

Conotton Valley Union Local School District



***“Every Child, Every Day, In
Every Way!”***

Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Handbook

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District Mission Statement

“The Conotton Valley Union Local School District embraces the opportunity to provide our students with educational opportunities focused on the development of the whole child in an environment where effort, growth, and achievement are the expectation.”

The Conotton Valley Union Local School District is committed to ensuring our Focus, Mission, and Vision Statements are fully reflected in the student experience which include co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Premise Statement

The Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code sets expectations for our junior high school and high school students as they engage in the exploration of various district-sponsored organizations and athletics teams. These expectations have been developed to assist students and parents in meeting the challenging decisions they will face during the next several years. Coupled with these expectations are mechanisms designed to support students who do not make appropriate decisions.

Expectations

- ❖ Participants in Co-Curricular/Extracurricular programs are held to a higher standard of responsibility and conduct. They are representatives of their families, school, the Conotton Valley Union Local School District, and our local communities. To whom much is given, much is expected.
- ❖ To optimize and maximize their experience, we have the expectation for a year-round commitment to remain alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free to allow students to realize the fullness of their potential. Such a commitment enhances their performance mentally, physically, and academically.
- ❖ Using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs (non-prescribed dangerous drugs as defined by ORC 4729.01), by any junior high school or high school co-curricular/extracurricular participant is prohibited and can have potentially negative effects on the student’s health and safety.

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- ❖ Participation in activities, including athletics, is an honor and a privilege. We expect students who choose to participate to dedicate themselves in fully developing their talents, gifts, and abilities. This commitment embodies the meaning of team, recognizing the importance of we before me.
- ❖ Using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs (non-prescribed dangerous drugs as defined by ORC 4729.01), by any junior high school or high school co-curricular/extracurricular participant is prohibited and can have potentially negative effects on the student’s health and safety.

- ❖ The use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs (non-prescribed dangerous drugs as defined by ORC 4729.01) not only jeopardizes a student's health and safety but also endangers his/her fellow students. This includes the use of vapes.
- ❖ Co-curricular/extracurricular programs afford students the opportunity to develop valuable skills and attributes through their individual development and the actions of participating as a member of a team.
- ❖ All members of the school community are crucial in the messages we send and in the actions we take. We as a community and caretakers of our children should serve as remodels in word and deed of the standards we hold our young people to as students in our district.
- ❖ Parents are valuable members of the team or organization through their support of advisors and coaches while cooperating with them so our students are able to enjoy a positive experience; one which will allow them to grow and flourish while creating a lifetime of memories.
- ❖ Violations of the Code of Conduct are a betrayal of the trust placed in the participant by the school, their fellow members or teammates, the district, and the community.
- ❖ Education is a vital component embedded within the Code of Conduct and the aforementioned standards and expectations. Educational opportunities will be available to parents, students and staff as a way to assist our students in making appropriate choices. These will be offered by partner organizations in our community. Additional education will be mandated when violations occur.
- ❖ The purpose of the student assistance section of the Code of Conduct is to allow for education and monitoring while allowing a student to continue as a participant after the participation consequence has been served.

All district-approved organizations and athletics teams are considered co-curricular/extracurricular activities and are subject to the requirements and consequences of this handbook.

As noted above, participation in co-curricular/extracurricular activities offered by the Conotton Valley Union Local School District is both an honor and a privilege. Students who choose to be a member of any co-curricular/extracurricular activity make themselves subject to additional responsibilities, not only to themselves, but also to their team/organization and to their school.

In order to participate in any co-curricular/extracurricular activity, a student must understand and abide by the Student Code of Conduct as well as all rules and regulations in the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code as defined herein. A student's intent to abide by this Code will be evidenced in an agreement that shall be signed by the student and her or his parent(s)/guardian(s) at the yearly preseason meeting or upon joining a club/activity. The Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year based upon the onset of participation in an organization, activity or team in the junior high school or high school,

and the student will be considered a participant until graduation or withdrawal from the organization/team and/or the Conotton Valley Union Local School District.

A student who violates the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code will serve the consequences during an athletic season/school year under said Code. Students who violate the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code while participating concurrently as an athlete and as an organization participant will serve the consequences concurrently. In order for any consequence to count toward completion of a disciplinary action, the participant must be an active member of the team/activity for an entire season/school year.

