

HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board supports a philosophy of competition that is guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship and fair play in a Catholic atmosphere. To this end, all parties (Catholic teacher-coaches, supervisors, athletes, parents and spectators) must recognize that our students' participation in sports and extracurricular activities are an "*EXTENSION OF THE CLASSROOM*". For this reason, student-athletes have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner and avoid all conduct and practices which are not in keeping with the Catholic vision and therefore detrimental to sport. Any action that would reasonably be expected to significantly disrupt or interfere with preparation or participation of a student-athlete for competition, whether in league, exhibition or tournament play, cannot be tolerated.

Therefore student-athletes have a responsibility to:

- Maintain and enhance the dignity and self esteem of other individuals by demonstrating respect for fellow student-athletes regardless of body type, athletic ability, gender, ethnic or racial origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation or economic status.
- Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes harassment i.e. comments or conduct directed toward an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading or malicious.
- Refrain from participating in (or supporting) behaviour that could be intimidating to team members such as rituals or initiations.
- Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes sexual harassment such as unwelcome sexual comments, advances or conduct of a sexual nature.
- Respect the property of others and not wilfully cause damage. Any expense related to property damaged with intent will be the responsibility of the student-athlete and/or their parent/guardian.
- Abstain from the use of alcohol, illegal substances and performance enhancing drugs. Failure to comply with this section will result in immediate disqualification from athletic competition with the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.
- Participate and appear on time for all competitions, practices, training sessions, events, activities and projects to which the student-athlete has made a commitment
- Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, student-athlete or spectator such as taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
- Dress in a manner representative of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board with the focus being on neatness, cleanliness, discretion and Catholic ideals.
- Adhere to the Academic Eligibility requirements as outlined in the School Student Handbook
- Adhere to all additional rules as outlined by teachers, coaches, and chaperones of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

STUDENT-ATHLETES THAT ENGAGE IN BEHAVIOR THAT VIOLATES THE ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REMOVAL FROM LEAGUE, TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITION PLAY ASSOCIATED WITH THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS CODE OF CONDUCT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SCHOOL CO-INSTRUCTIONAL HEAD, AND FOR ISSUES NOT EASILY RESOLVED, TO THE PRINCIPAL.

I have read and understood the above statements and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and the spirit of the "*Extension of the Classroom*" initiative..

School _____

Student-Athlete's Name (Please Print) _____

Team: _____ For the Year: _____ Date: _____

Athlete's Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

The signed document is to be submitted to the coach and forwarded to the Co-Instructional Head prior to participation in any league, tournament or exhibition play associated with the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.