

## **Player / Parent Code of Conduct**

(from Bylaws for Fairfax Homeschool Athletic Association)

To participate in FHSAA, all players and parents agree to follow the FHSAA Player / Parent Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct includes the following points.

- We shall try to discern what is pleasing to God and exhibit behavior on and off the field/court which will glorify Jesus Christ. (Colossians 3:23 and 24)
- We shall not take part in any derogatory, taunting, or bullying activity – in person or via social media / electronic means – preceding, during, or following FHS events. This includes foul language, profane gestures, verbal attempts to distract or provoke opponents, sexual innuendos, “trash talk,” and tearing down of teammates, opponents, or others. (Ephesians 4:29)
- We shall treat the officials, opposing teams, cheerleaders, spectators, and our coaches and teammates with respect – before, during and after all events. (Matthew 7:12)
- We shall address officials’ decisions in a respectful manner (words, tone of voice, facial expressions). (Colossians 4:6)
- We shall respect the property and reputation of our opponents as well as that of our own facilities. (Philippians 2:3)
- We shall not take part in or be party to any form of violence. (Romans 12:18)
- We shall encourage aggressive (hard-working) play, but not tolerate dangerous or out-of-control play. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)
- We shall address disputes in a Godly manner as soon as possible between the parties involved (Matthew 18:15-17)
- We shall refrain from any public or private displays of affection (PDA) while attending and/or participating in FHS events to maintain our focus on glorifying Christ and pursuing excellence in athletics and to ensure our conduct does not become a distraction to ourselves or to others (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
- We shall respect the decisions of our coaches and be teachable at practice, games, and all FHSAA activities. Parents and spectators are expected to refrain from coaching players during games. (1 Peter 2:17)
- We shall not post, send or share negative or inappropriate comments, memes, photos, or videos regarding our program, athletes, teammates, coaches and staff or our opponents, officials, media, spectators or the general public via social media or any other electronic means. (Ephesians 4:29, 1 Corinthians 1:10, James 3:10-12)
- We acknowledge that a players’ use of illegal or performance-enhancing drugs or alcohol will not be tolerated and is grounds for dismissal from all FHSAA programs. (1 Thessalonians 5:6-8)

- We acknowledge that, for players to participate in practices and games, all fees and required paperwork must be submitted to FHSAA on schedule. (1 Timothy 5:18)

Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct can be grounds for corrective or disciplinary action, up to and including suspension of playing privileges or removal from FHS.