

DORCHESTER ACADEMY ATHLETIC EXPECTATIONS FORM

All Dorchester Academy Athletes are required to sign and return the SCISA Code of Conduct .

Please read over each item carefully before signing.

SCISA CODE OF CONDUCT

SECTION I: PHILOSOPHY - *The South Carolina Independent School Association believes that interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the total educational program. High standards of behavior, scholarship, and citizenship are important to a sound athletic program. Students volunteering to participate in athletics must assume the responsibilities of this privilege and are required to meet these expectations. Moreover, adults shall be models of good sportsmanship and will lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. Athletes, coaches, officials, and fans shall at all times conduct themselves in a reasonable and sportsmanlike manner. Each person will be responsible for his/her words and actions at all SCISA athletic events and will conform his/her behavior in adherence to the Code of Conduct.*

SECTION II: SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in any SCISA athletic event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct.

- 1. I will treat any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, or ability.*
- 2. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee.*
- 3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee.*
- 3. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at any athletic event. I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in an athletic event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.*
- 4. I will not use tobacco (including smokeless types) while at any athletic event.*
- 5. I will not engage in the use of profanity.*
- 6. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee.*
- 7. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, spectator, player, official, or any other attendee.*
- 8. I will not argue with officials or go through the motions indicating dislike or disdain for a decision.*
- 9. I will not make any degrading remarks about any official, coach, athlete, or school. I will not make any degrading remark or criticism of any official, coach, athlete, or school to the media.*

10. I will not detain or attempt to stop an official following the contest to request a ruling or explanation of actions taken by the official. I will not follow or —chase an official after a contest is over.

11. I will not leave the bleachers or stands and enter the playing area to protest, object, criticize, or question a call.

12. I understand that conduct that leads to my removal from an athletic event may be considered a serious violation of the code of conduct.

13. I understand that as a coach or as a school administrator, that the removal of a team before the completion of the game may be considered a serious violation of the code of conduct.

14. I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the code of conduct while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a SCISA athletic event that I will be subject to disciplinary action by SCISA.

SECTION III:

CONSEQUENCES - Any one or more of the following penalties may be imposed upon any school, coach, spectator or athlete upon a violation of Code of Conduct or Constitution of this association.

WARNING A warning is an official notice that an inexcusable, unethical, or unsportsmanlike action is a matter of record and any such act must not happen again.

PROBATION Probation is a more severe type of penalty and is for a specified time period. A team on probation shall not play in any play-off, championship, conference tournaments, or invitationals.

SUSPENSION Suspension is a severe penalty which may be imposed for any specified time period during which a team, individual, or coach is not allowed to participate. The suspension may be for one or multiple activities.

FINE Fines may be levied for each infraction or violation. A fine may be levied in addition to one of the above penalties. All fines must be paid within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the notification.

I have read the entire Dorchester Academy Athletic Handbook including the SCISA Code of Conduct and will abide by it at all times.

_____ Date _____