

## **Rye Neck School District**

### **Athletic Code of Conduct**

All students at Rye Neck Middle/High School are expected to behave in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the District's Code of Conduct and the Student Handbooks. The vast majority of Rye Neck students participate in extracurricular activities. Representing Rye Neck in extracurricular activities is a privilege. The extension of the privilege depends upon adherence to standards of behavior that reflect positively upon the individual as well as the school.

Students who represent Rye Neck through the various athletic teams are expected to demonstrate good citizenship in the school and local communities. These expectations apply to every athlete whether on or off the school premises and regardless of whether school is in session at the time of the conduct. This also extends to social media. Student-athletes are not to participate in offensive or negative social media behavior or activity. Students who do not adhere to those standards are subject to disciplinary action by the school administration.

Being a member of a Rye Neck interscholastic team is a privilege and therefore, attendance is mandatory as outlined in the Sports Attendance Agreement.

Commitment to the team takes priority over all other extracurricular and non-Rye Neck activities (excluding religious obligations). If ever there is a conflict, the athlete must honor the Rye Neck commitment.

As a student/athlete at Rye Neck Middle/High School, I pledge the following for the duration of my athletic season:

1. To successfully meet my academic responsibilities, including the attendance of all scheduled classes. Cutting Class is a direct violation of the Code of Conduct.
2. To demonstrate good citizenship and positive behavior in school, on social media, and within local communities.
3. To refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and any tobacco/nicotine products (i.e. vaping) at any time.
4. To refrain from the possession, consumption or selling of any type of narcotics or unprescribed drugs at any time.
5. I am financially responsible for all equipment and/or uniforms issued by the athletic department

Code of Conduct Consequences Include (but not limited to)

- A. Team Discipline (can include suspension or dismissal from team).
- B. Communication and/or conference with Parents, Coach and Athletic Director.
- C. Enrollment in Educational or Community Service Program (if deemed necessary by a school administrator).
- D. Additional discipline to be determined by the school administration.

My electronic signature confirms that my child and I have read the above information and agree.

## **Rye Neck School District**

### **Athletic Parent Partnership Pledge**

The Parents'/ Guardians' Role:

- The necessary first step to being a good sports parent is to recognize that we are all potentially part of the solution.
- Be positive with your son/daughter. Let them know that they are accomplishing something by being part of the team
- Encourage them to work hard and do their very best. Do not offer excuses to them if they are not playing.
- Ensure your child is wearing Rye Neck issued protective equipment for their respective sport.
- Encourage athletes to follow the rules. Whether they are a first stringer or seventh stringer, players must follow the rules outlined by the Athletic Code of Conduct.
- Remember that the coach is involved as a coach because he/she has a passion for kids and athletics. Coaches have different ways of dealing with people and situations that arise. Athlete's lives are enriched by interaction with different types of leaders.
- As a fan, you are encouraged to cheer, but please do not become belligerent.

Remember: at a competition you, the parent, represent your son/daughter, school and community. Please be a positive role model.

Remember that coaches are the only educators, in any district, who teach without walls and have parents evaluating their lessons on a daily basis.

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As your son/daughter becomes involved in the sports program at Rye Neck High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way your child wishes. This is the opportunity for your child to talk with their respective coach and discuss the situation. When your child handles the problem, it becomes part of the learning and maturation process. There may also be situations that require a conversation between the coach and the parent. These are encouraged. It's important that both parties have a clear understanding of the other's position.

If you have a concern to discuss with the Coach please follow the following procedures to help promote a resolution:

1. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach.

Meetings of this nature do not promote resolutions. A 24 hour period before contacting a coach/Athletic Office is required.

2. Please call the Athletic Office, (914) 777-4892; (914) 777-4896, and we will have the coach contact you directly.
3. If the concern is not resolved after speaking with the coach, call the Athletic Director to arrange a conference. A meeting will be arranged with the coach, parent and Athletic Director.
4. At this meeting, the appropriate next step can be determined.
5. Questions and concerns regarding team strategy, coaching philosophy, playing time, individual/team awards given at the local or regional level, and selection of captains will not be entertained.

At Rye Neck MS/HS Sportsmanship is the Expectation  
So Please Let the Players Play

Let the Coaches Coach - Let the Officials Officiate

Let the Spectators be Positive

My electronic signature confirms that I have read the above information and agree to take part in this Athletic Partnership.

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### Student-Athlete Attendance Agreement

Being a member of a Rye Neck interscholastic team is a privilege; therefore, attendance is mandatory. Commitment to the team takes priority over all other activities (excluding religious obligations). If ever there is a conflict, the athlete must honor the Rye Neck commitment. The following are guidelines related to an athlete's absence from team activities:

When a team **makes cuts**:

These apply after the tryout period has concluded.

- All absences need to be communicated to the coach as soon as the athlete is aware he/she is going to be absent.
- First **unexcused absence**
  - Warning and suspension of play
- Second **unexcused absence** - discretion of the coach in collaboration with athletic director. Consequences may include:
  - Increase of eligibility day requirement
  - Suspension from play
  - Removal from team
    - If the athlete is removed from the team, Coach will put in writing the *change in status* to the athlete, parent and Athletic Director
  - Additional **unexcused absence(s)** - removal from the team
    - Coach will put in writing the *change in status* to the athlete, parent and Athletic Director

When there are **no cuts** made for the team:

These apply at the start of the sports season.

- All absences need to be communicated to the coach as soon as the athlete is aware he/she is going to be absent.
- **First unexcused absence**
  - Warning and suspension of play
- **Additional unexcused absence(s)** - discretion of the coach in collaboration with athletic director. Consequences may include:
  - Increase of eligibility days
  - Suspension from play
  - Removal from team
    - Coach will put in writing the *change in status* to the athlete, parent and Athletic Director

**Excused absences** include but not limited to:

- Death in family, illness, emergency situation, recruiting trip
- Extra help/support with Rye Neck staff, or school mandated educational programming
- Religious observation
- We ask that all dentist/doctor/orthodontic appointments be scheduled around the team schedule
- Legal absences from the school day as outlined by the student handbook

**Unexcused absences** include but not limited to:

- Intentional enrollment in an activity or program that is in conflict with team schedule and operation. Examples include but not limited to:
  - The Musical, Driver's Ed, Private Tutor, Music/Dance Lessons, Employment, Family Vacation, Non-Rye Neck Sporting events (i.e. club, travel, AAU)