

HOPKINS ACADEMY ATHLETIC CODE

AND PARENT AUTHORIZATION

All students who wish to participate on a Hopkins Academy athletic team should acquaint themselves thoroughly with the regulations listed below. Failure to abide by the following code could result in a case of ineligibility.

1. All Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules must be strictly followed with regard to age, grades, chemical abuse, sportsmanship, etc.
2. A student must secure during the last marking period preceding the contest (e.g. second quarter marks and not semester grades determine third quarter eligibility) a passing grade in all courses. To satisfy this requirement, a student must have been enrolled in no fewer than credits totaling the equivalent of four traditional year long major English courses (20 credits). To be eligible for the fall marking period, students are required to have passed for the previous year all courses, and must have been enrolled in the equivalent of four traditional year long major English courses (20 credits).
3. During the season of practice or play, a student shall not, regardless of quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell or give away any tobacco products (including e-cigarettes, vaping devices, or juuling devices) any beverage containing alcohol, marijuana, steroids or any controlled substance.

First Violation:

The student shall lose eligibility for 25% of the regularly scheduled games/matches for the season. In addition, Hopkins Academy mandates that the student attend all practice sessions and all games held during this time.

Second and Subsequent Violations:

The student shall lose eligibility for 60% of the regularly scheduled contests held during that season. *If after the second or subsequent violations, the student voluntarily becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program, the student may be certified for reinstatement after sitting out 40% of the events.*

4. All Hopkins Academy athletes must maintain sound school citizenship during class, student activities, and on athletic teams. Neglect of this regulation or repeated minor offenses could terminate athletic membership.
5. Athletes must be in regular attendance at all practice sessions, games, and mandatory team functions. Planned absenteeism must be reported in advance to the appropriate coach. The coach may penalize absenteeism without a valid excuse or failure to report planned absenteeism in advance.
6. Students participating in athletics must be in school for at least three and one-half hrs. (3 1/2) on the days of all practices and games on a typical school day.. Exceptions to the above policy may be made by the administration.

7. All Hopkins Academy athletes should conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Cursing, fighting, and criticizing officials has no place in athletics.

8. Bona fide members of a school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in order to practice or compete with an out-of-school team. The bona fide team member rule does not apply on Saturdays or Sundays, but only in the case of a missing practice. Missing games would be a violation.

First Violation:

The student shall lose eligibility for one game (previously 25% of the season).

Second Violation:

The student shall lose eligibility for an additional 25% of the regularly scheduled games/matches for the season, and is ineligible for tournament play. In addition, Hopkins Academy mandates that the student attend all practice sessions and all games held during this time.

9. Any student athlete who is planning to go on vacation and miss part of an athletic season must get approval ahead of time from the administration. If a student is on vacation and misses 3-4 team events then they must attend at least 2 team events upon their return before they may participate in a contest. If a student is on vacation and misses 5-7 team events then they must attend at least 4 team events upon their return before they may participate in a contest. If the student is to miss more than seven team events then the number of team events required to play in the next contest will be decided upon by the administration. This rule does not apply to school based trips.

10. A student who is approved by the administration to join a team after the first day of practices begin must participate in at least 10 team events before they participate in a contest. If a specific sport or team has less than 10 team events, starting at the beginning of the season and before the first contest, then that number will be reduced appropriately. Medical issues will be handled on a case by case basis.

11. All athletes are expected to attend, and stay for the duration, of sports banquets.

12. Any athlete who receives more than one suspension from a team will be removed from that team for the rest of the season. For a suspension to be official a coach must speak with the administration prior to enacting a suspension.

STUDENT AGREEMENT AND PARENT AUTHORIZATION

I have read the athletic code, and I promise on my honor to obey all rules and regulations pertaining to athletics at Hopkins Academy.

Date: _____ Signature of Student: _____

_____ has my permission to participate in
(Name of Student)

_____, and I have read the Athletic Code that he or she must follow.
(Sport)

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Personal Insurance Information: (check one)

We have:

_____ Blue Cross/Blue Shield

_____ Health New England

_____ Private commercial coverage

_____ Other: _____

_____ No coverage

****Items not covered by this code will be ruled on by the Hopkins Academy Administration.**

***Please complete and return this form, along with the Sportsmanship and Hazing forms to your coach. Be sure to sign where indicated. The Athletic Code (pages 1 and 2) should be retained for reference by students and parents.