Initial Communication

All coaches, advisors and supervising teachers are required to review the expectations of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code with their students and parent(s)/guardian(s) during a preseason/new school year meeting and communicate these expectations to the respective parent(s)/guardian(s) in written format. A student's intent to abide by this Code will be evidenced in an agreement that shall be signed by the student and her or his parent(s)/guardian(s) at the completion of the preseason/new school year meeting.

Rules for Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Participation

Citizenship

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects good citizenship. Any behavior that results in dishonor to the participant, her or his team/organization, or her or his school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, both on and off school premises, include but are not limited to theft, vandalism, manifest disrespect, violation of the law, or any violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

The principal or her/his designee reserves the right to review the severity of the citizenship offense and determine the appropriate level of disciplinary action to be taken.

Consequences: First Offense

1. Violation of this policy will result in a 20%* loss of the privilege of co-curricular participation (including contests, competitions, and performances). Practice is still required for participants.
2. All awards will be withheld until all conditions and requirements are fulfilled.
3. Loss of leadership position in co-curricular activities for one calendar year from the date of the decision rendered by the committee regarding the violation.

Consequences: Second Offense

1. The 2nd violation of this policy will result in a 50%* loss of the privilege of co-curricular participation (including contests, competitions, and performances). Practice is still required for participants.
2. All awards will be withheld until all conditions and requirements are fulfilled.
3. Permanent loss of any leadership position in co-curricular activities from the date of the decision rendered by the committee regarding the violation.

Consequences: Third Offense

1. Permanent loss of the privilege to participate in co-curricular activities

*For previously listed year-long clubs/organizations this will be interpreted as 20% = one quarter and 50% = one semester.

*If it is determined alcohol and/or drugs were provided or consumed at a student's residence by other students, that student could be found to be in violation of the distribution clause.

Using Alcohol, Tobacco or Other Drugs

Students may not:

- A. Use, purchase, possess, or conceal any alcoholic beverage, build-altering chemical, mood-altering drug, look-alike drug, or other intoxicant, narcotic, or hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, inhalant, tobacco, vape, counterfeit drug, other substance whose possession is prohibited by law, or instrument or paraphernalia normally or actually used for packaging, conveying, dispensing, or using alcohol or dangerous drugs as defined in Ohio Revised Code 4729.01. As used herein, "instrument or paraphernalia" shall include, but not be limited to, equipment or apparatus designed for or used for the purpose of measuring, packaging, distributing, or facilitating the use of drugs, pipes, roach clips, syringes and hypodermic needles, cocaine spoons, rolling papers and drug kits.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of the Code:

Students may:

- B. Observe bona fide religious practices.**
- C. Use, purchase, or possess a substance otherwise prohibited herein that are medically prescribed for a purpose other than the enhancement of athletic ability if there exists medical or psychological documentation of the need.**

Consequences: First Offense

- 1. Violation of this policy will result in a 20%* loss of the privilege of co-curricular participation (including contests, competitions, and performances). Practice is still required for athletes.**
- 2. All awards will be held until all conditions and requirements are fulfilled.**
- 3. Loss of any leadership position in co-curricular activities for one calendar year from the date of the decision rendered by the committee regarding the violation.**
- 4. Required participation in the district-approved Student Assistance Program.**
 - a. Required attendance, within 60 calendar days of the date of the decision rendered by the committee regarding the violation**
 - b. Requires the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student who has a violation under the use or sale of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs to consent to at least three unannounced drug tests to be provided at times determined by the school representative during the 12-month period following the determination of the violation. All testing will be at the expense of the district and results must be shared with the district. Failure to pass any drug test will be considered a violation of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code and will result in consequences being invoked as a subsequent violation.**

If the student refuses or fails to complete the Student Assistance Program, the student cannot participate in any co-curricular activity (including contests, competitions, and performances) for one calendar year from the date of the committee's decision. In addition, any student who fails to complete the Student Assistance Program will be subject to loss of parking privileges for a 12-month period from the date of the decision confirming the violation or an equivalent loss of privileges if they are not a driver.

Consequences: Second Offense

- 1. The 2nd violation of this policy will result in a 50%* loss of the privilege of co-curricular participation (including contests, competitions, and performances). Practice is still required for athletes.**
- 2. The student will receive a mandatory assessment.**
- 3. All awards will be withheld until all conditions and requirements are fulfilled.**

4. Permanent loss of any leadership position in co-curricular activities from the date of the decision rendered by the committee regarding the violation.
5. Required participation in the district-approved Student Assistance Program.
 - a. Required attendance, within 60 calendar days of the date of the decision rendered by the committee regarding the violation.
 - b. Requires the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student who has a violation under the use or sale of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs to consent to at least three unannounced drug tests to be provided at times determined by the school representative during the 12-month period following the determination of the violation. All testing will be at the expense of the district and results must be shared with the district. Failure to pass any drug test will be considered a violation of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code and will result in consequences being invoked as a subsequent violation.

