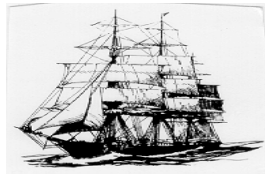


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"For Student Athletes"

École secondaire Kelvin High School

KELVIN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Participating in Kelvin athletics is a privilege, not a right!

Representing our school in various activities throughout the province is a privilege that students must accept with a full sense of responsibility and pride. Along with this, it should be understood that each student is an ambassador of our school, and the image that he or she demonstrates will be regarded as the standard for the entire school body. It is the desire of the school administration and the involved coaches/supervisors that the image of Kelvin High School be that of a positive nature, and one that will enhance the reputation of K.H.S. both inside and outside the community.

This "Code of Conduct" shall act as the guide by which all school representatives will conduct themselves in any area of endeavour. The regulations herein cover the areas of personal behaviour, attitude, courtesy, appearance, academics, sportsmanship and general commitment to the various programs. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in an immediate review of the case in question by the Athletic Review Committee, and appropriate action will be taken to rectify the situation.

Each member of our teams/activities is expected to thoroughly review this conduct code before the season/activity begins, and should keep a copy at hand in order to refer to it when necessary. Teacher advisors will have copies for general review by all students.

For student athletes in violation of any of the sections of this code, direction from the coach should be sufficient to correct the situation and the student athlete should then make the necessary adjustments in behaviour.

If the problem continues, the student athlete in question will be referred to the Athletic Review Committee for a decision on disciplinary action.

A. GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

1. **Attitude:** Student athletes are expected to demonstrate a positive attitude at all times, including practice and game situations, as well as at all school functions and in the classroom. This means that it is necessary to be courteous, mature, cooperative and respectful in a manner befitting young adults. Individuals should conduct themselves properly, with the knowledge that they alone are responsible for their actions.
2. **Sportsmanship and Self Discipline:** In all practice and game situations, athletes are expected to perform to the best of their ability, within the context of the specific rules of their respective sport. It is necessary to understand that Kelvin High School does not operate under a "win-at-all-cost" theme. Demonstrating sportsmanship and self-discipline to teammates, opponents, officials and others should be in the forefront of a team's basic philosophy and attitude. Self-discipline in both victory and defeat should be demonstrated and any form of aggressive or inappropriate behavior will not be accepted. Student athletes should play hard but play clean. Shaking hands of both opponents and officials after a game of competition should be a routine procedure for players/coaches.
3. **Social Media:** Students and Coaches will not author, forward, or post vulgar or offensive notes, texts, photographs, or other content that reflect negatively on the team, other individuals, or that conflict with the spirit or intent of this Code of Conduct

B. APPEARANCE/DRESS CODE

School representatives must be "presentable" and "appropriate" in their appearance. Ragged and torn clothing or items with offensive or inappropriate slogans or advertisements are not acceptable. Coaches/supervisors will use proper discretion. As team leaders, they may choose to establish particular dress codes for various functions (away games, out-of-town trips, banquets, provincial championships, etc.) and these are to be adhered to strictly. Common sense should be used.

GENERAL COMMITMENT

- 1. Academics:** Realizing that academics are the priority in high school, it is understood by all that academic responsibility includes attendance, punctuality, cooperation, general behavior, respect for teacher and fellow students and a genuine effort on all homework assignments, tests, projects, examinations and general course work. In addition, those individuals struggling in a subject should seek extra help.
 - **Practices and/or games can never be used as an excuse for being late for classes, handing in incomplete work or failure to do assigned tasks.**
 - **Any unexplained absences on a game day will exclude that player from participating that day.**
 - **Any student placed on Academic Credit Probation will automatically be ineligible to participate on any Kelvin Athletic Program until a credit appeal form has been approved by the subject teacher and the administration.**
 - **Any student on Academic Credit Probation (without an appeal in good standing in place) or with serious attendance concerns will not be eligible to try-out or participate in any Kelvin Athletic Program.**
- 2. Suspension from School:** means suspension from all team activities and removal from the team for the corresponding period of the school suspension. This will include being a spectator at the event.
- 3. Uniform/Equipment:** All participants have a personal responsibility to properly care for any uniform or equipment items issued. A period of one week will be granted for complete return of these items at the end of the season. Student athletes in some sports/activities may be requested to submit a deposit at the beginning of the season. It is understood that failure to return items on time will result in school reports not being released until delinquent accounts are satisfied, and where applicable, a forfeiture of deposit. Uniforms are not to be worn at any time except for "game days".
- 4. Alcohol and Drug Use:** Coming to a game or practice under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be tolerated under any circumstances and will result in IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM. A suspension from school will also occur.

If an athlete is found to be involved in the use of, or possession of, illegal drugs and/or controlled substances at school or any school activity, their participation in the Kelvin Athletic Program will be suspended. The situation will be reviewed by the Athletic Review Committee and the Administration.

If an athlete is found to be involved in the distribution or trafficking of illegal drugs or controlled substances, they will be suspended from all school athletic teams for a minimum of one year. Eligibility to represent Kelvin on school teams can be reviewed at the end of the minimum suspension.
- 5. Practices/Meetings/Rehearsals:** Team members must demonstrate a commitment to the program by attending practices and meetings regularly. Student athletes must realize the importance of game and tournament preparation, through regular drills and practice situations. A failure to practice faithfully at regularly scheduled times may mean loss of player status within the team structure. Regular practice attendance includes being on time and assisting with equipment needs. Each of these activities is a group endeavour that requires the input and attention of all members equally.
- 6. Athletic Fees: All student athletes must have all fees paid on time and in full.**
- 7. Team Trips/Tournaments:** Participating in a sporting activity outside of the school, province, etc. is a privilege and not a right. A coach or staff member may choose not to bring a team member to participate if they feel that a student athlete has not shown acceptable behavior at school. All student athletes must adhere to curfews and other outlined behaviors by coaches. A student athlete will be sent home at their expense at any time if behavior becomes a problem.
- 8. Outside Activities:** Any activities outside of school hours which may be seen to reflect negatively on the school or the team will be viewed as "just cause" to take action against the individual in question immediately in relation to his/her school athletic activities.

Role of Teacher Academic advisor:

Each program will be assigned a Teacher Academic Advisor. This individual is responsible for the following:

- ◆ Monitoring student attendance
- ◆ Providing academic advice and encouraging student to seek extra help if needed
- ◆ Monitor any credit probation appeals
- ◆ Put forward names to the Athletic Review Committee when necessary
- ◆ Communicate with coach if a student is ineligible to participate

Athletic Review Committee:

- ◆ Any student athlete who is deemed by the Teacher Academic advisor to be "at risk" either academically or behaviorally will be brought before the Athletic Review Committee.
- ◆ All decisions made by the committee are subject to approval of the administration. Student athletes who are put on **Academic Monitoring** (monitoring of marks and attendance) will be allowed to continue to practice with the team but may not be able to play in any games until academic requirements have been met.

I have read and understand the Kelvin Athletic Code of Conduct:

Name of Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date