

## **Canastota Central School District Athletic Code of Conduct**

- I. The purpose of this athletic code is to reinforce the expectations the Canastota Central School District has for students participating in interscholastic athletics. Student-athletes are also expected to adhere to the school's code of conduct. Participation in athletics teaches students many important qualities that they will need following graduation from high school. These qualities include discipline, responsibility, honesty, self-control, dedication, sportsmanship, and respect toward others.
  
- II. Our student athletes have voluntarily chosen to make an additional commitment in their educational experience and, in doing so, have agreed to follow the expectations set forth by the Canastota Central School District:
  - A. Due to the fact that many teams and individuals are training year round for their athletic teams, it is expected that all athletes will adhere to the athletic code throughout their interscholastic athletic career at Canastota Central School. Allegations of these violations will initiate an investigation (see section III).
    1. Student athletes will refrain from using or possessing alcohol.
    2. Student athletes will refrain from using or possessing tobacco products.
    3. Student athletes will refrain from using or possessing e-cigarettes, vaporizers or vaping juices.
    4. Student athletes will refrain from using or possessing any mind altering, prescription drugs or performance enhancing drugs.
    5. Student athletes will avoid doing damage to school property or stealing any possessions of anyone in the school community.
    6. Student athletes will fulfill their commitment to their team unless the coach and athletic director agree that it is in the best interest of the student and the team not to fulfill that commitment. A student may withdraw from a team prior to final cuts or prior to first contest, if cuts were not made, as long as it was discussed with the coach.
    7. Student athletes will avoid participating in any type of harassment including but not limited to racial, sexual, bullying or cyber bullying.
    8. Student athletes will avoid participating in activities that could result in being arrested for any violation of law.
    9. Student athletes will refrain from attending and/or remaining in attendance without a parent/guardian at a party or other function where illegal drugs are present and/or being used, where legal drugs or other substances are being abused, or where alcohol is possessed or being used by persons under the age of 21. "Remaining in attendance" means that the student athlete continues to be present after he or she knew or reasonably should have known that substances were present, possessed or being used as described above.
    10. Students will refrain from being in a bar, tavern, or club without parent/guardian present.

- B. In addition, the following are student expectations and identified consequences will be immediately acted upon.
- Student athletes are expected to follow the Section III sportsmanship policy.
  - Student athletes are expected to participate in Physical Education classes on all days they have a practice or a game. Failure to participate will result in ineligibility for that day.
  - Any student athlete that is assigned OSS or ISS will not be able to participate in practice or a game for that day.
  - Any student who skips an after school detention will not be able to participate in practice or a game for that day.
  - Any student athlete not in attendance by 10:00 AM is not eligible to participate in practice or a game for that day unless they are legally excused by the Athletic Director. A student who is absent because of personal illness during the afternoon session of a school day, may not practice or participate in any games scheduled for that day or night.
- C. The coaches will be required to read aloud the entire athletic code of conduct to the student athletes during the first week of practice. Each student will sign a paper stating that the coach has read the code of conduct to the student athlete. A copy of the code of conduct will be sent home to parents/guardians. By participating in a sport, the student athlete is demonstrating his/her willingness to comply with all the expectations of a student athlete at Canastota Central School District.

III. In case of alleged violations of the expectations found in II A:

A. Process:

- Alleged violations shall be reported to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director shall conduct an investigation regarding the alleged violation within 5 school days of the reported incident.
- If the investigation indicates that a violation of the Code of Conduct may have occurred, then the Athletic Director shall contact students and parents/guardians within 5 school days to discuss the consequences.

B. The consequences for a violation in Section IIA shall be determined by the Athletic Director using the following guidelines:

- Violations of expectations 1- 6 will carry a minimum penalty of ineligibility for 25 percent of the contest according to policy.
- Violations for expectations 7 - 10 will carry a minimum penalty of ineligibility for 10 percent of the contest according to policy.
- The maximum penalty will be one calendar year from the time of the infraction committee hearing.