If the student refuses or fails to complete the Student Assistance Program, the student cannot participate in any co-curricular activity (including contests, competitions, and performances) for one calendar year from the date of the committee's decision. In addition, any student who fails to complete the Student Assistance Program will be subject to loss of parking privileges for a 12-month period from the date of the decision confirming the violation or an equivalent loss of privileges if they are not a driver.

Consequences: Third Offense

1. The student will not be permitted to participate in any co-curricular activity for the balance of their middle or high school career, whichever is appropriate.
2. The student will be advised to attend further assessment by an outside chemical dependency professional.

*For previously listed year-long clubs/organizations this will be interpreted as 20% = one quarter and 50% = one semester

Selling or Otherwise Supplying, Transmitting or Distributing Alcohol, Tobacco or Other Drugs

Note: The penalties delineated below are more severe because the student violating this aspect of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code has negatively influenced others and possibly aided others in violating the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code. Also, consequences for selling, supplying, transmitting, or distributing as listed below are cumulative from junior high school to high school.

Students may not:

Sell, supply, transmit, or distribute any alcoholic beverage, build-altering chemical, mood-altering drug, look-alike drug, or other intoxicant, narcotic, or hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, inhalant, tobacco, counterfeit drug, other substance whose possession is prohibited by law, or instrument or paraphernalia normally or actually used for packaging, conveying, dispensing, or using alcohol or dangerous drugs as defined in Ohio Revised Code 4729.01. As used herein, "instrument or paraphernalia" shall include, but not be limited to, equipment or apparatus designed for or used for the purpose of measuring, packaging, distributing, or facilitating the use of drugs, pipes, roach clips, syringes and hypodermic needles, cocaine spoons, rolling papers, and drug kits.

If it is determined alcohol and/or drugs were provided or consumed at a student's residence by other students, that student could be found to be in violation of the distribution clause.

Consequences: First Offense

- 1. Loss of privilege of participating in all co-curricular activities (including contests, competitions, and performances) for one calendar year from the date of the decision rendered by the committee.**
- 2. Any violation of this occurrence while a participant is in a school activity will be reported to legal authorities as permitted by law.**
- 3. The participant will not be eligible for any awards or recognition.**
- 4. The student will receive a mandatory assessment.**
- 5. Permanent loss of any leadership position in co-curricular activities.**
- 6. Required participation in the district-approved Student Assistance Program.**

Required attendance, within 60 calendar days of the date of the decision rendered by the committee regarding the violation at the district approved educational program in its entirety.

- a. Requires the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student who has a violation under the use or sale of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs to consent to at least three unannounced drug tests to be provided at times determined by the school representative during the 12-month period following the determination of the violation. All testing will be at the expense of the district and results must be shared with the district. Failure to pass any drug test will be considered a violation of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code and will result in consequences being invoked as a subsequent violation.**

If the student refuses or fails to complete the district-approved Student Assistance Program, the student cannot participate in any co-curricular /extracurricular activity (including contests, competitions, and performances) for one calendar year from the date

of the committee's decision. In addition, any student who fails to complete the Student Assistance Program will be subject to loss of parking privileges for a 12-month period from the date of the decision confirming the violation or an equivalent loss of privileges if they are not a driver.

Consequences: Second Offense

The student will not be permitted to participate in any co-curricular/extracurricular activity for the remainder of her/his junior high school and high school career at the Conotton Valley Union Local School District.

Verifications of Violations

Violations of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code may be verified by one or more of the following methods and/or parties: drug testing (including breathalyzer test), administrators (including but not limited to principals, assistant principals, and athletic directors), coaches, advisors, and/or any staff of the District, or police.

