

**SUMMIT HILL**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT #161**



**ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**

To the Students and Families of Summit Hill,

The members of Summit Hill School District 161 believe that interscholastic and intramural activities shall be an integral part of the educational program, with the purpose of providing educational experiences not otherwise provided in the classroom curriculum. The school district wishes to provide students with additional opportunities for personal growth, self-discipline, skill development, teamwork, creativity, and fun. Student-athletes are expected to be high academic achievers and positive leaders for our school, showing character, respect, sportsmanship, loyalty, and responsibility in the classroom and on the playing field.

Participation as student athletes is a privilege that is awarded only to those students who conduct themselves in accordance with the expectations described in the Athletic Code. We at Summit Hill School District 161 will provide a nurturing, competitive, and life-learning, environment where all student-athletes can succeed. The staff at our schools will make every effort to assist you in your development as a student, an athlete, and a person. It is your responsibility to meet our expectations and excellence in Spartan Green and White.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Summit Hill School District 161

#### Middle School Athletic Philosophy

- 1.) Maintain academic eligibility.
- 2.) Exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play in both practice and competition.
- 3.) Be courteous and hospitable to visiting teams.
- 4.) Play hard and to the best of your ability.
- 5.) Conduct yourself in a respectful manner at all times.
- 6.) Accept victory or defeat in a mature and emotionally balanced manner.
- 7.) Demonstrate loyalty to the school by participating in or supporting other school activities.
- 8.) Understand that participation in athletics is a privilege that involves a great deal of personal responsibility.
- 9.) Follow all school rules.
- 10.) Understand that conduct and performance in the athletic area cannot be viewed separately or in isolation from conduct and performance in the classroom.

#### Handbook Disclaimer

This athletic handbook is only a summary of board policies, and the handbook may be modified during the year without notice. The handbook is alphabetically organized by topic. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the handbook, which sets consequences for inappropriate behavior.

#### Academic Eligibility

We believe that the first and primary concern for any student is academics. It is in the student's best interest that their focus is on academics first and that participation in district athletic programs comes second to academics. The academic requirements for eligibility to participate in any athletic program at Summit Hill Junior High School or Hilda Walker Intermediate School are as follows:

- Eligibility of students will be determined at the end of the academic week as determined by student attendance days.
- Students with one or more failing grades during this period will be considered ineligible for the upcoming week.
- Student-athletes are considered ineligible until all grades are brought up to a passing level of 60% or above.
- Ineligible student-athletes will not be allowed to participate in contests for a seven-day period beginning Sunday and ending Saturday. They must report to study hall during this period and then attend practice and / or the contest.
  - In some cases, transportation to away contests may be the responsibility of the student.
  - Failure to attend study hall will result in further disciplinary action.
- If at the end of the seven-day period, the student has brought all grades up to a passing level the student-athlete will be reinstated as eligible to participate in contests with the team.
- A student-athlete accumulating three weeks (consecutive or non-consecutive) of ineligibility will be removed from the team.
- A student-athlete with multiple missing assignments (whether obtaining a passing or failing grade) may also be subject to ineligibility if deemed necessary by school administration.

#### Activity Fees

All students participating in extra-curricular activities at Summit Hill Junior High School and Hilda Walker Intermediate School will be required to pay an activity fee of \$20 per sport per season. These fees will apply per student for each season of competition.

Students who have not paid their fees will not be able to participate in a contest until their fees have been paid. Fees are non-refundable. Voluntary withdrawal, lack of playing time, academic ineligibility, or disciplinary actions taken by the coach or the administration will not be the basis for refunding fees.

If a student's family has financial difficulty in paying participation fees, that student will not be denied the opportunity of participation. Any student who wishes to participate but is unable to because of financial hardship should contact the administration.

#### Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, and Unlawful Drugs

Any athlete observed partaking in the usage of, having possession, distributing, and/or selling alcoholic beverages, unlawful drugs or any form, and/or tobacco (including smokeless) will be automatically suspended from the individual sport season.

The Athletic Council will meet and determine the extent of suspensions and/or alternatives for all reported violations.

A rule violation is deemed to have occurred when:

- A District #161 employee personally observes the athlete's possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal drugs, or look alike.

- A law enforcement agency, or representative thereof, confirms possession or use of any above substance, or
- An athlete admits to the administration following just cause suspicion that he/she has used or possessed any above said substance.