The number of ineligible contests will be determined by using the number of regularly scheduled games. However, in order to fulfill the penalty, play-off games will be counted. If a student is not participating in athletics at the time of the hearing, the penalty will carry over to the next season in which the student participate. If the Athletic Director's decision involves a decision by a court of law, the potential consequences may be delayed until corresponding court action takes place.

- C. If the student wishes to appeal the Athletic Director's decision the student may do so in writing within 5 school days. A Due Process Committee made up of a 3 to 5 member panel of teachers and coaches (not a coach of the student requesting the appeal) will meet within 5 school days of the student's request to uphold, decrease or increase the original penalty established by the Athletic Director.
- D. Although the district does provide student accident insurance, it is supplemental to the family's own personal insurance. Participants must abide by the regulations of their own insurance carrier before the district's student accident insurance policy takes effect.
- C. Athletic Concern Procedure: If you have any questions or concerns about athletics, you should contact district personnel in the following order:
  - i. Coach
  - ii. Athletic Director 315-697-2003
  - iii. Building Principal 315-697-2003
  - iv. Assistant Superintendent 315-697-2025
  - v. Superintendent 315-697-2025

If after contacting the above, you still have not obtained satisfactory resolution, you may contact the Board of Education in writing. Please be advised that comments about personnel, including coaches and the athletic director or individual students are not discussed during public session of Board meetings.

### Academic Eligibility

- I. Each student who participates on an athletic team must accept the responsibilities that go with academic accomplishments. Student athletes must remember that they are students first and athletes second. The expectation of the athletic director is that all students strive to their highest potential. The key to this process is communication between teachers, students, parents, coaches, and administrators. At no time will a student athlete be punished for being late or missing a practice due to receiving extra academic help by a teacher. It is the student's responsibility to inform his/her coach before practice.
- II. The evaluation process is determined every five weeks. After a progress report, students failing 1 class may continue to participate, but must stay during 10<sup>th</sup> period (Monday-Thursday) with the teacher whose class they are failing with for extra academic help. If students are failing 2 or more classes they are required to stay during 10<sup>th</sup> period for extra academic help, must also go to homework club in the cafeteria from 3:00 to 3:45 PM (Monday-Thursday) and have restricted study hall. Students are required to be in 10<sup>th</sup> period, have athletic study hall and restricted study hall until their grade(s) are a 70 or higher.
- III. The following are consequences for Junior High students failing classes after a 10-week marking period:
  - 1. Failing 1 class
    - Meeting with Athletic Director
    - 10<sup>th</sup> period academic help with teacher (Monday-Thursday)
  - 2. Failing 2 or more classes
    - Meeting with Athletic Director
    - 10<sup>th</sup> period academic help with teacher (Monday-Thursday)
    - Homework Club 3:00 to 3:45 PM (Monday-Thursday)
    - Restricted study hall

- IV. The following are consequences for High School students failing classes after a 10-week marking period, including junior high students playing on JV or varsity teams:
1. Failing 1 class
    - Meeting with Athletic Director
    - 10<sup>th</sup> period academic help with teacher
  2. Failing 2 classes
    - Meeting with Athletic Director
    - 10<sup>th</sup> period help with teacher (Monday-Thursday)
    - Homework Club 3:00 to 3:45 PM (Monday-Thursday)
    - Restricted Study Hall
    - Ineligible for 20% of regularly scheduled games
  3. Failing 3 classes
    - Meeting with Athletic Director
    - 10<sup>th</sup> period help with teacher (Monday-Thursday)
    - Homework Club 3:00 to 3:45 PM (Monday-Thursday)
    - Restricted Study Hall
    - Ineligible for 50% of regularly scheduled games
  4. Failing 4 classes
    - Ineligible until the next 10-week report card comes out
- V. Ineligible student athletes are expected to attend all practices and games unless they are receiving academic help from a staff member (Unless failing 4 or more high school classes).
- VI. Any student that skips a mandatory homework club without a legal excuse approved by the Athletic Director will miss their next scheduled game.
- VII. Failing grades will be carried over from the fourth quarter to the start of the next school year. A student athlete may reduce the number of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter failing grades by either passing the class, passing the Regents or passing summer school.