Process for Violation Determination

- A. Co-Curricular/Extracurricular disciplinary actions for such violations are not subject to the procedures established for curricular suspensions or expulsions nor are co-curricular disciplinary actions otherwise subject to due process. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3313.664, a principal, assistant principal, or other administrator (hereinafter called "the appropriate authority") shall have sole discretion to determine what, if any, notice and hearing rights are to be afforded to the student and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) in the event of any prohibition of co-curricular participation for violation hereof. Accordingly, while it is anticipated that in most instances notice will be given in advance of any disciplinary action, notice is not a requirement.
- B. All co-curricular/extracurricular disciplinary determinations made by the appropriate authority for a violation hereof shall be reviewed, prior to the enforcement of any disciplinary action, by the applicable committee as described in Item C hereinafter. For the purpose of this review, a student who has completed the eighth grade shall be deemed to be attending high school even if high school classes for that student have not commenced as of the time of the review.
- C. There will be one Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code Committee. The committee will be comprised of the principal or his/her designee, athletics director, Guidance Counselor, and the student's then-current coach/advisor/teacher, if any. The principal or designee will chair the committee. Parents/students will be offered the opportunity to meet with the committee.
- D. Subject to Item A above, within two school days after the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code Committee has completed its review of

any disciplinary action to be taken on any violation hereof, a letter of notification of its decision must be sent by the principal or designee to the parent or guardian specifying the reason(s) for any disciplinary action, the period of time in which any such action is to occur or be in effect, and options, if any.

- E. Review by the applicable Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code Committee shall be quasi-judicial, and its decision will be final.

Applying the Consequences

A student who violates the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code will serve the consequences during a school year/season under said Code. The effective date of the Code enforcement, as far as disciplinary procedures are concerned, is based on the date of the decision rendered by the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code Committee. If the school year ends while the participant is serving the denial of participation, the remainder of the denial will roll over to the next school year even if the student has changed from a 7th-8th grade participant to a 9th-12th grade participant.

A participant may not become a member of a school-sponsored sport, activity or organization either as a participant, manager, or trainer after the officially designated starting date in order to serve any part of a consequence as determined by the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code. The official starting date for athletes is designated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association as the date on which a sport may begin required attendance. In order for any consequence to count toward completion of a disciplinary action, the participant must be an active member of the team, activity or organization for an entire season/school year.

In all events, the principal or designee shall have the final authority to decide to what sport, activity or organization the consequence shall apply to and how that application is to occur.

Violations of the three sections (Citizenship, Use, Selling) of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code are cumulative. A subsequent violation of any part of the Code will progress a student to the next disciplinary level (offense).

A violation of the Selling or Otherwise Supplying, Transmitting or Distributing Alcohol, Tobacco or Other Drugs section of the Code will carry over from middle school and will be cumulative with violations in high school.

Except as otherwise stated herein, violations of the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activity Code shall be grouped into two categories - grades 7-8 and grades 9-12. Accumulation of consequences from the first of those just-identified categories to the second will not occur unless otherwise stated herein.

Definitions

1. **Alcohol** — Any liquor, wine, beer, and/or other beverages containing alcohol.
2. **Assessed** — An outside chemical dependency professional, approved by the Conotton Valley Union Local School District, will provide an estimate or judgment as to the physical or psychological condition of the student.
3. **Build-Altering Chemical** — Includes, without limitation, anabolic steroids, growth hormones, testosterone or its analogs, human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), and other hormones.
4. **Co-curricular/Extracurricular activity** — Clubs, activity programs, athletic programs, student leadership activities, supervised and financed by the Conotton Valley Union Local School District.
5. **Junior High School level** shall be defined, for this purpose, as beginning after the last day of the fifth grade or upon enrollment in the Conotton Valley School District (after the last day of fifth grade at another district) and is effective up to and through the last day of the Junior High School schedule, at which time the High School level will begin.
6. **Mood-Altering Drug** — Includes, without limitation, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, counterfeit controlled substances, marijuana, alcohol, and prescription drugs, unless authorized by a medical prescription from a licensed physician. This medical prescription must be kept in the original container, which shall state the student's name and the directions for proper use of the prescription.
7. **Tobacco** — Any product with tobacco as an ingredient that is smoked, chewed, inhaled, or placed against the gums.
8. **Possession** – Alcohol, tobacco, other drugs or drug paraphernalia is physically on or in student-participant's body; or physically within his/her personal property (i.e. book or gym bag, coat, etc.); or in his/her home where other students are using or possessing alcohol, tobacco or other drugs (e.g. hosting a party). Possession will include being present in a car where alcohol or other drugs are being used.
9. **Denial of Participation** – The student-participant may not play but must practice, travel and sit with team/group at events (for various activity programs, this requirement will be defined as applicable by the advisor and the co-curricular/extracurricular coordinator) during any percentage denial of privilege, which is less than one season. The student participant will not wear the school uniform at the contest or performance. This restriction is effective immediately following the determination that the policy has been violated.
10. **Student Leadership Positions** – A student leader is defined as anyone appointed or elected to a leadership position in athletics, clubs, student government, or other co-curricular activities. Student leaders accept the responsibilities that accompany leadership positions and are expected to be positive role models at all times. Accordingly they are subject to a higher level of conduct.

