FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Farmington High School

Student Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics

Participation in the Farmington High School Interscholastic Athletic Program is a co-curricular privilege afforded to students in good standing, and participation is contingent upon decisions and actions that meet this Code of Conduct. FHS student- athletes have a responsibility to serve as positive role models for other Farmington High School students on the playing fields, in the classroom, and in the Farmington community.
All student-athletes are expected to meet this athletic Code of Conduct, and failure to comply during their season could result in suspension or removal from a team. All athletes and parents must sign this FHS Interscholastic Athletics Code of Conduct prior to participation in Interscholastic Athletics each year at Farmington High School.

During the School Day: A student-athlete must follow all school rules and regulations. This means good attendance, participation, effort, and behavior. In order to participate in a practice or game on a school day, a student-athlete must be in school a minimum of four hours. Any exceptions to this rule due to medical or other serious circumstances must be approved by the Athletic Director and the school administration.

On the Playing Fields or Courts: Good sportsmanship and fair play are expected at all times. Student-athletes will demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators. Sportsmanship will be an important expectation for all FHS athletic events and programs.

In Our Community: The student-athlete is expected to represent the community with honor and dignity. In signing this Code of Conduct, you agree to respect the right of others and represent your team and Farmington High School in exemplary manner.

Health and Student-Athletes

The Use of Illegal Substances: The health and welfare of FHS student-athletes is an important part of interscholastic athletics. Appropriate decisions and actions regarding the use of illegal substances is a critical expectation for FHS student-athletes.
Any use or possession of illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, steroids) by a student-athlete is prohibited. This is a 24-hour rule, extending beyond the school day. If the FHS administration and Athletic Director confirm behavior that violates this aspect of the policy, the following consequences will be assessed:

1. First Offense – The student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in practices or games for a three-week period beginning with the date of the offense.
2. Second Offense – If a second violation of this substance abuse policy occurs anytime during the student-athlete's school career, the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in practices or games for a 10-week period beginning with the date of the offense and ending after 10 weeks. When the dates of this suspension carry over from one season to another, the suspension will be enforced in both seasons.
3. Third Offense – If a third violation of this substance abuse policy occurs anytime during the student-athlete's school career, the student-athlete will not be allowed to participate in practices or games for a one-year cycle (365 days) beginning with the date of the offense.

Following any violation of this aspect of the policy, the student-athlete will be required to meet with his/her guidance counselor and the Athletic Director prior to rejoining the team. Additionally, the student-athlete's continued participation in interscholastic athletics may be contingent upon his/her successful completion of an approved counseling or treatment program addressing substance abuse issues and/or decision making skills.

The Use of Tobacco Products: The use of tobacco and/or tobacco products during the season is not permitted. Violation of this aspect of the Code of Conduct will result in the student-athlete not being allowed to participate in practices or games for a period of seven days beginning with the day of the offense. Each additional offense will carry the same penalty.

The Farmington High School administration and the Athletic Director will assess each alleged violation and provide enforcement of the Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics when and where appropriate.

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I have read the Farmington High School Student Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics and agree to adhere to it while participating in athletics at Farmington High School. Failure to comply could result in suspension or dismissal from my team, as described above. This Student Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Athletics is developed to directly align with the Farmington Board of Education's policies on student wellness and the use of illegal substances.

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Student-Athlete Signature *Date* *Parent/Guardian Signature* *Date*

**A signed copy of this form must be on file with the Athletic Director prior to your participation in the FHS Interscholastic Program each season. 7/07*