

Code of Conduct - Athletics/Extracurricular/Club Sports

STUDENT ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES CONSENT FORM

Every athlete (prior to the first practice) must submit this form to the Athletic Director (Jovohn Owens). The form needs both the student and parent (or guardian) signature. This form can also be accessed online via email per request.

STUDENT ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

All student athletes must demonstrate school achievement is their primary responsibility at BuffSci. All student athletes/participants must have passed all classes with a 70% overall grade point average to be eligible for competition. Academic eligibility checks will be performed during each marking period. Students not passing all classes with a 70% or better on progress report and report card release dates will lose eligibility until the student attends 9th period or Saturday school and the teacher of the class signs academic eligibility clearance to prove the child is attempting to change academic status at their own discretion. Students may continue to practice but not compete if ineligible. Academic eligibility checks will be performed by the athletic director every two weeks thereafter for students not passing every class with at least a 70% grade point average. If a student's grade improves and is passing all classes at a 2 week check, eligibility is reinstated. Students failing 1 class may have their grades monitored for 2-week periods while still eligible to practice and compete on probationary eligibility. If a student is failing 2 or more classes at the end of a trimester, the student will be ineligible for the following trimester.

PHYSICALS

Every athlete at the high school level is required to pass a physical exam every school year. To be valid, these physicals must be taken before team tryout dates. You may use a doctor of your choice to schedule the physical. Be sure to notify the nurse after the physical has been completed.

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL ON DAY OF CONTEST/ACTIVITY

Students are expected to attend school during the total school day, if they plan to participate in an athletic contest, practice or activity during the same day or evening. If an absence occurs, it must be excused through the school or risk ineligibility for that day and the next contest/activity. Students attending less than a half day of school may not participate in athletics or activities that day.

TEAM TRANSPORTATION TO AWAY CONTESTS AND HOME PRACTICES / EVENTS

Any student traveling to an away contest as a member of a team on school reserved transportation or other such approved vehicles, shall return home with the parent or guardian's designee. The bus provided by BuffSci will take the team to the away game and back to the school located at 190 Franklin st., Buffalo, NY, 14202. If the parent chooses to attend the away game and bring their own child home from the contest site, the parent MUST speak with the team's coach before leaving. The coach will then let the

Athletic Director know to successfully release the athlete. Athletes will NOT be allowed to leave an away game without a parent or guardian to go anywhere. All players shall remain under the coaches supervision until a different plan has been discussed with the parent or guardian of a player. If a team has a practice or event to attend following the school day, the students are responsible for finding and arranging transportation home. The school does not provide transportation for students to get home.

ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES AND CONTEST

Attendance at practice sessions is necessary to prepare athletes physically and mentally for contests. All team members shall be at all practice sessions and contests at all times designated by the Athletic director and coach. There are situations when it is impossible for a participant to attend due to illness, injury, religious observance, or special family commitments. Excused or unexcused absences from practice may affect a student's playing time. The participants shall make PRIOR arrangements with the coach for an excused absence.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Students are expected to follow the BuffSci school dress code at home and away events. Individual teams may expect additional dress code requirements based on coach and Athletic Director discretion.

UNIFORMS

Athletes are required to wear the uniforms given to them by the coach during all contests in adherence to the Section 6 policy. The athlete is also required to return the uniform provided to them by BuffSci at the end of their participating season. Failure to return the uniform in acceptable condition will result in the athlete being responsible to pay for a new uniform.

SUMMER AND OFF SEASON ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

A wide variety of sport schools, clinics, and training programs are offered to athletes and participants during the summer months and off season by colleges, organizations or individual coaches. Since these programs are held in the summer and off season and are VOLUNTARY, in no way shall athletes be required to enroll in these programs as a condition for membership or placement on a team the succeeding season.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Athletes are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship at all times. Athletes are to display personal control under practice and game conditions toward their teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators. In addition, it is understood that any harassment, racial or ethnic slurs said at any time, is unacceptable and will be dealt with accordingly.

SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

BuffSci's Athletic's staff have made a strong and united effort in support of good sportsmanship. We have agreed to the following goals are appropriate for all spectators to follow:

- A. We believe cheers at games should be of a positive, encouraging nature in support of one's team.
- B. We believe that fan behavior which baits and derides other teams, individual players, coaches or schools is inappropriate.
- C. We believe that officials in games have difficult decisions to make and should be treated with respect, whether one agrees with a decision or not.
- D. We believe that cheers which make use of vulgarities are inappropriate.

COMPLIANCE CONTRACT

Athletics is a derivative of BuffSci's total educational program. All school rules and regulations are expected to be followed on campus, at away events, on school buses and in the community.

As a student athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority and maintain at least a 70% GPA.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, steroids or weapons.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.

It is a privilege to proudly represent BuffSci. By signing this contract you agree you have read and understood the terms and conditions in this code of conduct. Failure to comply with this policy will result in game/practice suspension or termination from the team roster. If the participating student athlete and their parent or legal guardian agree to the terms above, they shall sign the lines below to confirm consent. LET'S GO WOLVERINES!!!

Athlete printed name and signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian printed name and signature _____ Date _____

"Win with humility, lose with dignity"