

Queen of Peace HS **Athletic Code of Conduct**

This Athletic Code of Conduct is prepared to set rules and regulations for the conduct of student-athletes participating in interscholastic athletics that they will conform to the rules of Queen of Peace HS Athletic Code of Conduct, Queen of Peace HS Student Handbook and the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Participation in school athletics is regarded as a privilege and not a right. Queen of Peace HS Administration recognizes the value of a program of athletic competition for both boys and girls as an integral part of the total school experience. Game activities and practice sessions provide opportunities to learn the values of competition and good sportsmanship; therefore, the conduct of student athletes and their parents/guardians must always

- Reflect positively on the team, school and district,
- Support positive discipline and the overall educational environment, and
- Follow the rules established by the team, school, and NJSIAA.

Any behaviors exhibited by a student athlete that do not support this code of conduct may jeopardize his/her athletic participation privileges and he/she may be subject to disciplinary measure.

Any behaviors by parents/guardians that do not support this athletic code of conduct may result in the loss of the privilege to attend Queen of Peace HS events.

When a student voluntarily participates in interscholastic athletics, he/she agrees to abide by Queen of Peace HS student code of conduct, Queen of Peace HS Athletic Code of Conduct, and individual team training rules throughout his/her athletic high school career. This code of conduct is in effect before, during and after school hours, over weekends and breaks, and applicable on or off school grounds.

School Administration has the right to impose a consequence on a student for conduct away from school grounds, including but not limited to on a school bus or at a school-sponsored function. This authority will be exercised only when it is reasonably necessary for the student's physical or emotional safety, security and well-being or for reasons relating to safety, security and well-being of other students, staff or school grounds. This authority shall be exercised only when the conduct, which is the subject of the consequence, materially and substantially, interferes with the requirements of appropriate discipline in the operation of the school.

In addition to adhering to Queen of Peace HS's Athletic Code of Conduct, it is the individual coach's responsibility to establish discipline and basic training rules for

their teams. The coach has the right to suspend student-athletes from athletic play for infractions of these rules. Dismissal from a team will be determined, if necessary, following a due process meeting involving the student-athlete in question, head coach, Athletic Director and Principal. Written communication of disciplinary action will be forwarded to the student-athlete's parents/guardians and appropriate administrative personnel. Any dismissal is for the season in question.

Student athletes and their parents/guardians are required to sign the Acknowledgment of Athletic Code of Conduct for student-athletes stating that they understand the code, agree to abide by it and understand that they are subject to disciplinary measures should the code be violated.

The following will be apart of every Queen of Peace High School Athletic team's code of conduct. The Queen of Peace High School's substance abuse policy shall be enforced for all infractions.

1. Possession and/or the use of tobacco, E-cigarettes containing nicotine (including disposable hookah canisters), alcoholic beverages of any sort, anabolic steroids, or any chemical or chemical compound which the FDA, Department of Justice, or State of New Jersey have deemed to be illegal for consumption by minors or otherwise determined to be illegal. This includes all banned substances of the United States Drug Schedule I - V, which is annotated here:

SUBCHAPTER I — CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

Part B — Authority to Control; Standards and Schedules

§812. Schedules of controlled substances

(a) Establishment

There are established five schedules of controlled substances, to be known as schedules I, II, III, IV, and V. Such schedules shall initially consist of the substances listed in this section. The schedules established by this section shall be updated and republished on a semiannual basis during the two-year period beginning one year after October 27, 1970, and shall be updated and republished on an annual basis thereafter.

(b) Placement on schedules; findings required

Except where control is required by United States obligations under an international treaty, convention, or protocol, in effect on October 27, 1970, and except in the case of an immediate precursor, a drug or other substance may not be placed in any schedule unless the findings required for such schedule are made with respect to such drug or other substance. The findings required for each of the schedules are as follows:

(1) Schedule I.—

(A) The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.

(B) The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.

(C) There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or other substance under medical supervision.

