



## Handsworth Student Athlete Code of Conduct

The Handsworth Athletic Department would like to thank all athletes for committing to our athletics program. Whereas staff and administration appreciate students' interest in extracurricular sports, students must also display acceptable conduct in order to successfully participate in these opportunities.

Each student representing Handsworth through extra-curricular sports is required to follow the *Handsworth Code of Student Conduct and Social Responsibility* (published on our website and in the Student Agenda Book) at all times during any school-sponsored event such as games, practices, tournaments and special events (banquets, fundraisers, etc), wherever and whenever held.

Students who do not abide by this code may face a range of disciplinary actions from the school, and from any athletic organization that may also have jurisdiction at the time of the infraction(s). These actions may be considered as being independent from each other, though they may be enacted in relation to the same infraction(s).

Additionally, Handsworth students involved in extra-curricular sports must agree to the following:

1. An athlete must attend all practices scheduled by the coach. If an athlete is going to miss a scheduled practice or game, it must be evident that every effort has been made to notify the coach directly with reasonable notice under the given circumstances. Barring sudden emergencies, "reasonable notice" shall mean no fewer than three days.
2. Any athlete missing three or more practices without appropriate reason (e.g. family emergency, sudden health issue, or any other extraordinary and unavoidable circumstance) may be dismissed from the team with no refund of fees. Please note that removal from a team, either through resignation or dismissal, will result in a loss of playing privileges for the next two (2) consecutive seasons of playing eligibility.
3. Athletes who are dismissed can appeal to the Athletic Director for possible re-instatement. In such cases, a meeting of the Handsworth staff component of the Athletic Council may be convened to review and discuss the appeal. The Council reserves the right to investigate the circumstances of the dismissal.
4. Extracurricular sports are ideally meant to serve as a constructive adjunct to classroom studies. Families are therefore reminded that commitment to school sports brings an additional time investment that needs to be managed effectively along with other school and personal demands. Student athletes are required to
  - a. attend all classes on time, and see teachers for work missed due to team activities;
  - b. maintain the best academic standing possible;
  - c. adhere to the *Handsworth Code of Conduct and Social Responsibility*.

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I have read and understand this document. Further, I accept that my athletic eligibility may be reviewed if I am unable to meet any of the above expectations.

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(Student signature) (Parent signature) (Date)