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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

The Delaware Military Academy believes that athletics are an integral part of the educational program it provides. Guided by the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) Regulations, the school's objective is to fairly and consistently administer the rules and regulations for team membership as they pertain to sportsmanship, participation, illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco. These rules shall apply to a student athlete during the DIAA sports year, regardless of the location of time of day of student involvement.

The following criteria and procedures have been developed to implement this philosophy:

Sportsmanship:

1. Participation in athletic programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege student athletes must abide by the rules and they must conduct themselves on and off the field, as role models who exemplify good character and ethics in sports using the six core principles of sportsmanship: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.
2. Athletes shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the perpetuation of interscholastic athletics. strive to enhance the image of athletics not only as a member of a team but also as a member of the school and community.
 - b. Be courteous to the visiting team. Your opponents wish to excel as much as you do. Respect their efforts.
 - c. Play hard to the limit of your ability regardless of discouragement. The true athlete does not give up, quarrel, cheat, bet or grandstand.
 - d. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat. A true sportsman or sportswoman does not offer excuses for failure.
 - e. Understand and observe the playing rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
 - f. Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials and accept their decisions without complaint.
 - g. Respect the facilities of the host school and do not violate the trust entailed in being a guest.
3. An athlete, who displays an act of poor sportsmanship, depending on the seriousness of the act, may be declared ineligible for athletic participation for a specific period of time not to exceed 180 school days.

Participation:

1. A student may not participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest during the time a suspension, either in-school or out-of-school, is in effect or during the time he/she is assigned to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons.
2. A student must be legally in attendance at school in order to participate in a practice, scrimmage, or contest except when excused by proper school authorities.
3. A student who is not legally in attendance at school due to illness or injury shall not be permitted to participate in a practice, scrimmage or contest on that day.

Use of Tobacco:

1. The Delaware Military Academy will not tolerate the use of tobacco by an athlete.
2. The penalty for use of tobacco by an athlete shall be counseling by the coach and/or the Athletic Director as well as disciplinary action, which may include probation and/or disqualification for a designated period of time, for the season, or permanently based on the appropriate guidelines.

Possession, Use or Transfer of Alcohol and/or Illegal Drugs:

1. The Delaware Military Academy will not tolerate the possession, use or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs by an athlete.
2. The penalty for an offense for possession, use or distribution of alcohol and/or illegal drugs shall be counseling by the coach and/or Athletic Director as well as disciplinary action which may include disqualification from all forms of athletic participation for a designated period of time, for the season, or permanently based on the appropriate guidelines.

Any penalty for violation of this code of conduct shall be imposed from the date upon which the Principal determines that a preponderance of the evidence supports the charge, even though such a determination may occur after the date of the offense. If such a determination is not made within 90 days of the alleged occurrence, the charge shall be dropped. If a student does not complete the duration of the penalty during the school year, it must be completed with the start of the fall sports season.