



ODYSSEY CHARTER SCHOOL

**Sports Code of Conduct/Rules
Parent/Athlete Contract**

Congratulations on earning the privilege of representing Odyssey Charter School Athletics. By signing this contract all athletes and parents agree to the following rules of conduct.

Academic Eligibility - All athletes are subject to the eligibility requirements of the Odyssey Charter School Athletic Program. Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked after three weeks of a semester and each succeeding week thereafter. The period of probation and ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in on the day of the grade check, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes, he/she will not be eligible to participate during the next one-week period. The ineligibility periods will begin on Monday and end on Sunday. A student who has lost eligibility under this provision must pass without a C or above in any class in order to regain eligibility. A student regains eligibility under this policy with the first class of the new one-week period (Monday through Sunday).

Conduct - All students are expected to have good or exemplar behaviors while at school and during athletic events. If a student receives an ISS suspension they may not play for the following game(s) 1-2 games depending on severity. If OSS student will be removed (suspended) from the team.

Attendance Policy - Athletes must attend a minimum of four of their classes to compete in an activity on the same day. (Any exceptions such as personal emergencies must be approved by the principal or their designee.)

- If a student is not able to attend four classes on the day of practice they will not be allowed to practice and will not be able to participate in the game if it is the following day.
- If the athlete misses a practice during the week that does not precede a game then they will be eligible to participate in the game, but may or may not start in the game as per discretion of the coach.
- 90% attendance rate must be maintained for eligibility.
- Unexcused absences/tardies or habitual absences/tardies from practices, games, or school may result in dismissal from the team.

Tryouts

Choosing the members of the various athletic teams is the responsibility of the coaches. Each head coach will determine if a tryout is needed for their sport. The need for tryouts can vary from year to year, sport to sport.

Before tryouts begin, coaches will provide team information to all candidates as well as the parents or guardians at the team meeting. The length of the tryout period, objectives used to select the members of the team, criteria involved in the selection of team members, and an explanation of the commitment necessary to be a member of the team, are items that will be shared with those wishing to be a part of the team.

Physicals:

Every student-athlete must have a current physical and medical consent form for each year of participation. The proper form is to be filled out by a physician and is available to download from the Odyssey Website. Physicals must be returned to the school by the second practice. The physicals will be kept on file in the Athletic Director's office.

Team Travel

Team members will travel to and from athletic events on school-provided transportation. Athletes may leave with their parents if the parents sign students out on the sign-out sheet after the event is over. Athletes should keep the bus as clean as possible. Coaches will expect them to pick up around their seats, close windows, help sweep the bus, and throw away trash as necessary. The event area (both practice and game) must be left clean also.

Playing Time

There is no guarantee of playing time. This MUST be understood by both the player and parents. **IF** a player has a question about playing time they may ask a coach about it during a free moment at practice, or after the conclusion of practice. Under no circumstance should playing time be discussed with a coach before, during, or after a game. If this becomes a problem then the player will be subject to removal from the team.

Expectations Of Athletes and Families

Participation in the athletic program is a privilege that carries with it varying degrees of responsibility, recognition, and reward. Participating student-athletes represent their school and other members of the student body, and it is their duty to conduct themselves in a manner that is positive for themselves, their families, their school, and their community.

Promoting Good Sportsmanship and a Positive Attitude

- Athletes are required to show respect to all teams, their coaches, parents, players, and referees
- Whether win or lose all team members are expected to shake hands and show respect to the opposing team
- Athletes shall NEVER speak to a referee, coaches, or other team members in a degrading or disrespectful manner
- At no time should athletes or parents use profanity or taunt members of the opposing team
- At no time should parents or athletes interfere with the playing of the game and practice time (ex. talking to students, coaches, and referees during game play and practice time)
- Parents are required to stay away from the team's bench, athletes, and coaches during game time and practice unless there is an injury to their student and the coach calls them over.
- Parents are expected to take care of washing and cleaning of athletic clothing.
- It is the athlete's responsibility to "daily" take home practice clothing to be cleaned. **Personal hygiene is of the utmost importance (deodorant and clean clothing).**
- If a parent or player has any questions or concerns please schedule a time to meet with your coaches via email. Coaches will return emails as soon as possible.
- If any of these procedures are not followed it could result in dismissal from the game (both student and parent) and possible dismissal from the team.



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As the parent of an Odyssey athlete, I have read and understand the following:

1. It is the parent's responsibility to obtain a current physical form as well as any other required forms.
2. Students are to be picked up from practice on time. Failure to do so could lead to disciplinary actions against the player up to and including dismissal from the team as well as a monetary fine.
3. There is an athletic fee for each player for each sport. This fee is used to help sustain the program, provide uniforms, pay officials, etc. Students who do not pay the required fee are subject to dismissal from the team. If I do not pay the fee, my student is not eligible to play in games. The fee is _____.
4. As an Odyssey parent, it is expected that I conduct myself at games in a manner that does not dishonor the team or the school. This expectation extends to all members of a parent or player's family present at the game. I recognize that such behavior as name-calling, berating other players, or cursing at players, officials or other fans is inappropriate.
5. If such behavior results in that fan being asked to leave the premises. If the person asked to leave is a relative of an Odyssey player, failure to leave in a timely manner will result in that player being benched.
6. Coaches **DO NOT** discuss playing time with parents, **PERIOD**. Parents should not aggressively approach coaches, nor should they make physical contact with coaches. Failure to adhere to these rules could result in their student being suspended or dismissed from the team. Coaches will discuss playing time with players only if they approach the coach at a mutually agreeable time and in a respectful manner.

Parent Code of Conduct:

- Be realistic about your child's athletic ability.
- Help your child set realistic goals.
- Be an encourager at home and in the stands by emphasizing "improved performance", not winning.
- Don't relive your own athletic past through your child.
- Control your emotions at games and events.
- Respect your child's coaches, communicate with them in a positive way, and encourage others to do the same.
- Be a positive role model
- Be responsible, and sensible, and keep your priorities in order. Much more is at stake than win or lose.



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STUDENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

Student-Athlete:

I have read and understand all of the information. I also understand that there may be additional team rules presented by my coach that I am expected to follow. I understand that I represent Odyssey Charter School at all times and will act responsibly both in and out of school. I understand that misbehavior or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in consequences.

PRINT Student-Athlete Name

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian:

I have read and understand all of the information. I also understand that there may be additional team rules presented by the coach. I understand that it is my responsibility to reinforce the rules of the athletic department with my student-athlete. I understand that I am expected to act appropriately at all events which I attend. I understand and agree that I must contact the head coach first, prior to contacting the Athletic Director or Administration with any issues.

PRINT Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date