

CODE OF CONDUCT

Grades 9 – 12

OR

Junior Varsity/Varsity Level Participation

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in inter-scholastic athletics/extra-curricular activities at Tully Central School is a privilege. Therefore, participants must adhere to the expectations put forth in this Code of Conduct in order to maintain the privilege of participation.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

All Team/Club members must be "Bona Fide Students" meaning they must be taking five courses and physical education and must attend school 80% of the time. A full day of attendance on the day of, or the last school day prior to, a contest/activity is required for participation. Team/Club members are expected to report to school on time on the day following a contest/activity. Team/Club members must be in attendance for the entire school day in order to practice after school. *Temporary absence may be permitted by the authority of the principal.

TRANSPORTATION:

All Team/Club members attending away contests/activities must ride the bus provided by the District to and from the event. Transportation of a student to a site other than district property is to be provided by the District, except when provided by a parent with approval of the activity advisor or the Director of Athletic's. A parent may transport his/her own child. (BOE policy 5731, #5a)

UNIFORMS:

Athletic uniforms, equipment, costumes, etc. or parts thereof, will be worn at appropriate times only. Any Team/Club Member who willingly does not hand in any uniform, equipment, costume, etc. will be disciplined. This may take the form of suspension from the Team/Club. Such suspension will be reviewed by the Athletic Director and High School Principal.

THEFT/ VANDALISM:

Any Team/Club member who is determined guilty of theft (including money, other valuables, uniforms or equipment) OR vandalism will be immediately suspended from the Team/Club for the remainder of the period of participation or the school year. Such members may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

VACATION/SCHOOL SANCTIONED EVENTS POLICY:

1. School vacation days and sanctioned school events will occur in each of the JV/Varsity Sports seasons.
2. It is essential that students are in proper condition for participation.
3. Therefore, athletes may not, at the coach's discretion, and in accordance with their team rules, be allowed to participate in any contests until the athlete has made up the number of practices for each day of practice or competition missed over the vacation.
4. Warm up periods for contests will count toward a make up practice.

TRAINING RULES:

During the period of participation, all Team/Club members are expected to refrain from:

- Possessing or using tobacco in any form.
- Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages under any circumstance.
- Possessing or using illegal drugs or abusing drugs.
- Attending any gathering where drugs are used or underage consumption of alcoholic beverages occurs.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

Violations of Training Rules, **substantiated by reliable sources** will result in the disciplinary actions designated below. The Athletic Director will work with the High School Principal regarding allegations of Training Rules violations. An athlete and/or his/her parents may request a hearing with the Athletic Review Board.

FIRST VIOLATION

- Team/Club member forfeits letter/certificate.
- Immediate dismissal from Team/Club for remainder of period of participation.
- If less than 25% of the period of participation remains, participation in the next season/activity will be denied.
- **Integrity Clause:** If the Team/Club member admits to the violation AND completes approved counseling program, community service or employment program, or any combination of the above, penalty may be reduced to a suspension of 25% of the period of participation.

SECOND VIOLATION

- Team/Club member forfeits letter/certificate.
- Immediate dismissal from **ALL** Interscholastic Athletics/Extra-Curricular activities for one (1) full calendar year. The student resumes eligibility in the sport season following the season the infraction occurred one year later (i.e. if a 2nd violation occurs in the spring of 2003 then the student is eligible to return to sports in the fall season 2004).
- **Integrity Clause:** If member admits to violation AND completes approved counseling program, community service or employment program or a combination of the above, the penalty may be reduced as follows:
 - Member will be eligible to resume participation in athletics in the following school year when try-outs are held for the program from which he/she was dismissed.
 - For athletes, member will be eligible to resume participation in non athletic, extra-curricular activities in September of the school year following the violation.
 - For extra curricular members, participation will resume in September.

THIRD VIOLATION

- Team/Club member forfeits letter/certificate.
- Immediate dismissal from ALL Interscholastic Athletics/Extra-Curricular activities for the duration of the student's term in the Tully Central School District.

Students may be counseled by their coaches or club advisors concerning unsubstantiated violations.

Any situation not specifically addressed in this policy will be addressed by the Athletic Director and/or Athletic Review Board.

RISK OF INJURY

Participation in interscholastic athletics/extra-curricular activities creates risk of injury. Injuries can range from minor to very serious, including paralysis or even death. The contact sports normally carry the highest risk of serious injury.

INFORMATION REGARDING TULLY CENTRAL SCHOOL'S INSURANCE POLICY

Steps to take if injured:

- 1.) Report injury to the School Nurse, coach (if athletic related) or club advisor.
- 2.) Obtain a form from the School Nurse.
- 3.) Our policy is an excess policy. This means that **all** medical bills must be processed through your own insurance company first. You may then apply to our insurance company for any remaining medical expenses that are covered within the limits of our policy.

PLEASE SIGN IN THE APPROPRIATE SPACE PROVIDED, DETACH AND RETURN TO THE INTER-SCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COACH/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY ADVISOR.

I acknowledge the following:

I have received and read the Code of Conduct. I understand what is expected of me to be eligible to participate in Tully Central School District's Interscholastic Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities.

I agree to abide by those expectations.

I understand that participation in Interscholastic Athletics/Extra-curricular Activities involves a risk of injury. I have received and read the Risk of Injury statement and Information Regarding Tully Central School's Insurance Policy.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

I also have received and read the Code of Conduct. I understand what is expected to be eligible to participate in Tully Central School District's Interscholastic Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities.

I agree to support those expectations.

I understand that participation in Interscholastic Athletics/Extra-curricular Activities involves a risk of injury. I have received and read the Risk of Injury statement and Information Regarding Tully Central School's Insurance Policy.

I give _____ permission to participate in Interscholastic Athletics/Extra-curricular Activities.

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE