholar Name: _____

Scholar Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Zero Tolerance: Consequences

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Zero Tolerance: Consequences

Definition: Zero Tolerance means if any of the behaviors below occur, the athlete is immediately removed from participation while the Athletic Department investigates. There are no warnings and no “do-overs.” Consequences may include suspension or removal from the team/season.

Immediate Actions (every incident, no exceptions)

- Immediate removal from the game/practice/venue.
- Coach notifies Athletic Director (AD) and school administration the same day.
- Parent/guardian contact by coach or AD within 24 hours.
- Written incident report filed by coach within 24 hours.
- Athletic hold (no participation) until admin review is complete.

Standard Consequences by Behavior

Outcomes consider severity, intent, prior history, and the school Code of Conduct. Law enforcement may be contacted when required.

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Outcomes consider severity, intent, prior history, and the school Code of Conduct. Law enforcement may be contacted when required.

1. Fighting / Physical Violence (on or off school grounds)
 - a. Minimum: Indefinite athletic suspension pending investigation.
 - b. Typical: Season removal.
 - c. Plus: Safety plan and potential law-enforcement referral.
2. Possession/Use of Drugs, Alcohol, or Tobacco (including vape devices)
 - a. Minimum: Suspension from all team activities during investigation.
 - b. Typical: 4–6 weeks or remainder of season (whichever is longer), and completion of a substance education/counseling program before any return.
 - c. Aggravating factors (distribution, at school events, repeat): Season removal.
3. Bullying, Harassment, or Threats (in-person or digital)
 - a. Minimum: 2–4 weeks suspension and required restorative steps.
 - b. Severe or targeted behavior/threats: Season removal and safety plan.
4. Disrespect toward Coaches, Teachers, Officials, or Teammates
 - a. Minimum: 1–3 contests and a written apology to affected parties.
 - b. Escalation (profanity, refusal to comply, public outburst): 2–4 weeks or season removal if repeated/egregious.
5. Stealing or Vandalism
 - a. Minimum: 2–4 weeks, restitution, and possible community service.
 - b. Major damage/theft or repeat: Season removal and possible police report
 - c. Cheating or Academic Dishonesty Minimum: Ineligible until school consequences are completed plus 1–3 contests.
 - d. Repeat/serious cases: Season removal.
6. Skipping School or Unexcused Absences from Class/Practice

- a. Same-day rule: If you're unexcused, you don't play that day.
- b. Pattern (2+ incidents): 1–2 weeks; continued pattern: season removal.

8) Any Behavior that Risks Safety or Team Integrity

- Range: From multi-game suspension to season removal, depending on risk level.

Team-Wide & Eligibility Impacts

- Captains/leadership: Immediate loss of captaincy and leadership privileges.
- Suspensions carry over to the next scheduled contests (including postseason and next sport if season ends).
- Travel privileges may be revoked (buses, away trips).
- Social media restrictions may be imposed (team policy + school code).

Return-to-Play (when eligible)

- Parent–Coach–AD conference (and counselor if applicable).
- Written reflection & apology to affected parties (officials, team, etc.).
- Behavior contract (violation = immediate season removal).
- Required programs (e.g., substance education, counseling, community service).
- Coach & AD clearance.

Appeals

- One appeal allowed, in writing within 48 hours of the decision, to the AD and Principal.
- Decision returned within five school days. During appeal, the athletic hold remains.

Coach/AD Discretion & Alignment: Consequences align with DCS Code of Conduct and state athletic association rules. AD

and Administration may increase consequences based on severity, safety, or repeated misconduct.

Parentsquare Message

ParentSquare — Short Version (Announcement)

Durham Charter Athletics — Zero Tolerance Update

Our program maintains a **Zero Tolerance** standard for serious misconduct. If a listed behavior occurs, the athlete is **immediately removed from participation** while we investigate.

Consequences can include **suspension or season removal**.

Quick hits:

- Immediate removal from play and same-day admin notification
- Parent contact and coach incident report within 24 hours
- “Athletic hold” until review is complete
- Suspensions can carry over to postseason/next sport
- Return-to-Play requires meeting all conditions (conference, reflection/apology, behavior contract, required programs, Coach & AD clearance)

Full policy + contract are attached. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, competitive culture. **Go Lions.**

ParentSquare — Long Version (Details + Process)

Durham Charter Athletics — Zero Tolerance: Consequences

Definition: If any listed behavior occurs, the athlete is **immediately removed from participation** while the Athletic Department investigates. There are **no warnings** and no “do-overs.” Outcomes may include **suspension or season removal**.

