

## **Southern Preparatory Academy Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**

**Introduction:** As a student-athlete at Southern Preparatory Academy, you are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct, both on and off the field and court. Participation in athletics is a privilege that comes with responsibilities to yourself, your team, your school, and your community. Your behavior in the classroom, in the barracks, and on and off campus directly impacts your ability to represent our school. This includes being a good student, good sportsman, disciplined athlete, and being an encouraging leader and supportive role model. You must lead by example and will be strictly held to the highest standards.

### **Academic Commitment**

1. **Maintain Academic Eligibility:** Meet all academic requirements and maintain good standing in classes. The Pass-to-Participate policy is attached.
2. **Prioritize Education:** Balance time effectively to ensure academic success. It is your responsibility to work with your teachers and coaches to maintain academic standards. You are a student first and only after meeting your academic obligations will you be allowed to be an athlete representing our school.

### **Behavioral Expectations**

1. **Respect and Sportsmanship:** Show respect to all players, coaches, officials, and spectators and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
2. **Integrity and Honesty:** Uphold integrity and honesty in all actions. Your word is your bond.
3. **Responsibility and Accountability:** Take responsibility for your actions and follow all team rules and school policies. Respecting yourself and others is fundamental to being an athlete. Disrespecting another student, player, official, family member, staff member, teacher, or coach is strictly prohibited. Misbehavior will be immediately addressed by coaches and staff.

### **Health and Safety**

1. **Substance Abuse:** The possession, use, and/or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or any other illegal substances is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.
2. **Physical Fitness:** Maintain a high level of physical fitness and adhere to training programs.
3. **Injury Reporting:** Report any injuries or health concerns immediately.

### **Team Commitment**

1. **Attendance and Punctuality:** Attend all practices, meetings, and games on time and prepared for the day's activities.
2. **Effort and Attitude:** Give your best effort and maintain a positive attitude.

3. **Team Unity:** Foster unity and camaraderie within the team. Team sports require a team mentality. We support each other and grow and develop together.

### **Community and Representation**

1. **Role Model:** Serve as a positive role model for peers and younger students.
2. **Community Service:** Actively participate in community service activities.
3. **School Pride:** Represent Southern Preparatory Academy with pride, honor, and dignity. It is an honor to represent our school. Your actions directly reflect the integrity and standards of Southern Preparatory Academy. You are constantly being observed.

### **Consequences**

1. **Sitting Out Games:** Minor violations will result in sitting out one or more games or competitions.
2. **Suspension:** Serious or repeated violations will result in suspension from the team.
3. **Expulsion from the Team:** Severe or continuous violations will result in expulsion from the team.

### **Specific Consequences for Insubordination and Profanity Violations**

1. **First Offense:** Removal from participation for 10% of the sports schedule effective immediately. Reinstatement possible after 5% with proof of attendance at a session on respectful communication.
2. **Second Offense:** Removal from participation for the remainder of the current season. No awards or attendance at the awards ceremony.
3. **Third Offense:** Removal from participation for one calendar year. Reinstatement possible with proof of attendance at a session on respectful communication at the discretion of the coach and administrators.

### **Specific Consequences for Lying, Cheating, and Theft Violations**

1. **First Offense:** Removal from participation for 20% of the sports schedule effective immediately. Reinstatement possible after 10% with proof of ethical behavior education.
2. **Second Offense:** Removal from participation for the remainder of the current season. No awards or attendance at the awards ceremony.
3. **Third Offense:** Removal from participation for one calendar year. Reinstatement possible with proof of ethical behavior education at the discretion of the coach and administrators.

### **Specific Consequences for Substance Abuse, Possession, or Distribution Violations**

1. **First Offense:** Removal from participation for 20% of the sports schedule effective immediately. Reinstatement possible after 10% with proof of substance abuse prevention education.

2. **Second Offense:** Removal from participation for the remainder of the current season. No awards or attendance at the awards ceremony.
3. **Third Offense:** Removal from participation for one calendar year. Reinstatement possible with proof of substance abuse prevention education at the discretion of the coach and administrators.

### **Specific Consequences for Bullying, Hazing, or Fighting Violations**

1. **First Offense:** Removal from participation for 20% of the sports schedule effective immediately. Reinstatement possible after 10% with proof of conflict resolution and/or anti-bullying and harassment prevention education.
2. **Second Offense:** Removal from participation for the remainder of the current season. No awards or attendance at the awards ceremony.
3. **Third Offense:** Removal from participation for one calendar year. Reinstatement possible with proof of conflict resolution education at the discretion of the coach and administrators.

In the event a severe conduct violation occurs that is not explicitly detailed in this contract, coaches and administrators, with the partnership of an athlete's parent or guardian, have the right to suspend an athlete in accordance with the spirit and intent of this Code of Conduct. In the event of disagreement, the Vice President and/or President will render an appropriate consequence.

**Acknowledgment:** By signing this Code of Conduct, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by its terms. Your commitment to these principles is essential to your success as a student-athlete and to the integrity of Southern Preparatory Academy's athletic program.

**Student-Athlete Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_