Additional Information

Hazing

Hazing of fellow students or teammates is prohibited. Students who participate in hazing events will be subject to consequences listed in the Student Code of Conduct and the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Code.

It is the policy of the Conotton Valley Union Local School District Board of Education that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and shall be prohibited at all times. No administrator, faculty member or other employee of the school district shall encourage, permit, condone or tolerate any hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, shall plan, encourage or engage in any hazing.

Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing of another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. It is harassment by exacting unnecessary or disagreeable work, ridicule or playing abusive or humiliating tricks by way of initiation. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

Administrators, faculty members and all other employees of the school district shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances or events, which might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, involved students shall be informed by the discovering school employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and shall be required to end all hazing activities immediately. All hazing incidents shall be reported immediately to the Superintendent.

Guidelines for Student Academic Eligibility in Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

The District has established excellence as a standard and strives to maintain an appropriate balance among academics, athletics, and all extracurricular activities. It is important that students meet the following academic requirements in order to participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities in Grades 7 to 12.

Guidelines for Eligibility and Participation (Board of Education Policy 2431)

- A. A student must earn at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in order to be eligible for participation in athletics and extracurricular activities. The GPA will be applied separately for Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12 and calculated each grading period. Each student's eligibility will be determined according to his/her GPA for each nine (9) week grading period. Semester and final exams are not to be calculated in the nine (9) week GPA assessment because of their comprehensive nature. A student's eligibility will be determined by examining each nine (9) week's GPA independent of prior grading periods. The individual nine (9) week's GPA value will be used in itself to determine a student's eligibility. Eligibility can be maintained, gained, or lost each grading period.**
- B. In addition to the above District requirements, a student athlete must qualify under all rules established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (O.H.S.A.A.). Specifically, the academic requirements of the O.H.S.A.A. stipulate that a student in Grades 9 to 12 must pass a minimum of five (5) credits in the previous grading period. Middle school students in Grades 7 to 8 must pass seventy-five percent (75%) of their course work.**

Co-Curricular/Extracurricular/Club Activities

- A. Extracurricular activities are defined as athletic contests against other OHSA member institutions which are governed by the rules and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Conotton Valley Union Local School District, and the rules and regulations of the conferences of which the Conotton Valley Union Local School District is affiliated. All eligible students may participate. Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular academic program and are not graded.**
- B. Co-Curricular activities are those found alongside academic activities which may take place during or after the school day. Eligibility requirements as pertinent and applicable are in force.**

Travel

All athletes are required to travel to and from out-of-town activities in district transportation when provided by the district. If an extenuating situation occurs, the participant must present a note from a parent or guardian explaining the situation 24 hours prior to the activity. Such situations shall not occur on a regular basis and are not the norm.

- ❖ Students may be released only to a parent whose signature is on file in the school office or to a properly identified person authorized on the Emergency Medical Authorization Form by the parent to act on their behalf.**

- ❖ Participants will remain under the supervision of the coach/advisor when attending away activities. Participants who miss the bus/van will not be permitted to participate in the activity unless there are extenuating circumstances.

All regular school transportation rules will be followed, including food, noise, remaining in seats, care and respect for equipment.

Guidelines for Lettering/Receiving an Award

The criteria for earning a letter may vary from sport to sport because of the different characteristics of each program. Each head coach will be permitted to determine the criteria necessary for earning team awards and will make athletes aware of this criteria at the beginning of the season. Students have the opportunity to earn the following awards:

- a. Junior High School Teams: Participation Certificate
- b. Junior Varsity: Junior Varsity Participation Certificate
- c. Varsity Award: Varsity Letter and Sport Pin

Facility Usage

Students will be permitted to use facilities only when scheduled and supervised by a staff member. No athlete is to use any facility (gym, weight room, fitness center) without a staff member being present.

Equipment

Each athlete will be issued equipment, which is property of the school, and athletes are expected to maintain each item of equipment. Please follow care instructions located within most cloth items. Uniforms with lettering, which has been ironed onto the garment, should be line dried to prevent damage. All equipment is to be returned at the end of each season. Athletes who fail to return equipment will not be permitted to participate in other activities, and course credits will be withheld until the item(s) are returned or purchased.

