

Cooper City High School

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Cooper City High School is committed to a spirit of good sportsmanship as a means to achieve exemplary citizenship and to enhance the image of our school community among students, patrons, and guests of our district. To enhance and promote our sportsmanship and citizenship goals, all students, sponsors and fans representing our school are expected to display exemplary levels of sportsmanship during all school-sponsored events and activities.

I. OBJECTIVES OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Each student who participates in the Cooper City High School athletic program is expected:

On the field/court to:

1. Be gracious and courteous regardless of whether he/she wins or loses.
2. Abstain from the use of illegal tactics.
3. Abstain from the use of profanity.
4. Abstain from displaying fits of temper, clowning, or other inappropriate behavior.
5. Cooperate with officials, coaches, and athletes
 - Injured players need to be at practices to be considered part of the team.
 - If a player quits or is removed from a team they are not entitled to any post season activity (letters, banquets, scholar athlete etc...)

At school to:

1. Maintain good scholarship
2. Pay respectful attention to classroom activities.
3. Show respect for other students.
4. Avoid horseplay and unnecessary boisterousness.
5. Maintain a good attendance record.

In the school building and on school grounds to:

Conduct him/her so as to provide role models for other students.

1. Use school equipment with respect and care.
2. Respect the property of others.
3. Represent Cooper City High School with honor and pride.

II. MINIMUM TRAINING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

1. Students are expected to be at team practices on time. A student should always consult his/her coach before missing practice. Missing practice or a game without good reason is unacceptable.
2. Students are expected to treat all equipment as if it were his/her own. He/she should not abuse it or see it wantonly harmed. Each student is financially responsible for all equipment he/she checks out and will not be allowed to participate in another sport until the obligation is cleared.
3. Athletes, like all other students, are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable, responsible manner in keeping with the School Board of Broward Code of Conduct.
4. Students are expected to remain on a team until all contests are completed (play-offs and such). Dropping out of a sport is a serious matter. No student should quit any sport without first consulting his/her coach and explaining his/her intentions. Any athlete quitting or being dropped from a team is not permitted to participate in another sport or use athletic facilities until the conclusion of the sport that her or she quit or was dropped from.

Cooper City High School

5. Students must have a current physical examination and return to their coach a completed Physical Examination Summary form signed by the doctor and by the player's parent or guardian, before practicing or competing.
6. Students/Athletes are to be dressed in official uniforms when representing Cooper City High School in a game or meet. Deviations from or additions to the school uniform are not permitted.
7. Students/Athletes are to keep the team locker room neat.
8. Players and coaches ARE to travel as a team to and from all contests except in the case of an emergency (injury, illness). Special arrangements will be addressed via a conference and in writing with the Athletic Director's office and the parents.
9. Student athletes are expected to attend and participate in all classes for which they are enrolled, including Physical Education on a scheduled contest date.

III. PENALTIES

1. Unauthorized possession of school equipment: Any student in unauthorized possession of an item of Cooper City School equipment or property will be immediately suspended from athletics and reported to his/her Assistant Principal pending investigation.
2. Drugs and Alcohol: Any team member found using or possessing alcohol or drugs will be suspended from competing in athletics immediately pending further investigation.
3. Any external suspension from school may result in automatic suspension from the sport and/or removal from the team.
4. Athlete/Parents are responsible for any fines incurred by the athlete's misconduct or appeal of that misconduct. Or any fines associated with the student participating in athletics.

IV. APPEALS

If a team member, suspended by a coach wishes to appeal he/she will notify the Athletic Director to set up a meeting with the Principal, Athletic Director and Coach. The athlete and his/her parent(s) must be present.

V. ADDITIONAL COACHES RULES

A coach may if he/she so desires add to the above additional training rules and regulations and additional Penalties. This must be given to the AD prior to the season for approval.

VI. COOPER CITY HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible to play a sport a student must fulfill all of the eligibility requirements established by the FHSAA, BCAA, SBBC, and Cooper City High School.

1. A student must complete all paperwork before grades are checked.
2. A student must carry an un-weighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
3. A student must be in attendance on the day of a scheduled contest to be eligible to play in that contest.
 - a. Any student missing one or more classes with an unexcused absence on the day an event is ineligible to participate on that date.
 - b. Any student "sleeping in" and arriving to school late or being dismissed early to "rest up before the Game" on the day of an event is ineligible to participate on that date.

VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the Athletic Office (754)323-0200 or refer to the FHSAA website (www.fhsaa.org). The website offers the FHSAA Handbook with much useful information.

VIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the above rules of conduct and ethics as required as a member of any Cooper City High School Athletic Team.

_____ Student Athlete (Print) _____ Signature _____ Date
_____ Parent or Guardian(Print) _____ Signature _____ Date