

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT

Welcome to the Cooperstown Central School Interscholastic Athletic (C.C.S.I.A.) Program. We hope that this year will be a successful one. More importantly, we hope your experience will be enjoyable.

In as much as we want this season to be successful and enjoyable there are several points, which must be made at this time.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT. As an athlete, you are a representative of Cooperstown Central School. You are expected to show respect to school officials, the community of Cooperstown, team members and officials of other schools, referees, spectators and other interested observers of our program. The culmination of CCS Sport Year is the Booster Club Sports Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Athletes are honored for exemplifying the following characteristics:

- Ability
- Competitiveness
- Leadership
- Sportsmanship
- Team play
- Honesty
- Self discipline
- Cooperation

These qualities are what athletes who participate in the CCS Athletic Program should be striving to achieve.

The following rules of the Cooperstown Central School Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct (C.C.S.I.A.C.C.) are for all athletes participating in CCS Sports:

A. **ATTENDANCE:** You are expected to attend every practice and game.

1. Athletes are to provide coaches with prior notification of all anticipated excused absences (i.e., religious observances, college visits).
2. If an athlete arrives at school after 8:25 A.M. without a legal excuse he/she will be prohibited from practicing or playing in a contest on that day. Arriving after 8:25 list:

Excused Eligibility:

- Sickness in Family/Death in family
- Religious observance
- Quarantine
- Doctor or Dentist appointment
- Required to be in court
- Attendance at health clinic

- Approved cooperative work program
- Approved college visit
- Impassable roads or weather (If bus from that route is late for school)
- Car accident

Unexcused Ineligibility for activities:

Students on bus routes have the opportunity for school transportation therefore, an unexcused ineligibility includes:

- Car failure
 - Parents or students arriving after 8:25
 - Unlawful detention
 - Oversleeping
 - Missing the bus
 - Sickness
3. If an athlete does not participate in his or her regularly scheduled physical education class he/she cannot participate that day.
 4. If an athlete is absent from school he/she will be unable to practice or compete in a contest on that day.
 5. Participation in athletics does not excuse a student from serving an assigned detention.
 6. If a student is ill during the day and must spend ONE academic class or more in the nurse=s office, he/she will be ineligible to practice or play that day.
 7. The principal and athletic director reserve the right to make final determinations as to participation based upon individual mitigating circumstances.

B. SUSPENSIONS

1. External suspensions will result in the athlete being ineligible to practice or play in a contest or contests for the duration of the suspension. A second offense during the same sport season resulting in an external suspension will result in the athlete being dropped from the team.
2. Internal suspensions at Cooperstown Middle/High School will result in the athlete being ineligible to practice or play in a contest or contests for the duration of the suspension.

C. TRANSPORTATION: Transportation to contests is provided by the school district.

1. You are expected to ride the team bus to all athletic events. Exceptions can be made in extreme cases with a note from the athlete=s parent/guardian, signed by a Building Administrator in advance.
2. If parent/guardian is providing transportation home from an away contest he/she must sign out with the coach.

D. UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

1. Any athlete who fails to return a uniform or pay for the replacement of the uniform is ineligible to participate in the following sport=s season until he/she does so.

E. AWARDS

1. Awards are issued only to those athletes who complete their season in good standing. Athletes who are dropped from the team, or quit prior to the last contest, are not eligible for awards.
2. Athletes who fail to return their practice and/or contest equipment and uniforms are ineligible for awards.
3. Athletes will not receive a letter or any Section III awards if they do not complete the season. This includes all sectional and/or State Games.

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION (B.O.E.) POLICY MANUAL

1. A student's due process right will be followed according to B.O.E. Policy Manual.
2. Student athletes and their parents/guardians must realize that the CCS Coaching Staff and the Director of Athletics will follow B.O.E. Policy Manual Section JF/JG regarding the student discipline code and the penalties that may be imposed for a violation.