#### Articles from Home

Common sense and consideration are the best guides in determining whether to bring personal possessions to school. Students are not permitted to bring articles from home to school that could be harmful to others, that are valuable or irreplaceable, or that distract from the educational environment. Examples include (but are not limited to) electronic games, musical devices, large sums of money, laser pointers, sharp or pointed objects, toys, inappropriate magazines, glass, expensive jewelry, etc. Our school/district is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

#### Athletic Awards

Any athlete dropped from team membership for disciplinary actions and/or ineligibility will not be eligible to receive any award established for members of the team.

Students cannot accept any award for athletic performance other than an emblematic award. The value of an award may not exceed \$20.00.

#### Athletic Boosters

The Summit Hill / Hilda Walker Athletic Boosters are an organization whose goal is to enhance the athletic programs at Summit Hill and Hilda Walker through various fundraising efforts. The SHHWAB holds meetings once a month and all are welcome to attend. **It is expectation, that any parent(s) who has a student involved in athletics at Summit Hill Junior High or Hilda Walker Intermediate School, signs up for concessions work during the athletic school year at their respective school(s).**

#### Athletic Council

The Athletic Council will be used in the event of an appeals process for a code of conduct violation as well as on a case-by-case basis for disciplinary actions related to athletics as determined by the administration (Refer to page 13 for Appeals Procedure and Due Process). This council will be selected by the administration and athletic director to include a Summit Hill or Hilda Walker administrator, two head coaches not including the involved coach, and two non-coaching staff members. The Athletic Council proceedings will be presided over by the building principal.

#### Attendance at Extra-Curricular Events

Students attending Summit Hill or Hilda Walker athletic contests must abide by school rules as well as the rules of the Illinois Elementary School Association. Students who are using profanity or involved in obscene cheers/actions/gestures will be removed from the athletic contest as well as denied admissions to future contests. Students are expected to follow the same rules and expectations that are in force during the school day. At the conclusion of an activity students are expected to depart from the school grounds in a timely fashion (no more than ten minutes for any practice, contest, etc). Students must have transportation arranged in advance.

### Bullying

No person, including a District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully another student based upon a student's sex, color, race, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or other protected group status. The district will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that affects tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, causing psychological harm, threatening, or causing physical harm, wearing, or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

### Camera / Video Devices

All photographic and video capturing devices are prohibited without approval and supervision of school personnel. Any photographic and/or video capturing device used inappropriately by a student(s) will result in the student(s) receiving disciplinary actions up to suspension.

### Cell Phone Usage

The perimeter of Summit Hill Junior High shall be defined as the building and the property extending to the parking and car rider areas.

Cellular phones and other electronic/signaling devices (cell phone, iPod, mp3 player, etc) are to be in the **OFF** mode during all school hours (unless teacher permission has been given for use). Such devices when seen or heard during school hours without permission will be confiscated by school staff. A grade of 50% may be given if a device is confiscated during a test.

### Code of Conduct / Parent Meeting

A code of conduct / parent meeting will be held with the athletes, parents, and coaches during the beginning of each inter-scholastic season. Rules, procedures, regulations, game, and practice schedules will be discussed at the meeting as well as any questions regarding the team. It is an expectation that the student-athlete and parent / guardian will attend a code of conduct meeting for each sport they participate in during the school year.

### Concurrent Sports Limitations

We at Summit Hill School District #161 do not advocate for student-athletes to participate in two interscholastic sports per season. Under special circumstances, a student-athlete shall concurrently compete in more than one interscholastic sport per season. If a student-athlete chooses to participate in two concurrent sports, he or she must meet with the two coaches, the athletic director, his or her parent / guardian, as well as the administration prior to a decision being made about participation. This rule does not apply for the student-athlete who competes during an alternate season, qualifies for the state tournament, and is required to practice prior to competing in the state tournament.

### Equipment and Equipment Storage Area

Coaches will enforce strict regulations for the care of the school's equipment. Players will be required to pay for any lost or damaged equipment. Each athlete is responsible for the equipment issued to him/her.

### Harassment

#### **RACIAL HARASSMENT & VIOLENCE**

The School District will act to investigate all complaints of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence, and to discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel who is found to have violated this policy. All complaints of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence shall be reduced to writing by the complainant so that the School District has a record of the nature of the complaint and when the complaint was made.

Racial harassment is defined as physical or verbal conduct relating to an individual's race when the conduct (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic environment; (2) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic performance; or (3) otherwise affects an individual's academic opportunities. Racial violence is defined as a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, race.

