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Code of Conduct for Athletics

I. Introduction

- All athletes who participate in interscholastic athletics hold a privileged and enviable position, and have in their hands the emotion and pride of their entire school and community. Their actions and personal conduct reflect upon their parents, teachers, coaches, and above all, themselves. This is a great responsibility. The following Participation Code is intended to serve the best interests of the athletes, their team, and their school.

II. Rules/Consequences

- The following rules and regulations may seem difficult for some, easy for others, but they will be observed by all. It is not possible, or desirable for the coach to become a detective. If there are violators, it is up to the entire team to see to it that they do not ruin the morale, spirit, and unity of the team. A person who does not have the physical toughness and the mental discipline to abide by the rules may also let the team down in a game. As a member of a Wells Central School Athletic Team, you will be held to high standards. If you cannot be accountable, you may want to reconsider your participation.
 - Use and/or Possession of Alcohol, Tobacco, and All types of E-Cigarettes/Vaping accessories
 - These are dangerous habits. They have no place in the life of an athlete. Use and/or possession of alcohol or tobacco products will result in a suspension
 - a. 1st offence removal from team for three weeks. First two weeks player will be removed and in week three the player can practice and travel but cannot play in games.
 - b. 2nd offence removal from the team for the remainder of the sports season.
 - **Drug Use**
 - Absolutely no drug use, unless prescribed by a doctor. Use of drugs not prescribed by your physician is illegal and warrants immediate dismissal from the team. Sale and/or distribution of drugs will also result in dismissal from the team.
 - **Conduct**
 - All athletes are expected to conduct themselves like ladies and gentlemen at all times. Good school citizenship, respect for your teammates, students and teachers is a must! Always refrain from fighting or using language or action, which may incite the opposing team. Profanity on your part may lead an opponent to believe you are losing control. Don't give them an "edge" over you. Any student who commits a flagrant act of disrespect, participates in a criminal activity, or conducts himself in a manner bringing disrespect to Wells Central School can be subject to penalties to be determined by the coach and the athletic director.
 - **Be Punctual**
 - Be on time at all times. Please, no excuses. Let the coach know, prior to practice, if you can't attend. Practice is important and it is important that you attend scheduled practices throughout the season. Players that are late and don't show will be subjected to consequences. After the athletes 4th unexcused absence they will be removed from the team for the remainder of that sport season.
 - a. 1st offence the athlete will conference with the AD and head coach

- b. 2nd offence the athlete will not play for one half of the next game the team plays.
- c. 3rd offence the athlete will not play in the next game the team plays.
- d. 4th offence the athlete will be removed from the team.

- **Attendance**

- An athlete not in school the day of a game will not participate in the game unless he/she presents a physician's, dentist's etc., note or a parental excuse, indicating that an absence is due to an acceptable emergency. Athletes attending school for only part of the day on a game day, because of sickness, will not be allowed to play that day.
- Students, who are absent or tardy, for any reason other than a legal excuse, the day after a game or extracurricular school event. In case of medical or dental appointments a written excuse from the doctor or dentist must be presented to the office upon return to school.
 - a. 1st offence warning/conference from the athletic director
 - b. 2nd offence athlete will sit out the first half of the next game the team plays.
 - c. 3rd offence athlete will not participate in the next game the team plays and will sit out each game after the 3rd offence.
- An athlete must be at every practice session during the week unless he/she has a legal excuse, (i.e. doctor appointment, sickness, etc.) or is excused in advance by the coach.
- Athletes are expected to be on time and in school each day. Athletes that come into school late more than three times in a sports season are subjected to consequences.
 - a. 1st offence student will have lunch detention and will not be allowed to practice with his or her team that day.
 - b. 2nd offence student will miss the 1st half of the next game their team plays in
 - c. 3rd offence student will miss the next game their team plays in.

- **Participation**

- If an athlete quits a sport he/she will not be allowed to rejoin the team for the remainder of the season. If an athlete is removed for disciplinary reasons, he/she will be suspended until further notice by the coach or athletic director.

III. **Social Media**

- Wells Central student athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner as a member of their teams and our Athletic program. As a student athlete you are responsible for your social media use. Any malicious use of social media platforms shall not be tolerated. Malicious use may include, but not be limited to:
 1. Derogatory language or remarks regarding fellow athletes, students, coaches, administrators, faculty and staff of Wells Central or other high schools.
 2. Demeaning statements or threats that endanger the safety of another person.
 3. Incriminating photos or statements regarding illegal criminal behavior, underage drinking, use of illegal drugs, sexual harassment or violence.
 - a. Depending on severity of the offence issues may be turned over to the proper authorities.
 - b. Consequences will be determined by the Athletic Director and the coach for the violating student athlete.

IV. **Discipline for Violations**

- An athlete may be suspended, or dismissed from the team by the coach or the athletic director, depending upon the severity of the violation.
- Any violation of the above rules may result in dismissal from any team. Any athlete who is disciplined under these rules may request a hearing with the acting superintendent, whose decision will be final

unless the Board of Education determines there is new evidence, or that the panel misinterpreted the facts. In either case, the Board of Education may review the matter and make a decision, or conduct a new hearing, if that is deemed necessary.

- Any athlete suspended three times in one calendar year will miss one full calendar year starting after their third suspension before being able to participate in another sport at Wells Central.

V. Ineligible Students

- An ineligible student is restricted from participation in all extracurricular activities and/or interscholastic games or game related activities, such as dressing for a game, riding the bus, etc.; however, such students may practice with the team and sit on the team bench during home games. This pertains to all players, managers, and/or statisticians. (see Academic Probation vs. Ineligibility Policy for additional information)

VI. Spectator Conduct

- We expect all individuals (students and adults) who attend sporting events here at Wells Central School to display appropriate spectator conduct. All spectators are expected to support student-athletes from both schools participating in the sporting event and show respect for coaches and officials working with our student athletes. Our school will have spectators who represent good spirit and pride in their school and who are good role models for our youth.

**Athletic Code of Conduct
Athletic Team Agreement**

I have read the Athletic Code of Conduct and I will support my team by abiding by this Participation Code. In signing this agreement, I am also stating that I understand what is expected of me in order to be awarded Male or Female Athlete of the year.

Student Signature

Printed Name of Student

Date

We support our son/daughter's participation in the Wells Central Schools athletic program and we are aware of the Athletic Code of Conduct he/she has agreed to accept. In addition, we agree by signing below to accept the responsibility of displaying positive and appropriate conduct during all games that we attend. We will support all Wells Central student athletes while they participate in athletic events.

Parents Signature

Printed Name of Parent

Date