

# Gardner-Dickinson School

## *Modified Sports Code of Conduct*

Extracurricular activities are an additional experience of an educational nature, and participation in such an activity is a privilege, not a right. With this privilege comes an extra responsibility, which demands a commitment to peers, school and community.

### **As a player for Gardner-Dickinson School, I agree to:**

**Respect my manager and coaches.** The managers and coaches dedicate their time to our sports program and my appreciation of their help should be reflected in all my actions on the playing field. It is my duty to listen to and follow the directions of my manager and coaches and to obey the rules set forth by the manager and coaches of the teams. I will behave in such a way that my coach and team members can entrust me with responsibility and leadership. I will be open to instruction and be willing to listen to fair criticism from my coach(es).

**Respect my team members and other players.** I will not insult, criticize or verbally abuse any other player. Such behavior does not promote but destroys team spirit and will not be tolerated by Gardner-Dickinson School. I will say only positive encouraging comments about my teammates as well as the opposing team members. I will never intentionally harm another player or engage in reckless behavior that could cause injury to myself or others.

**Never resort to physical threats or actions to rectify a situation.** I will not engage in disrespectful conduct or speech including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, taunting, boasting, or other actions that demean individuals or opposing players, teammates, coaches, parents, umpires, and fans. I will treat coaches, referees or other game officials with respect and will not argue with official calls or decisions during the game or following an event. I will exercise self control on and off the field/court and will not provoke or participate in fights or show signs of excessive temper or frustration when I am disappointed or angry. Physical outbursts are unacceptable and will be dealt with using a zero-tolerance policy. Any occurrence will be immediately directed to the Athletic Director and Administration.

**Display good sportsmanship at all times.** As a representative of the Gardner-Dickinson School, it is my duty to reflect the characteristics of fair play at all times. I will display to others that competition is healthy and I will not lower the standards of the Gardner-Dickinson School by engaging in unsportsman like conduct. I will treat others with respect at all times, especially adults and those who have been given authority over me. I will be a loyal team player and put the good of the team above personal glory. I will be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity. I will promote unity among my team and will not participate in the spread of gossip or criticism regarding my coach, team members or others associated with this program.

**Be a contributor to the Gardner-Dickinson School Sports Program.** I play sports not only for my own personal pleasure and benefit but for the benefit and as a representative of the Gardner-Dickinson School. I will always give 100% to my team by doing the best job that I can. I will fulfill my commitment to the coach and my team, being on time for practices and games and completing the season to the best of my ability. I will maintain a healthy lifestyle and will not participate in the use of

alcohol, tobacco or drugs, nor will I engage in any unnatural means to lose, gain or maintain weight or muscle. If I have a valid concern, I will handle it through the proper channels, first going to my parent/coach for counsel.

If a student fails to obey to the school's behavior policy the following procedure will be enforced:

1<sup>st</sup> offense- One game suspension

2<sup>nd</sup> offense- Two game suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> offense- Removed from the remainder of the season

4<sup>th</sup> offense- Expelled from team sports for one year

**Continue to Excel in my Academics.** Students will understand that participating in active sports will keep the body strong and healthy, although sports will not interfere with their academics. I will work as a responsible student by completing my studies and assignments as required by my teachers during the time I am participating in this sports program. I will maintain a 65% average or higher in all of my core classes (English, Math, Social Studies, Spanish, and Science) to remain eligible to play. If my average falls below 65%, I will not be eligible to play in games. This determination will be based on progress reports, quarterly reports, and communication between classroom teachers and the coach. During that time, I will dress in proper attire and support my teammates. I will follow the rules of the school and maintain the utmost respect for my teachers and education staff, as a model of our sports programs

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Student's Signature

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Printed name

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Parent's Printed Name

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**This form must be signed and returned to the respective coach.**