G. USE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO

FIRST OFFENSE

To participate on any athletic team a student must completely abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs and the intentional misuse of any over-the-counter or prescription drugs. Any student who violates this policy will be ineligible for 20% of the regularly scheduled contests for that season (this ineligibility shall include all sectional, regional and state competition). During this time the athlete will be expected to attend practices and games but will not be allowed to dress for games. Before reinstatement the athlete must undergo an evaluation by a certified substance-abuse counselor/agency* and/or complete a smoking cessation program if available, and agree to follow the recommendations of the counselor. Failure to meet the above requirements will be considered a Second Offense.

SECOND OFFENSE

To participate on an athletic team a student must completely abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs and the intentional misuse of over-the-counter or prescription drugs. Any student who violates this policy a second time, within three (3) years of the first offense, will be ineligible to complete the season. In addition, the suspension will carry over into the following season. The athlete is allowed to practice but will be restricted from playing in 30% of the contests scheduled for that following season.

In addition, the student must undergo a substance abuse evaluation by a certified agency/counselor.* The parent/guardian and student must sign an informational release form between the agency/counselor and the school.

*If that agency/counselor determines the student/athlete is in need of treatment, then the student and the parent/guardian, if required by the counselor, must be in a certified counseling/treatment program.

*The student/athlete must complete an educational program on substance abuse. The program will be determined by the school and may include programs offered by outside agencies.

*If the violation involved tobacco, then the student/athlete must complete a smoking cessation program given by a certified agency as specified by the school.

THIRD OFFENSE

To participate on an athletic team a student must abstain from the use of tobacco, alcohol or other

drugs. Any student who violates this policy a third time will be ineligible to participate on an athletic team for 90 school days. In addition, all counseling requirements pertaining to the

Second Offense apply.*

*All expenses related to this policy will be the responsibility of the student and his/her family. School personnel can provide referral to local services for all income levels.

H. RISKS OF PARTICIPATION

Student athletes and their parents must realize that there is an inherent risk in participating in interscholastic athletic competition. Individual coaches will discuss the possible risks with you. There is always the risk of serious injury or loss of life in an Interscholastic Athletic Program.

I. HAZING/HARASSMENT

The Cooperstown Central School District Board of Education, administration and staff is committed to providing educational, extra-curricular and athletic programs free from harassment, bullying, and/or hazing for all students and staff members. Subjecting someone to acts that are humiliating, indecent, painful or unsafe will not be tolerated. Athletes who engage in any of the above mentioned behaviors will be subject to disciplinary procedures as per the student code of conduct.

J. **Code of Conduct** violations will be investigated by a committee of 4 coaches and the Director of athletics.

In order to participate in the C.C.S.I.A. program BOTH student and parent/guardian must sign the C.C.S.I.A.C.C. prior to beginning the season. Student participation in the sport may not commence without this signed document. The content may not be altered.

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INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT. I UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION RANGING FROM BEING BENCHED, TO BEING SUSPENDED FROM THE TEAM, DEPENDING UPON FREQUENCY OF THE VIOLATION.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT. I UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATIONS BY MY CHILD WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION RANGING FROM BEING BENCHED TO BEING SUSPENDED FROM THE TEAM, DEPENDING ON THE FREQUENCY OF THE VIOLATION.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL
ATHLETIC COUNSELING PROGRAM (ACP)
REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION**

It is requested that I, _____ be considered for reinstatement into the Cooperstown Central School Athletic Program, and agree to the following:

1. To strictly adhere to and affirm my commitment to the CCS Athletic Code of Conduct.
2. To complete any counseling obligations required.

Athletic Director (Signature/Date)

Principal (Signature/Date)

Student (Signature/Date)

Parent/Guardian (Signature/Date)

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL
ATHLETIC COUNSELING PROGRAM FORM

Following the completion of the assigned counseling program by the student-athlete, the counselor must complete this form and return it to the Athletic Director. Successful completion of the program will reinstate the student-athlete to the team.

(Student)	(Date)
(Nature of Referral)	(Offense)

Program Used During the Counseling Sessions:

Other Obligations/Requirements to be completed:

The counselor and the student-athlete must sign and date below acknowledging that all phases of his/her program have been completed.

Student: _____
Counselor: _____
Parent/Guardian _____
Date: _____