

Franklin Towne Charter High School
Athlete's Handbook & Code of Conduct
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Student Code of Conduct

Article I

STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE

Franklin Towne Charter High School student-athletes must and shall adhere to the following Code.

1. Demonstrate respect for teachers, coaches and fellow students.
2. Arrive on time to class and practice.
3. Strive to improve.
4. Have a positive attitude.
5. Be responsible.
6. Be a team player.
7. Be coachable.
8. Be honest and ethical.
9. Be a credit to your team in the classroom and in competition.

Article II

POLICY REGARDING THREATS, BULLYING AND/OR HAZING

Franklin Towne Charter High School intensely believes that students must be protected from threats, bullying, intimidation, hazing and initiation ceremonies. FTCHS will not tolerate any form of verbal, written, or physical conduct that harasses, humiliates, or persecutes students, or disrupts or interferes with any student's curricular or extracurricular experiences.

No coach, sponsor, volunteer or school employee shall plan, permit, direct, assist or engage, condone or tolerate any of the above stated activities.

PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC LEAGUE & PIAA Policy

POLICY REGARDING UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

A team member or coach who, immediately prior to, during, or immediately after a Contest, recklessly or with ill will or an intent to harm, punches, *i.e.*, strikes with a closed fist, or otherwise strikes, bites, or kicks a contestant, Coach, official, or any other person attending the Contest; shall be suspended and may be disqualified in that sport by the Philadelphia Public League Infractions Committee.

In accordance with District XII, PIAA, and NFHS Rules of Play, the Philadelphia Public League in such situations will assess the following minimum penalties:

1. Any team member who is involved in fighting will be assessed a minimum three (3) game suspension.
2. Any team member or assistant coach who leaves their bench area and steps onto the field of play during an incident, for any reason, will be ejected and suspended for their next contest. The head coach of the team is the only staff member permitted to enter the field of play during an incident.
3. If an entire team leaves their bench area and steps onto the field of play during an incident, the entire team will be ejected from the game, and will serve a one (1) game suspension for their next contest. The ejected team will be assessed a forfeit for the current contest and will forfeit their next contest.
4. If both teams leave their bench areas and step onto the field of play during an incident, both teams will be ejected from the game, and will serve a one (1) game suspension. The current contest will be assessed a double forfeit, and both teams will forfeit their next contest.
5. In any situation where spectators are involved in an on-floor incident, the League shall review and impose appropriate additional sanctions against the host school regarding their Spectator Policy.
6. Additionally, all incidents will be reviewed by the Philadelphia Public League Infractions Committee for assessment and imposition of any appropriate additional penalties according to Article XIII of the PIAA Constitution.
7. Any student-athlete or coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, as determined by the Sport Chairperson and the game officials, must complete the Sportsmanship Course on NFHS Learn before the player or coach returns from their suspension.

COACHING CODE OF CONDUCT

ARTICLE I

ATHLETIC COURTESY

Athletics must and should foster sportsmanship. It is the privilege of each one of us associated with athletics to bear witness to our principles in our own actions.

1. Visiting teams and spectators are guests of the home team and should be treated as we would like to be treated ourselves.
2. The rules of the game are to be regarded as mutual agreements, the letter of which no honorable person would break.
3. Take no action, and do not pursue any course of conduct, which may appear unsportsmanlike or dishonorable if known to one's opponent, or the public.
4. All coaches should refrain from contacting their respective assignors or officials for at least twenty-four (24) hours after the conclusion of the contest. All questions and issues should be communicated through their respective Athletic Director and Sport Chair before contacting the officials or assignors.

ARTICLE II

ETHICS PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This Code of Ethics is to be regarded not simply as a compilation of recommendations, but as a set of rules governing the conduct of students, spectators, student-athletes, coaches and Athletic Directors

SECTION I:

Student-spectators must adhere to the following Code of Ethics:

1. Student-spectators must realize that they represent their school just as athletes do.
2. Student-spectators must appreciate and give suitable recognition to the good in others.
3. Only positive cheering is permitted by spectators for an FTCHS event. Spectators must avoid

“booing”, abusive language, vulgarity, or derogatory comments, as these acts clearly show a lack of charity that breeds the same in opponents.

4. All signs and posters must be pre-approved by the Principal or Athletic Director.
5. Inappropriate dress or conduct will not be permitted during an FTCHS event.
6. Student-spectators must refrain from using musical instruments and noisemakers, except in an approved School band, as these are annoying to some and inflammatory to others.
7. Student-spectators must regard officials and opponents as honest; all must respect and abide by the officials’ decisions, even when a decision may seem unfair.
8. Student-spectators must understand that continued evidence of poor sportsmanship can result in loss of the privilege of attending future contests.
9. If any of the above-mentioned violations occur during a FTCHS event, the officials have the authority to penalize the individual team, and the school’s administration has the authority to stop the game and remove all spectators from the event, if the spectators do not comply at the administration’s request.
10. Student-spectators must realize that a contest ends with the final whistle or other signal; post-game injury to others, or damage to property, will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE III

POLICY FOR COACHES INTERACTION WITH THE MEDIA

The PPL, through the principles outlined in the Code of Conduct, demands that all members of the League, administrators, coaches, players, and fans, should in all circumstances demonstrate their character through sportsmanship and mutual respect.

The adults in charge must address problems that arise during competition. These adults must show leadership and maturity to defuse the situation and allow a sensible and honorable solution

to occur. Where the adults in charge are unable to resolve the situation, and the controversy lingers, the parties involved must present the matter to the PPL Leadership Committee.

It is important to understand that all parties involved, especially coaches, always represent their team, school, and the League. At all times, coaches shall refrain from making derogatory, damaging, and offensive remarks to the media. The Principal and Athletic Director of the school are to be informed of any emotional or potentially scandalous media situations. Coaches shall not enflame a situation by giving emotional or personal remarks to the media. Coaches also shall not address personal comments to the media regarding League-wide policies and procedures.

Penalties for such behavior may include censure, suspension, or dismissal of the coach by the PPL Infractions Committee.

Any violations of the bylaws laid out in this document will be met with disciplinary action from the Athletic Director's Office.