

# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES AND PARENTS

Organized competitive athletics provides young people with an excellent opportunity to learn self-discipline, teamwork, and commitment to a goal. Involvement in competitive athletics also provides opportunity for the student athlete to develop positive character traits, self-esteem and a healthy, competitive respect for their opponents as well as healthy respect for authority.

In today's society, competitive rage has become a problem, which is teaching our young people traits and values that are in direct opposition to what we hope our student athletes learn in their athletic experience. There have been cases reported where competitive rage outbursts have resulted in serious injury and even death in other parts of the country. This is an issue that must be addressed by all who are connected with interscholastic athletics.

In Klein I.S.D., we believe that any outburst of rage displayed by athletes, coaches and spectators, resulting in inappropriate language, gesture or verbal abuse directed at opponents, coaches, other spectators and officials is counterproductive to the positive development of our students athletes. Such behavior cannot be tolerated. Therefore, we must work together to insure positive development and a safe environment of all who attend our contests.

## **AGREEMENT:**

In an effort to work together for the positive development of our student athletes, we agree to adhere to a code of conduct prohibiting the use of inappropriate language, and gesture as well as any other outburst of rage directed toward opponents, coaches, officials and other spectators at any athletic contest. Failure to adhere to the code of conduct can/will result in immediate removal, banned from all future contests, and law enforcement involvement.

## **Signed:**

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Athlete

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Date

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Parent

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