

# **Rush-Henrietta Central School District Athletic Code of Conduct**

## ***(Rules, Regulations, and Requirements Governing Participation)***

### ***Team Rules***

The student-athlete is expected to comply with the established team rules, procedures, and instructions as communicated by the coach. Coaches have the authority to suspend an athlete from the team, temporarily or permanently, for failure to comply with the rules and procedures or when the athlete's safety or safety of others requires such action.

### ***Citizenship/Sportsmanship***

It is expected that Rush-Henrietta student-athletes will exhibit a high standard of conduct at all times to positively represent the school district. All aspects of the Secondary Code of Conduct (see student agenda) apply during any athletic participation, whether on or off campus, including at all times during away travel. In the case that a student-athlete exhibits poor citizenship and/or sportsmanship, appropriate action will be taken by the coach and administration.

### ***Substance Abuse***

Students are expected to follow appropriate training rules in order to perform at a maximum level. Coaches are expected to sanction any student who has been involved in any substance abuse that may directly influence or indirectly influence his/her ability to perform. Such sanctions may include loss of playing time, and/or additional training and/or practice time, and/or the completion of projects intended to educate students as to the detrimental effects of substance abuse. Any such sanction shall be over and above any sanction required by the student code of conduct. All disciplinary actions shall be reported to and reviewed by the athletic director.

### ***Hazing***

Student initiations and the practice of "hazing" on or off school grounds is prohibited. "Hazing" refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group (or to maintain full status in a group) that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

### ***Attendance***

1. To be eligible for participation in an interscholastic athletic activity a student must be in attendance for at least one-half of the school day on which that activity takes place.
2. An unexcused absence on the day prior to a weekend or holiday team activity will cause the student to be ineligible to participate.

3. For extraordinary circumstances, exceptions to items 1 and 2 above require the approval of the building principal or the athletic director.
4. Emergency or extraordinary situations that require late arrival to, or absence from school must be approved by a building administrator.
5. Tardiness or truancy on the day following an event is subject to disciplinary action by the coach.
6. A student who has been suspended may not participate in any team activities until the first day following the suspension.

### *Transportation*

1. When district approved transportation is provided for the team it is expected that all team members will travel to and from the event with the team.
2. Under extraordinary circumstances, parents may obtain permission from the coach and/or athletic director, to drive their own son/daughter home from the game. A written request, signed by a parent and/or guardian, must be presented to the coach/athletic director.
3. Under no circumstances are students to obtain transportation with coaches, district employees, or other students. (A coach may transport students on a temporary basis, with prior approval, using a district DOT approved vehicle.)
4. Under extraordinary circumstances, parents/students may obtain permission from the coach and/or athletic director, to drive to events where transportation is provided by the district. A written request, signed by a parent and/or guardian, must be presented to the coach/athletic director.

**As a student-athlete at Rush-Henrietta I have read the above code of conduct and understand the expectations and responsibilities that go along with being a part of an athletic team in this district. I promise to abide by these rules and regulations.**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board approved:

March 28, 2006