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EXPECTATIONS FOR TEAM ATTENDANCE

All athletes are expected to attend all practices, scrimmages and games, meets or matches. Attendance is a commitment that the entire family must agree on prior to the start of each sports season.

Limited participation in athletics is not allowed. (Example: special arrangements for individuals to practice less than the scheduled number of days per week for work, Driver’s Education, non-school activities). Excused absences include only those for (a) illness, (b) school concerts and class field trips, (c) doctor’s appointments, (d) religious holidays, (e) an educational experience may be considered an excused absence. The experience must be related to an activity in which the student has previously been engaged and be of minimum duration. School related trips (example: trips taken during vacations to Europe, Canada, etc.) and family vacations will not ordinarily be considered excused absences. Parents and students are asked to make these decisions prior to the beginning of the sports season. Realizing there may be extenuating circumstances, a student may request excused absences by a direct prior request, before the official season begins (in writing) from the parent/guardian to the Director of Physical Education & Sports.

For one unexcused absence from a practice/game or scheduled meeting, the athlete will be suspended for one (1) athletic contest. For two unexcused absences, suspension will be from two (2) athletic contests.

SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS:

Any assigned school suspension (whether it is In-School or Out-of-School) will result in: (1) No participation or attendance in practice or a contest on the day the suspension is served and; (2) a suspension of one athletic contest. If the athlete is suspended from school on a game day, that will be considered the suspended athletic contest. If the athlete is suspended on a “practice” day, they will not attend practice on the day of the suspension and miss the next scheduled contest.

NHIAA RULES:

Medical Exam: All students, who intend to play a high school sport, are required by the NHIAA to have a physical exam on record in the athletic office before they can participate. One (1) physical exam, done during the late spring or summer before 9th Grade or any time thereafter, prior to participation, will satisfy this requirement for ALL four years of high school sports. NO PHYSICAL-NO TRYOUT!

Sportsmanship:
A. Any player who is disqualified before, during or after a game at the Freshman, Junior Varsity or Varsity level, for exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, shall not participate in the next scheduled interscholastic athletic event, including NHIAA Tournament contests.
B. If any player receives a second game disqualification during the season, that individual will be required to forfeit any participation in that interscholastic sport, at any level, for the balance of the season.

C. If the game disqualification is administered in the final contest of the season (including tournament play), the penalty shall be carried over in that sport and invoked at the first regular season game the following academic year. If a disqualification is administered to a graduating senior in his/her final game at that school, it is the expectation that the school will take immediate and appropriate disciplinary action.

D. Any player, who leaves the bench area during an interscholastic athletic event where an altercation is taking place in the playing area, shall receive a one-game disqualification for the next scheduled game.**

**Any player involved in a fight shall receive a two (2) game suspension for the first offense. A second offense will lead to a disqualification in that sport for the balance of the sports season.

1. OTHER EXPECTATIONS

A. Every athlete is expected to travel to and from an athletic event with the team. Exceptions to this would be a direct prior request, in writing, from the parent/guardian to the Director of Physical Education & Sports.

B. All injuries, however slight, should be reported to the coach of that sport immediately. A $90.00 per student interscholastic athletic participation fee is required. Anyone unable to pay this fee should request a waiver while completing the on-line registration. This request will be reviewed by the Business Administrator.

C. The athlete is responsible for all equipment and uniforms assigned to him/her. They will be expected to pay in full for any lost or damaged items. All equipment (including uniforms) must be returned directly at the end of each sport’s season. Failure to accomplish this within one week of the final contest may result in no letter award.

D. All athletes must complete the on-line registration and supporting documents prior to the start of the season.

1. QUITTING TO CHANGE SPORTS

   Once final cuts have been made and the team established for the season, no team member may quit and participate in another sport during the same season unless approval has been given by both head coaches and the Director of Physical Education & Sports.