Ohio High School Athletic Association

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the governing body that oversees junior high school and high school athletics in the state of Ohio. Information regarding OHSAA regulations and sports dates can be found at www.ohsaa.org.

Sportsmanship

The Conotton Valley Union Local School District believes that interscholastic competition involving member schools should be governed by the basic principles of good sportsmanship. This document has been prepared to ensure that all members have a common understanding of those basic principles.

We believe that students should be coached to play to the best of their ability and to understand that to play well is to play honorably. The promotion of sportsmanship is the obligation of all school personnel (principals, athletic directors, coaches, and staff members) and is directed toward the behavior of spectators, coaches, players, and band members. We believe the development of good sportsmanship through the practice of ethical behavior and moral reasoning is one of the acknowledged objectives of interscholastic athletics. We therefore expect school administrators, board members, coaches, staff members, athletes, cheerleaders, band members, and spectators to know and embrace the following fundamentals of sportsmanship.

1. Respect should be demonstrated for an athletic opponent and for their school at all times. Host schools should treat visiting teams and their supporters as guests and accord them the consideration all human beings deserve. When traveling, all participants should respect the property and dignity of their host school and its athletic teams.
2. Respect should be demonstrated for the officials at all times. Officials must be assumed to be and accepted as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job and can be expected to do the job to the best of their ability.
3. Knowledge of and a proper respect for the current rules of the contest should guide the behavior of all participants. Rules are essential for a fair contest, and good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the *letter* of the rules for that sport.
4. All participants should strive to maintain self control at all times. The desire to win should not be accepted as a reason for abandoning rational behavior. A proper perspective must be maintained by all if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized.
5. All participants should learn to recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation. Recognition of the good performance of an opponent is a demonstration of generosity and good will that is encouraged. In order for good sportsmanship to prevail, it is essential that all participants and spectators understand their individual responsibilities and expected modes of behavior before, during, and after contests.

Partisan spectators by their behaviors and reactions determine to a large extent the reputation for sportsmanship of their school. Spectators should be reminded and should keep in mind that athletes are friendly rivals as members of opposing amateur teams. They are expected to be treated as such. Spectators should be reminded, too, that the contest should be between the teams engaged in the competition and not between their supporters. It is important that all spectators:

1. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
2. Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to the cheerleaders, coaches, and athletes of all teams.
3. Censure fellow spectators whose behavior is unsportsmanlike.
4. Be positive toward players and coaches regardless of the outcome of the contest.
5. Respect the judgment and the professionalism of the officials and coaches.

Examples of spectator inappropriate behavior:

1. Verbal/physical abuse of officials.
2. Berating players, coaches or other spectators. Examples of this could include, but are not limited to, negative chants, signs, cheers, or gestures.
3. Interruption of contest. Examples of this could include, but are not limited to, the throwing of objects on the playing area, entering the playing area, and other disruptive behavior.
4. Removal from contest or premises by a game official or security personnel.

As a result of inappropriate spectator behavior, any of the following disciplinary actions could occur. The principal or designee has the right to vary from this guideline based upon the circumstances.

1. Verbal or written warning.
2. The spectator will not be permitted to attend any athletic contests for a period of 14 days from the date of the offense.
3. The spectator will not be permitted to attend any athletic contests for a period of 28 days from the date of the offense.
4. The spectator will not be permitted to attend any athletic contests for a period of one year.
5. Loss of privileges.

The Conotton Valley Union Local School District is committed to upholding the ideals of good sportsmanship put forth in this document. It is important that the actions of the school, participants, coaches, and spectators be a positive reflection of our community.

Emergency Medical Cards and Physical Forms

All athletes must have a current OHSAA Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form and emergency medical information on file prior to the first day of tryouts or practice. All required forms will be completed on Final Forms prior to participation. In the event of an emergency at athletic contests, coaches will have hard copies or access to Final Forms containing emergency medical information. Athletes can pick up blank OHSAA Physical forms from the Athletics Director or the Main Office.

District Vision Statement

The district vision statement reads as follows: *“Ensuring each child is able to realize the fullness of his/her human potential.”* It is our firm belief that co-curricular and extracurricular activities are a vital component of the student experience and allows the vision statement to become a reality for our students.

Respect Yourself, Respect Your Family, Respect the District, Respect the Community, ...

Respect the Game!