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Joel Barlow High School Athletic Code of Conduct

The primary objective of high school sports is to provide a positive experience for the student athlete through competition, teamwork, and the realization that, through hard work, goals can be achieved. Teamwork, playing within the rules, sportsmanship, discipline, and self-control are all elements that need to be stressed in high school athletics. By their nature, athletics at this level are very competitive and time consuming. Students and parents must be aware of the demands of time, energy, and sacrifice it takes to be a competitive athlete.

The athletic conduct code is designed to establish a reasonable, high standard for participants in athletic teams that empower our participants to make appropriate decisions, rather than to be punitive and deny access to such activities. Athletics is a privilege and completely voluntary. Along with this privilege comes the expectation of a higher standard of behavior and conduct. Athletes, whether in or out of uniform, carry with them not only their own reputations, but also that of their family, their teams and their school.

All members of the community, including students, parents, staff and community members should be alert and aware of the behavior of participants, and should follow up on concerns brought to their attention by reporting to the athletic department. With this in mind, those choosing to participate at all levels of Joel Barlow High School athletics must follow the following guidelines and standards.

Eligibility- All students who wish to participate in interscholastic activities must meet all of the eligibility rules by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association (CIAC). The rules can be found on their internet site www.casciac.org. Scholastic achievement should be the prime concern of the student; therefore, students must carry six subjects at all times and maintain a passing grade in four courses.

Behavior- Student athletes should conduct themselves with integrity and maturity so as not to bring embarrassment to themselves, their team, their school and their communities. Student athletes should demonstrate a respect for their opponent, officials, coaches, and spectators when participating in an athletic program. The behavior of athletes who are participating in interscholastic activities will be governed by policies outlined by the CIAC, South-West Conference (SWC), school and/or team rules. A student suspended for conduct that constitutes a violation of Board policy and/or school rules will not be allowed to participate in co-curricular activities during the length of the suspension. A student athlete returning from suspension is subject to further discipline by the coach and the athletic director. Any technical foul, yellow or red card or unsportsmanlike conduct penalties called upon a student that involves use of profanity, vulgarity, or other gestures towards a coach, player, official or spectator, will result in automatic one game suspension, second offense two game suspension and third offense will be automatic suspension from the team. If you receive a technical foul for any other reason you will sit out the next quarter for first offense, two quarters, for second offense, third technical you will sit out the next game (this refers to reported flagrant fouls only). Hazing is an initiation, "right of passage" activity that is designed to humiliate, threaten or harm members of a team. Any acts of hazing are strictly prohibited and could result in suspension or dismissal from the team and in some circumstances subject the perpetrator to arrest. Students will be expected to respect the value of athletic competition and abide by the rules of the game in letter and spirit. Team selection is not based solely upon athletic performance; attitude, conduct, cooperation, loyalty and an earnest and sincere desire to be a positive member of a team will be considered. A student that exhibits a pattern of behavior that would compromise the team's success may not be selected to be a member of the team.

Attendance – All athletes are expected to be students first; therefore an athlete must be in school from 7:30 am until 2:07 pm in order to participate in practice, athletic contests or a team event unless excused 24 hours in advance by the school administration. Athletes have made a commitment to be at all practice sessions, contests and team events. If an athlete is injured or sick, he/she should notify the coach, athletic trainer or school nurse as soon as possible. To resume participation following an illness and/or injury serious enough to require medical care by a doctor, a participating student must present to school officials,

a physician's written release. Any team member who must be late, or miss a team activity must confer with their coach. There are few reasons for missing a practice; dentist appointments, routine doctor's appointments should be scheduled around practice session. Absences may jeopardize playing time or their position on the team.

Family vacations that interfere with organized practices and/or games should be discussed with the coach prior to the season. Athletes and parents should realize that an athlete's absence can affect the overall team's success and will effect the playing time of an athlete. For varsity teams it will affect their acceptance as a team member.

It is the responsibility of the athlete to see their teachers the day before the class they miss because of an athletic contest. All work shall be made up at the convenience of the teacher.

Travel – All athletes are expected to travel to away contests on school transportation under the supervision of the coaching staff. If situations arise that require a different way of being transported to and away from sites the following must occur: The student athlete and parent/guardian must complete an authorization form and have that on file with the administration before 12:00 pm the school day prior to the contest.

Equipment/Lockers/Uniforms- Equipment and uniforms are on a loan basis and are to be worn only when authorized by the coach. Wearing a team sweat top on the day of a game would be an example of such authorized use. Uniforms are not to be worn in physical education classes or around the school. Athletes are financially responsible for uniforms and equipment issued to them beyond normal wear and tear. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed to any athlete who has not turned in his/her equipment and uniform or vacated their athletic locker as specified by the coach. Athletic lockers are considered school equipment. Athletes must vacate their athletic locker one week after the seasons' last contest. Violation of the signed rules and regulations concerning lockers will result in loss of locker. Students that do not return equipment and/or uniforms or owe schools fines will not be allowed to participate on a team until their obligation is met. Athletic equipment and uniforms by the end of the school year will become the property of the student and it will be the responsibility to pay the cost of replacing the uniform or equipment.

Substance –Athletes may not possess, manufacture, sell, distribute, prescribe, transport or consume on or off school grounds, while in season, any drug including alcohol and or controlled substances. A controlled substance, as defined in subdivision (9) of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 21a-240, as a harmful or illegal substance, or a prescribed medication for which the student does not have a prescription from a licensed physician on file in the school office. This includes but is not limited to alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, inhalants, barbiturates, stimulants, "look-alike drugs", hallucinogens, and anabolic steroids. Violation will result in a required drug evaluation, and/or suspension or removal from a team.

At the close of an athletic season in order to be eligible for awards and to attend banquets, an athlete must still be a member of the team in good standing, and have fulfilled all school and sport obligations.

Player's Signature also PRINT NAME

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Coach's Signature

Date