2. AWARDS:

   For teams winning state championships, the coach is encouraged to conduct a fundraiser to provide an adequate award for such an accomplishment. This is the only such award that the Athletic Department recommends. It is felt that the letter award and certificate presented at the Sports Award Banquets fulfills this need. We urge parents to cooperate in seeing that this concept is carried out. Organized Booster Clubs, which conduct fund raising activities for athletics, shall be allowed to allocate
their contributions as determined by their Board of Directors and the coach of the sport, subject to approval of the Principal and Athletic Director. Apparel (jackets, sweatshirts, T-shirts, etc.) should reflect the appropriate school colors (cardinal & white)-CHS and (blue & white) RMS, and if necessary for a third trim color, black.

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INFORMED CONSENT

Football is a contact sport. Injuries do occur to a percentage of players. Although, highly unlikely, death is possible. BE AWARE that there is a potential for injury when you play football! Discipline, proper conditioning, and intelligence minimize the chance of injury. For your awareness, we use only the shoulder block and hand blocking in our spread offense. The single blocking surface of the shoulder extends from the clavicle area to the tip of the shoulder and includes the upper arm and forearm held in place with the fist on the chest. This is the only padded area of the body which may be legally used to strike a blow. As the shoulder, forearm, and upper arm are thrown into contact, the head slips to the side of the opponent. The blow is not struck with the head, but with the entire blocking surface, especially the front part of the shoulder. At no time do we want, or teach, any player to lower his head into an opponent. Your head is not a weapon.

Common sense should be the guiding factor in any player’s action. There are many rules which could be written down but would obviously confuse players and parents. I ask togetherness for the upcoming season. Anything that will hurt the team is wrong and will not be tolerated.

LETTER AWARD CRITERIA

Athletes in the Concord Football Program may earn a Varsity letter (jacket), by qualifying under the following format:

1. Start on offense or defense for a minimum of five games
2. Start on at least three special teams for minimum of six games
3. Non-starters that play in regular rotation throughout the entire game – minimum five games
4. Be a Senior and completing the entire season
5. The coach is also in a position to award a letter under extenuating circumstances

Athletes meeting the letter award criteria must finish the season eligible and in good standing to receive their Varsity letter.

TEAM RULES

I. Tardiness for practice will not be tolerated. Players need to inform a coach if they will be late for a practice or a game. The coach will justify if the reason is legitimate. PLEASE NOTE academic make-up and extra sessions are encouraged and are excused absences.

   1st Offense: Locker room cleanup plus position skill reinforcements
   2nd Offense: 1 game suspension
   3rd Offense: Dismissal from the team.

II. Unexcused absence from practice or a game: Call your head coach, Coach Brown (varsity), Coach Munnell (freshmen)

III. Any theft from a CHS football player will result in immediate dismissal from team.

NHIAA-Non School Competition By-Law - A. (As a member school of the NHIAA, we are expected to enforce all NHIAA Policies.) A member of a school team is a
student athlete who is regularly present for, and actively participates in, all team practices and competitions. Bona fide members of a school team are prevented from missing a high school practice or competition to compete with an “out of school team”. Whenever a conflict arises between the high school team practice/competition and an “out of school practice/competition” on the same day, the high school team practice/competition must be honored by the student athlete. Priority must be given at all times to the high school team, its practices, and its contests unless a waiver has been granted by the athletic director and principal on a case by case basis. Penalties: Any student athlete who violates this rule, unless a waiver has been granted as stated above, for the first time, shall be declared ineligible for the next 4 consecutive interscholastic events or 3 weeks of a season in which the student athlete is a participant, whichever is greater. This penalty is effective from the day of his or her last participation in a high school sport. Any student who violates this rule, a second time, shall be declared ineligible for participation in any high school sport for the balance of the school year.

APPEAL PROCESS:

A student and/or his/her parents/legal guardians may appeal to the Principal only a limitation on extracurricular program participation resulting from a First Violation of Fourteen (14) calendar days under Section 1 or any consequence imposed under Section II.

A student and his/her parents/legal guardians may appeal a suspension resulting from a subsequent violation under Section I to the Principal, the Superintendent and from the School Board in this order.

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