Immediate Actions (every incident)

- Immediate removal from game/practice/venue
- Coach notifies AD and school administration **same day**
- Parent/guardian contact within **24 hours**
- Coach files a written incident report within **24 hours**
- **Athletic hold** (no participation) until admin review is complete

Standard Consequences by Behavior (*severity, intent, history, and the DCS Code of Conduct all factor in; law enforcement may be contacted when required*):

1. **Fighting/Physical Violence** — Minimum: Indefinite athletic suspension pending investigation; Typical: **Season removal**; plus safety plan / possible law-enforcement referral.
2. **Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco (incl. vapes)** — Minimum: Suspension during investigation; Typical: **4–6 weeks** or remainder of season (whichever is longer) **and** substance education/counseling before any return; Aggravating factors (distribution, at school events, repeat): **Season**

removal.

3. **Bullying/Harassment/Threats (in-person or digital)** — Minimum: **2–4 weeks** suspension + restorative steps; Severe/targeted: **Season removal** + safety plan.
4. **Disrespect to Coaches/Teachers/Officials/Teammates** — Minimum: **1–3 contests** + written apology; Escalation (profanity/refusal/public outburst): **2–4 weeks** or **season removal** if repeated/egregious.
5. **Stealing/Vandalism** — Minimum: **2–4 weeks**, restitution, possible community service; Major damage/repeat: **Season removal** + possible police report.
6. **Cheating/Academic Dishonesty** — Minimum: Ineligible until school consequences are completed **plus 1–3 contests**; Repeat/serious: **Season removal**.
7. **Skiping/Unexcused Absences** — Same-day rule: if you're unexcused, **you don't play** that day; Pattern (2+): **1–2 weeks**; continued pattern: **season removal**.
8. **Any Behavior that Risks Safety/Team Integrity** — Range: multi-game to **season removal** depending on risk.

Team-Wide & Eligibility Impacts

- Immediate loss of captaincy/leadership for captains
- Suspensions carry to the **next scheduled contests**, postseason, or next sport if season ends
- Travel privileges may be revoked
- Social media restrictions may be imposed (team policy + school code)

Return-to-Play (when eligible)

- Parent–Coach–AD conference (counselor if applicable)
- Written reflection & apology
- Behavior contract (violation = immediate season removal)
- Required programs (e.g., substance education, counseling, community service)
- Coach & AD clearance

Appeals

- One appeal in writing within **48 hours** to the AD and Principal
- Decision within **five school days**; hold remains during appeal

Alignment & Discretion

- Aligned with the **DCS Code of Conduct** and **state athletic association rules**
- AD/Administration may **increase consequences** based on severity, safety, or repeated misconduct

Attachments: Policy one-pager + Behavior Contract (signature page).

Athlete Behavior Contract

Durham Charter Athletics — Athlete Behavior Contract

By signing, the athlete and parent/guardian acknowledge the **Zero Tolerance Policy** and agree to all team and school rules. Violations may result in **suspension** or **season removal**.

Immediate Actions & Process

- Immediate removal from participation when serious violations occur
- Parent/guardian notification within 24 hours; coach incident report filed
- **Athletic hold** (no participation) during administrative review

Athlete Commitments

- Respect coaches, teachers, officials, teammates, and opponents
- No fighting; no bullying, harassment, or threats (in-person or digital)
- No possession/use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco (including vapes)
- Maintain academic integrity; attend all classes/practices unless excused
- Follow all team rules, travel expectations, and social media guidelines

Eligibility & Consequences (Summary)

- Possible outcomes: coaching/counseling, restorative actions, loss of playing time, suspensions, loss of leadership roles, behavior contract, team removal, school/law referrals
- Suspensions can carry over to postseason or the next sport
- Return-to-Play requires completion of assigned steps and Coach/AD clearance

Appeals

- One written appeal within **48 hours** to AD and Principal; response within **five school days**

Signatures

Athlete Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Grade: _____ Phone: _____

By signing, we affirm that we have read and understand the Zero Tolerance Policy and agree to abide by all Durham Charter Athletics and school rules.

