

# Springer Middle School Sports Code of Conduct and Student-Athlete Contract 2018 - 2019

Congratulations on earning the privilege to represent Springer Middle School athletics. All student-athletes and their parents are required to \*read, sign and return the bottom portion of this student-athlete contract in order to be eligible.

## Goals, Objectives and Guidelines:

### Academics

- **Student** comes before **Athlete** in the expression “Student-Athlete.”
- Practice and playing time can and will be limited if a student-athlete is performing poorly in any school subject.
- Failing ANY subject is not acceptable. If a student-athlete has a Failing Grade (F) on their report card for any class, they will not be permitted to remain on the team.

### Promote Good Sportsmanship and a Positive Attitude

- Student-athletes are representing Springer Middle School, their families and themselves. While competing, each student-athlete shall carry him/herself with a positive attitude.
- A student-athlete shall **NEVER** speak to a referee unless asked to do so by the official or coach.
- At no time should a student-athlete use profanity or taunt members of the other team.
- If a student-athlete receives a technical foul for poor sportsmanship, he/she will be subject to discipline from the coach at the following practice, up to and including removal from the team.

### Work to Develop the Total Athlete

- Student-athletes are expected to maintain a positive attitude to grow.
- Take every practice seriously and eliminate wasted time.
- Provide student-athlete with growth in personal skill level.
- Provide student-athlete with growth in working with a team.
- Prepare student-athlete for play at the high school level.

### Parents

- Parents are required to stay away from the team’s bench, locker room, student-athletes and coaches during gameplay. \*\*Unless there is an injury to your child\*\*
- If a parent has any questions or concerns, please schedule a time to meet with a coach that does not interfere with game or practice time.
- Coaches will return e-mails and phone calls as soon as possible.

## Practice

- Practice will be every day from 3:05-4:20PM unless otherwise noted from the coaches.
- All student-athletes are expected to wear appropriate clothing to each game and practice.

## Unexcused absences

- Missing a practice may result in limited or no playing time.
- If a first offense occurs, the student-athlete will owe an apology to the team and an entire practice of supervised discipline (i.e. running).
- If a second unexcused absence occurs, the student-athlete will sit during a game or be removed from the team.
- Detentions and suspensions are unexcused absences.

## Role Responsibility

- Student-athletes will put the team before themselves.
- The coaches will decide varsity and junior varsity teams.
- Playing time is determined by team needs, attitude and effort at practice/gameplay.

## Behavior in School/On the Bus

- All student-athletes are expected to be positive members of the school community (i.e., Classrooms, hallways, buses, cafeteria etc.)
- Disruption of the classroom/safe bus-riding environment will not be tolerated.
  - Any student-athlete sent out of class or who receives a discipline referral on the bus will apologize verbally &/or written to the teacher/driver at the end of the day and participate in supervised discipline for an entire practice.
  - Any student-athlete sent out of class on multiple occasions or who receives more than one discipline referral on the bus will meet with the coaches and administration for possible dismissal from the team.
- We maintain a zero tolerance policy on fighting, bullying, and demonstrating disrespect toward a teacher/staff member.
  - ***Upon review, these actions will lead to immediate dismissal from the team.***

## Coaches

- Student-athletes will not argue with a coach.
- Disrespect will not be tolerated.
- The coaches have the final word on all roster decisions.

I have carefully read the goals, objectives and guidelines for the 2018-2019 Springer Bulldogs Sports Code of Conduct and Student-Athlete Contract. I understand that my grades and behavior in school will affect my involvement with the team. It is understood that by signing this form, I will abide by the 2018-2019 Springer Bulldogs Sports Code of Conduct and Student-Athlete Contract.

**Return this document with all signatures to the Head Coach no later than the start of the first practice. You may NOT attend or participate in any practice or game unless this document is signed and hand delivered to your Head Coach.**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_