

Athletic Parent/Legal Guardian's Code of Conduct

As a parent or legal guardian of a student athlete at Winnacunnet High School it is expected that you model behavior conducive to good sportsmanship, and demonstrate behavior that will not embarrass the school, your child, or yourself.

- 1. I agree that officiating is difficult and that officials are part-time employees who do not officiate for a living. They are doing their best to be fair to both teams and I agree to accept their decisions and to not shout at, disparage, or verbally abuse them.
- 2. I agree to not taunt players, coaches, officials, or fans before, during, or following a competition.
- 3. I agree to support my son/daughter's role on the team, even if I do not understand or agree with the role. If my son/daughter has a concern about their role or playing time, I will encourage my son/daughter to meet at the appropriate time with the coach to discuss our concerns. If I feel that it is necessary for me to meet with the coach, I will setup a time to meet with the coach, possibly in the presence of the Athletic Director, but will not verbally assault or abuse the coach.
- 4. I understand that emails or phone calls during the season about my son/daughter's playing time are NOT required to be addressed by the coach and that I will encourage my son/ daughter to speak directly with his/her coach about playing time (see #3 above).
- 5. I agree to not contact the NHIAA about scheduled dates, tournament games, or eligibility unless directed to do so by the Athletic Director or school administration. I understand that the NHIAA will communicate only through the school administration and athletic department in most circumstances.
- 6. I agree to encourage my son/daughter to resolve conflict with their coaches and teammates directly before asking for my help. I understand that an important lesson they will learn though participation in high school sports is to take responsibility for their own actions and to learn how to handle adverse situations.
- 7. I agree that if I attend practices or games, I will be a respectful spectator who adheres to good sportsmanship and does not attempt to coach.

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