Practice/Game Expectations

Practice and Game Day Expectations

Being selected for a team is an achievement; however, participation in games is **not guaranteed**. Playing time is earned through skill development, consistent practice, and understanding of the game plan. Players who are unprepared or lack confidence due to insufficient practice time will not be placed in situations where they cannot compete effectively.

Practice Attendance

- Attendance at **all practices** is expected.
- If a scholar must miss a practice, they are responsible for notifying the coach **personally** — either in person, by phone, or by email.
- Acceptable excused absences include:
 - Family emergencies
 - Religious holidays
 - Health issues
 - Emergency medical appointments
 - Excused absences are granted at the **coach's discretion**. Please avoid scheduling non-urgent appointments during practice or game times.

Messages relayed through other players will not be accepted.

Consequences for Unexcused Missed Practices:

- **2 unexcused absences** = 1 game suspension
- **4 unexcused absences** = 2 game suspension
- **5 unexcused absences** = dismissal from the team

Note: Excessive excused absences may still result in reduced playing time. If you are not present at practice, you are not prepared to perform at your best during games.

Punctuality

- Scholars are expected to arrive **on time** for all practices.
 - Players will be released from class during the afternoon announcement.
 - Academic work is expected to be completed during study hall before practice.
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Consequences for Unexcused Tardiness:

- **3 unexcused tardies** = 1 game suspension
 - 4th & 5th unexcused tardies will also result in a one-game suspension
 - **6 unexcused tardies** = 2 game suspension
 - **7 or more unexcused tardies** = dismissal from the team
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Preparedness

- Players must arrive at all practices and games fully prepared, with the appropriate uniform, shoes, and necessary equipment.
 - For practices, this includes athletic shorts, tennis shoes, and any team-issued gear.
 - For games, the complete uniform and equipment are required.
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Game Attendance

If a scholar will miss a game, they must notify the coach **directly** (in person or by phone). Acceptable excused absences include:

- Family emergencies
- Religious holidays
- Health issues

- Emergency medical appointments

Game absences are excused at the **administration's discretion**. Notes or hearsay passed through other players will not be accepted.

Transportation Expectations

Scholars are expected to have reliable transportation arranged for **immediate pickup** after all practices and games (both home and away).

No coach should wait more than **15 minutes** after the conclusion of any practice or game. This includes:

- When traveling to games by bus, players should be picked up at the host school or have a ride waiting upon return to campus.
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Consequences for Excessive Late Pickups:

- Additional conditioning will be assigned for the next practice.
- **3 late pickups** = 1 game suspension
- **5 late pickups** = 2 game suspension
- **More than 5 late pickups** = dismissal from the team

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise. However, it is the family's responsibility to have a backup transportation plan. The school may begin charging for repeated late pickups.

TRANSPORTATION SIGN OUT SHEET

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Athletic Uniform Responsibility Contract



Athletic Uniform Responsibility Contract

Durham Charter School provides athletic uniforms to student-athletes for use during the season. These uniforms are the property of Durham Charter School and must be properly cared for, returned in good condition, and handled with responsibility.

Student & Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:

1. Uniform Care

- Student-athletes are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and good condition of their uniforms.
- Uniforms should be washed after each use, following the care instructions provided by the coach.
- Uniforms may not be altered, cut, or written on in any way.

2. Return of Uniforms

- All uniforms must be returned to the coach within one week of the last game or event of the season.
- Uniforms must be returned clean and undamaged.

3. Fees for Lost or Damaged Uniforms

- If a uniform is lost, stolen, or not returned, the student-athlete/parent is financially responsible for the full replacement cost of the uniform.
- If a uniform is returned damaged beyond repair (rips, stains, tears, or alterations), a replacement fee will also be charged.
- Replacement cost per uniform: \$_____

4. Consequences for Non-Return or Non-Payment

- Failure to return or pay for uniforms may result in:
 - Hold on to participation in future sports seasons.
 - Withholding of report cards, transcripts, or other school documents until obligations are met.

Agreement & Signatures

By signing below, the student-athlete and parent/guardian agree to the terms of this contract and accept financial responsibility for any lost, stolen, or damaged uniforms.

Student-Athlete Name (Print): _____

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach/Athletic Director Signature: _____

Date: _____