

# PREFACE TO THE UNATEGO CENTRAL SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

We intend for our student athletes to represent everything positive that the Unatego school district has to offer. Consequently, our athletes will be held to a standard higher than the non-athlete. Our athletes are, after all, role models for those who will come after them.

In order to instill a sense of pride in our teams, we expect full commitment during practices and competition. We also demand exemplary deportment and sportsmanship from our athletes both on and off the field, as well as both in-season and during the post-season. Our athletes represent us 365 days a year, therefore, this Code of Conduct will be in effect year round.

Finally, we expect parents of athletes to help us develop the sense of pride we all expect by supporting their child in living up to the principles of this athletic code. We cannot succeed without your help!

## ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

I will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the coach/advisor as they have been explained to me:

Physical: The use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or drugs are forbidden.

Scholarship: I must maintain a satisfactory standard according to my ability.

I must carry three (3) units of academic work and Physical Education.

Practice: I will adhere to practice routines as established by the athletic department

Conduct: I will refrain from vulgar and profane language. I will demonstrate loyalty to the team, school and coaches. I will treat all officials with respect. I will dress neatly and be clean in appearance. I will demonstrate a high degree of sportsmanship.

## **RANGE OF PENALTIES FOR TOBACCO/ALCOHOL/DRUG USE**

Note that the 7th and 8th grade competitive years will be treated separately from the 9th through 12th grade competitive years. This code of conduct will be in effect year round.

Any team member found by school personnel or legal authorities to be using, possessing, or under the influence of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or intoxicating beverages OR is in attendance at a social gathering where tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or intoxicating beverages are used will be subject to a range of penalties as follows:

1. A first violation will result in an immediate 5 week suspension. Should the period of suspension carry forward to another sports season or another academic year, it will be enforced at that time. A suspended athlete may participate in tryouts for a team in another sports season.

A. It is expected that the athlete will attend and participate in practices during the time of suspension. The athlete will attend competitions, but will not dress in his/her uniform.

B. Depending on availability, an educational program may be prescribed for the athlete as a condition of reinstatement.

C. If the ineligible athlete refuses to follow the guidelines established under this policy, the athlete will be suspended from all teams for one entire calendar year.

2. A second violation will result in an immediate suspension from all teams for one entire calendar year.

3. A third violation will result in an immediate suspension for the duration of the student's academic career.

Parents will be notified, in writing, as each incident occurs. If a decision has been delayed, pending an investigation, the player will be suspended from participation until a decision has been made.

### **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

An individual has the right to appeal a decision made concerning the enforcement of this code of conduct. The appeal should be made to the high school principal, in writing, within ten days of the decision being rendered. The principal will then investigate the matter and make a determination based on that investigation.