(2) Schedule II.—

(A) The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.

(B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions.

(C) Abuse of the drug or other substances may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

(3) Schedule III.—

(A) The drug or other substance has a potential for abuse less than the drugs or other substances in schedules I and II.

(B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.

(C) Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence.

(4) Schedule IV.—

(A) The drug or other substance has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule III.

(B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.

(C) Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule III.

(5) Schedule V.—

(A) The drug or other substance has a low potential for abuse relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV.

(B) The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.

(C) Abuse of the drug or other substance may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in schedule IV.

Queen of Peace also expressly prohibits the consumption of household chemicals not contained in the Schedule above for illicit use, including household cleaners.

A student athlete shall be suspended from the particular activity until the coach makes a recommendation to the Athletic Director. Once the recommendation has been made, the Athletic Director must accept the recommendation before the student-athlete in question can return to athletic participation.

2. No student athlete is permitted to have two or more class average grades equal to or below a 73. Grades will be checked once at the midpoint of every marking period and once at the conclusion of every marking period. Any student athlete who does not meet this requirement will be suspended from all athletic participation until academic grades are brought back into acceptable standards and checked at the next designated academics check.
 - a. This policy is created to institute an academic standard of success for all student athletes.
3. Any student-athlete who intentionally causes or attempts to cause school damage or steals or attempts to steal school or personal property is immediately suspended and subject to further disciplinary action. The Athletic Director and the Principal will review the violation.
4. Student-athletes are responsible for all equipment issued; lost or stolen equipment must be paid for.
5. Any student-athlete dropping out of a sport has an obligation to confer with the coach involved before being released to another sport in season. The pupil dropping out of a sport in season may not go out for a sport out of season until the team in season has completed its schedule.
6. If a student-athlete is absent the entire day, arrives after 10:00am (must be in attendance for four hours of instruction) or one who cuts any class shall not participate in athletics or school sponsored activities (e.g. Dances, dinners, etc.) that day.
7. Student athletes with a medical excuse from physical education class may not participate in athletics on the day of the valid excuse.
8. In any injury/illness requiring a referral to a physician, the athlete must be released by the physician and the school nurse/athletic trainer before returning to the squad.
9. Violation on the Queen of Peace Substance Abuse Policy and/or Athletic Code of Conduct shall carry the following penalties:
 - b. First Offense: Suspended from team practice and competition for twenty percent of the scheduled season;
 - i. Track/Field, football: 2 contest suspensions
 - ii. Wrestling, soccer: 4 contest suspensions
 - iii. Volleyball, baseball, softball, basketball and bowling: 6 contest suspensions.
 - c. Second Offense: Suspended for balance of season.
 - d. Third Offense: Denied athletic participation for the balance of the school year.

NOTE: For the purpose of this document, "Contest" is defined as interscholastic competition, inclusive of regular games and post-season tournaments; furthermore, suspensions served must be consecutive.

10. We, student athletes and parents/guardians, understand that we are required to comply with the requirements of this Athletic Code of Conduct, refrain from verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any student, coach, official or other parent, or from initiating any fight, scuffle or altercation with any person.
11. We also agree to comply with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) rules and regulations, including sportsmanship rules and policies, and all applicable league rules.
12. Queen of Peace High School reserves the right to ban the presence of any student or parent/guardian from any subsequent school sponsored event who, in its discretion, violates the content and spirit of the Queen of Peace Athletic Code of Conduct.

****ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT****

I have read and understand the requirements of the Queen of Peace High School Athletic Code of Conduct. I understand that I'm expected to perform according to this code and I understand that there may be sanctions or penalties if I do not.

School Year _____ **Sports** _____

Student Name (Print) **Student Signature** **Date**

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) **Parent/Guardian Signature** **Date**

*Parent and student-athletes will be required to sign a copy of this athletic code of conduct prior to the beginning of competition for this school year of athletic participation and will be in effect for all athletic participation during this school year.