

## ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHANT (Football)

The Athlete's Code of Conduct is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. It is not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as CHANT's standard for behavioral evaluation.

Illegal, unlawful, and harmful behavior towards others on the part of the athlete shall NOT be tolerated by the organization CHANT and will be reported to the authorities.

Participation in CHANT is a privilege. This privilege will be available as long as the athlete displays proper conduct on and off the field. By signing this Code of Conduct for Athletes you agree to the following.

I Corinthians 10:31 "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

- I will conduct myself with integrity on and off the field. (Integrity – doing what is right even if no one is watching.)
- I will take care of my body by getting enough rest, eating well, and staying properly hydrated.
- I will not hide any injury. I will report it to my coach, parent or athletic trainer immediately.
- I will respect my commitment to the team by being punctual and prepared for all practices and games.
- I will attend all scheduled practices and games. If I can't attend, I will let my coach know beforehand. (Missing practice directly before a game can result in a loss of playing time.)
- I will be a good teammate by having a strong commitment to excellence at practice and games.
- I will respect, protect, and maintain my equipment. (I will NEVER throw my helmet or other equipment.)
- At the end of the season or immediately upon dismissal from CHANT, I will return all equipment issued to me. Failure to do so will result in a fee for equipment cost.
- I will be respectful to my coaches and teammates and work to develop unity within my team.
- I will play by the rules and tell my coach if an opponent is playing dirty. (I'll let the adults on the field handle it)
- If I have an unsportsmanlike event, it will result in my immediate removal from a game or practice and a loss of playing time or expulsion from CHANT will result.
- I understand when a coach holds me accountable for my actions, he's doing it to make me better.
- I will win with humility/dignity and lose with grace.
- I will be respectful to game officials, opponents, and all spectators. (I will let the coaches handle the disputes)
- I will respect the rules of the property and facilities we use. (no sugary drinks or food on the field)
- I will not use profanity, offensive language, or inappropriate gestures. Nor will I make racist, sexist, sexual/homosexual comments, or jokes.
- I will wear my shirt/practice jersey during practice just as I would during a game. If I can't wear my jersey to show off my stomach in a game, I will not do that in practice.
- Middle school playing time is intended to ensure player development and player safety first and foremost. (All middle school players will play unless practice has been missed, poor attitude or lack of athlete being prepared for the game.)

- I understand that playing time at the varsity level is not guaranteed. The best players will play at the discretion of the coaches. The following factors are some of the things taken into account for playing time: ✓ Practice attendance ✓ Practice effort ✓ Athletic ability ✓ Game effort ✓ Player attitude and character
- During the season I will refrain from activities that can lead to a greater chance of injury.
- I will attend and be respectful during Bible devotions and prayer. I also understand that I will be encouraged to read my bible.
- I will **NOT use** alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes), illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids, or any substance to increase physical development of performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
  - If I show up impaired to any CHANT event, I understand that the coach will contact my parents and evaluate what is causing my impairment. I will not be allowed to continue practicing, playing in a game, or participating in the event until it is resolved. Depending on the cause of impairment, termination from the organization may be a consequence.
- I will not view or distribute pornography with or among my teammates or anyone within the CHANT organization, such as the Cheerleaders.

**Handling Problems/Solving Dispute** (this is separate from being disciplined by the coach)

- **\*\*Go** talk to the individual with whom you have a problem/conflict. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
- Bring in a coach or parent to help resolve. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
- Bring in the athletic director. If satisfaction is not reached, then:
- Request review by the CHANT Board by placing your concerns in writing.

It is important to learn how to handle conflict as you will encounter it throughout your life. If you have a problem/conflict with a coach and complain to your teammates or parents without saying anything to the coach, you are not solving anything. Resolving conflict isn't easy but it makes for healthier relationships.

**\*\*Depending on the seriousness of the problem/conflict you may need to involve your parents or an authority figure at the beginning of the steps.**

**I have read the Code of Conduct for Athletes and agree to fulfill them as a member of the team. I also understand that failure to comply with the Code could result in one or more of the following:**

- **Being addressed by my coach.**
- **My parents will be contacted.**
- **Loss of playing time.**
- **Being asked to leave the team.**

**I understand that my family will not be entitled to any refund if I were asked to leave the team, or if I quit after the season started.**

**Athlete's Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_