

## **Vision Academy Charter School**

### **Athletic/ Academic Code of Conduct**

Congratulations on earning the privilege to represent Vision Academy Charter School athletics. All student-athletes and their parents must read, sign and return the bottom portion of the student-athlete contract to be eligible.

#### **Goals, Objectives, and Guidelines**

##### **STUDENT-ATHLETES:**

- Abide by the schedules set by the coaches.
- Be fully prepared and on time for practices and games, considering time for travel to practices and visits to the Athletic Trainers.
- Avoid making conflicting appointments during practice, game time, and even during long vacations and preseason.
- Go over the practice and game schedules with their parents.
- Use free time in school responsibly (to see teachers and get ahead on homework).
- Will maintain at least a 2.5-grade B average.
- There will be zero tolerance for suspensions, detentions, and disrespect towards staff. If a player has any of the above mentioned violations. First offense is a five-game suspension from team activities. any suspensions from school will be a removal from team TBD by the athletic director.
- Provide weekly reports from teachers to the coaches on academics and behavior by 3pm, Friday.
- Playing time will be based on practice; not everyone is guaranteed playtime, but we will do our best to get everyone time. This may not happen all the time.
- Scholars are expected to be on time for practice; if they cannot make it to the practice, an email or phone call must take place 24 hours before the practice starts.
- A player will be dismissed from the team if the player misses 3 practices.
- The coaches will select two captains for the team.
- Grades, behavior, and practice are key essentials for success.

##### **CAPTAINS WILL:**

- Be positive role models of behavior at all times.
- Attend all school and athletic department-sponsored leadership training programs.
- Help teammates manage academic workload and practice demands (model good study habits).
- Assist coaches in efforts to promote their sports and attract and retain athletes.
- Be approachable and welcoming.
- Take a hands-on role in administering the athletic code of conduct.

## **COACHES WILL:**

- Communicate clearly with athletes and parents.
- Present all families with accurate game schedules.
- Create regular practice schedules.
- Customize the athletic code of conduct to fit the needs of their respective sports and
- Explain the consequences of violating the code at the beginning of each season.
- Coaches will ask teachers to send grades and weekly behavior reports to coaches.
- Exercise good sportsmanship and refrain from any activity that could be considered bullying.

## ***PARENTS:***

- Parents must transport their student-athlete to both home and away games.
- Parents must stay away from the team's bench, locker room, student-athletes, and coaches during gameplay unless there is an injury to their child.
- If a parent has questions or concerns, please schedule a time to meet with the coach that does not interfere with game or practice time.
- Coaches will return emails and phone calls as soon as possible..

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- You owe it to yourself and your team to present your best, healthiest self.
- Take care of your body – eat healthy meals, do not drink or abuse substances (illegal or legal), get proper rest, hydrate, warm up and cool down appropriately.
- Exercise proper sportsmanship. This includes refraining from using derogatory terms concerning race, religion, sexual orientation, and/or gender expression, e.t.c.
- Refrain from any activity considered bullying, harassment, hazing, and/or intimidation.
- Be careful and respectful when using the Internet as a means of social networking.
- There will be zero tolerance for harmful or disparaging actions on social media toward teammates, coaches, or opposing teams. This includes negative comments and/or posts on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, or any other platform for online interaction.
- Travel safely and responsibly when walking to practice, especially one that is not located on the arts and athletic center grounds.
- Be civil and courteous guests at other campuses – theft, vandalism, rude behavior, and inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Keep yourself on the field/court – behave responsibly and stay out of trouble, both in and outside school. As per the Vision Academy Handbook, students who are not in school by 8:05 or miss class/cut class during the day are not allowed to participate in school activities that day or evening.
- All student-athletes are expected to be positive members of the school community( classroom, hallways, buses, cafeteria, e.t.c.)
- Disruption of the classroom/ safe bus riding environment will not be tolerated.
- Any student-athlete sent out of class or who receives a CTR on the bus will make a verbal or written restorative apology to the teacher or driver at the end of the day and participate in supervised discipline for the entire practice.

- Any student-athlete sent out of class on multiple occasions or who receives more than 1 discipline referral on the bus/ or in school will meet with the coaches and admin team regarding possible dismissal from the team.
- We maintain a tolerance for fighting, bullying, and disrespecting staff, peers, and coaching staff.

**CONSEQUENCES**

- Your choices can affect playing time, playing eligibility, and discipline status.
- Captains, please also note that failure to meet the expectations laid out in this document may result in the negation of your captain designation.

**Commitment violations**

- At a minimum, 2 unexcused tardy appearances or 1 unexcused missed practice will result in the athlete missing a start. Each subsequent unexcused tardy arrival or absence (game or practice) will result in the athlete missing a game. After the 4th tardy appearance or 3rd unexcused absence, the athlete may indefinitely be suspended from the team. Please remember that these are the minimum guidelines we ask our coaches to follow.

**Conduct Violations**

- A coach will limit an athlete's playing or practice time when he/she believes the athlete's health is in jeopardy (i.e., any drug and alcohol violations, physical illness, injury). Under these circumstances, the athlete will be referred to the appropriate school service (i.e., nurse, counselor), and may not return to the playing field until given proper clearance.
- A coach will limit an athlete's playing or practice time if the athlete exhibits poor sportsmanship by way of language/attitude, or if the athlete exhibits any form of harassment, or if the athlete exhibits misconduct through means of social media. The administration will also be involved case-by-case to determine the athlete's consequences.
- An athlete's captainship or comparable authority on a team may be taken away if he or she is found inciting negativity between teammates or toward opponents and coaches.
- Any fighting at any time during the athletic season, whether in or out of school, will result in a 5-game suspension from the team. Any subsequent infraction of this type will result in dismissal from the team.

Signing this document affirms each individual's commitment to the ideals presented herein.

Athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport: \_\_\_\_\_