

DVUSD Code of Conduct for Student - Athletes

We believe that interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. We also believe that the highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to the six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship, (the "Six Pillars of Character"). This Code applies to all student-athletes involved in DVUSD interscholastic sports.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Trustworthiness – be worthy of trust in all you do.

- *Integrity* – live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor; do what is right even when it is unpopular or personally costly.
- *Honesty* – live and compete honorably; do not lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest or un-sportsmanlike conduct.
- *Reliability* – fulfill commitments; do what you say you will do; be on time to practices and games.
- *Loyalty* – be loyal to your school and team; put the team above personal glory.

RESPECT

Respect – treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of student-athletes.

Class – live and play with class, be a good sport, be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, help up fallen opponents, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.

Disrespectful Conduct – do not engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals of the sport.

Respect Officials – treat contest officials with respect; do not complain about or argue with the official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

RESPONSIBILITY

Importance of Education – be a student first and commit to earning your degree and getting the best education you can. Be honest with yourself about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level and remember that many universities will not recruit student-athletes that do not have a serious commitment to their education, the ability to succeed academically or the character to represent their institution honorably.

Role-Modeling – Remember, participation in sports is a privilege, not a right, and that you are expected to represent your school, coach and teammates with honor, on and off the field. Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model.

