

Dover Area School District Athletics Parent Code of Conduct and Participation Agreement

The Dover Area School District Athletic Department has implemented codes of conduct and participation agreements for all members of the school community who actively participate in or attend sporting events both on our campuses and at opponents' campuses. We are committed to offering our students a safe and enjoyable sports experience, and in this effort to promote sportsmanship and fair play, we ask for and expect the cooperation of all athletes, coaches, parents, and fans. Any violations of this policy will be handled in a manner appropriate with the violation, as described below.

It is important to understand that your child's participation in interscholastic athletics represents a competitive sports environment in which there are no guarantees of playing time. At no time is it acceptable for you, or any non-team member, to approach any coach in regards to playing time or in-game coaching duties and responsibilities. It also needs to be understood that any attendance at practices creates a distraction that may result in unwanted disruption of the team's activities and is therefore prohibited.

We therefore ask for you, the parents of Dover student-athletes to read this code of conduct, become aware of our expectations, and agree to abide by all PIAA, District 3, YAIAA, school, and athletic department policies. We know that together, we can ensure that all of our athletes and coaches are able to enjoy participation on our athletic teams, always representing Dover with dignity, pride, and respect.

I agree that:

1. I will remember that the game, meet, or match is being held for the children, and I will remain a positive source of encouragement for my child and all the other children competing, both on our team and the opposing team.
2. I will be a positive role model for my children and all the children by displaying sportsmanship, respect, and courtesy for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at any and all events I attend.
3. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or spectator, such as booing, taunting, berating, using profane or inappropriate language or gestures, or becoming involved in any physical altercation.
4. I will not encourage or participate in any behaviors that can endanger the health and physical or mental well-being of athletes, coaches, officials, or spectators.
5. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. As I will model the behavior, I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
7. I will praise my child and all other competitors for competing fairly and trying hard.
8. I will never ridicule, yell at, belittle, or berate my child, other children, coaches, officials, or spectators.
9. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of my personal desire for my child to win.
10. I will accept the decisions of the coach regarding playing time, game strategies, and any other elements of the sports team.
11. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials at the game venue, and will agree to speak with coaches in a respectful manner only at an agreed upon time and place.
12. I will refrain from coaching my child or other children during games and practices, unless I am officially appointed as a coach for the team.

Any violations of this agreement may result in removal from the event, suspension from attendance at future events, or any other penalties as deemed appropriate by athletic department leadership and/or school administration. I have read this code of conduct, understand the possible consequences of violations of this code, and agree to abide by the terms of this code and always act in an appropriate manner as I support my child's/children's team(s).

Name of Student(s): _____

Name of Parent (Print): _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Please check the appropriate box regarding your student-athlete's intention to pursue college athletics:

_____ YES, my child is considering being a NCAA college athlete.

_____ NO, at this time my child is not considering being a NCAA college athlete.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____