Students who are the victims of harassment or violence are encouraged to notify the School District through their Principal or, if the principal has allegedly committed the act or acts of harassment or violence complained of, through the Superintendent. Such report is requested to be made in writing detailing the specifics of the charge and should be submitted within a reasonable time after the incident. The identity of the parties and the events complained of shall remain confidential to the extent feasible. The principal shall report his/her findings and any recommendation for action to the Superintendent. Acts of harassment or violence as defined in this policy depending upon the circumstances of the case may be considered cause for expulsion or such other disciplinary action as is warranted.

#### **RELIGIOUS HARASSMENT & VIOLENCE**

The School District will act to investigate all complaints of religious, racial, or sexual harassment or violence, and to discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator, or other school personnel who is found to have violated this policy. All complaints of religious, racial, or sexual harassment or violence shall be reduced to writing by the complainant so that the School District has a record of the nature of the complaint and when the complaint was made.

Religious harassment is defined as physical or verbal conduct which is related to an individual's religion when the conduct (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic environment; (2) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic performance; or (3) otherwise adversely affects an individual's academic opportunities. Religious violence is defined as a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, religion.

Students who are the victims of harassment or violence are encouraged to notify the School District through their Principal or, if the principal has allegedly committed the act or acts of harassment or violence complained of, through the Superintendent. Such report is required to be made in writing detailing the specifics of the charge and should be submitted within a reasonable time after the incident. The identity of the parties and the events complained of shall remain

confidential to the extent feasible. The principal shall report his/her findings and any recommendation for action to the Superintendent. Acts of harassment or violence as defined in this policy depending upon the circumstances of the case may be considered cause for expulsion or such other disciplinary action as is warranted.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. Any person, including a district employee or agent, or student, engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and engages in other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed based on sex, that:

1. Denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status; or

2. Has the purpose or effect of:

Substantially interfering with a given student's educational environment.

Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

Depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or

making submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include touching, crude jokes or pictures, discussions of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities.

Students, who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or have witnessed sexual harassment, are encouraged to discuss the matter with the student nondiscrimination coordinator, building principal, assistant building principal, or a complaint manager. Students may choose to report to a person of the student's same sex. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined. An allegation that one student was sexually harassed by another student shall be referred to the building principal or assistant building principal for appropriate action.

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion consistent with the discipline policy. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding sexual harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge, regarding employees, or suspension and expulsion.

### Hazing

Summit Hill School District 161 does not condone, nor will tolerate the hazing of students involved in any extracurricular activities on or off school property. Any reported incident of hazing will be investigated on an individual basis. Any student who is found to have participated in the hazing of other student(s) will be disciplined. The disciplinary action will include a meeting with the student and their parent/guardian and may be as severe as expulsion from school and a permanent loss of extracurricular privileges in the Summit Hill School District.

Hazing is defined as any type of initiation procedure for any school related activity, which involves conduct such as but not limited to:

- A.) Illegal activity
- B.) Physical punishment or infliction of pain
- C.) Intentional humiliation or embarrassment
- D.) Dangerous activity
- E.) Activity likely to cause mental or psychological stress.
- F.) Forced detention or kidnapping.
- G.) Undressing or otherwise exposing initiates.

### Dressing Room / Locker Room

- 1.) Rough-housing, hazing, or “horseplay” of any sorts is dangerous and will not be permitted at any time and are subject to disciplinary action by the coach and/or administration.
- 2.) Keep any assigned lockers locked and clean.
- 3.) Video taping of any kind is prohibited.

### Fitness Center

The goal of the fitness training center is to help the students understand the principles of F.I.T.T. and engage themselves in proper form and technique in fitness training. The following rules apply through a positive non-judging environment:

- 1.) Students are not to be in the fitness center without their coach present to assistant and instruct proper techniques for the equipment.
- 2.) No food or beverages of any kind are allowed in the fitness center at any time.
- 3.) Horseplay is forbidden.
- 4.) Equipment needs to be placed back in its proper location after use.
- 5.) Equipment should always be used for the purpose for which it is intended.
- 6.) Athletes are required to stretch and warm-up properly before using any type of equipment.
- 7.) Proper shoes and clothing should be worn when using the fitness center.
- 8.) School and physical education rules always apply.

Any student who chooses to disobey the rules of the fitness room will be subject to disciplinary action by the administration as well as jeopardize future opportunities for fitness center use.



### Lost and Found

Students who find lost items should promptly turn them in to a teacher / coach or to the office. Students are asked to inspect the lost and found container before school, during lunch, or after school. Money, wallets, purses, glasses, keys, and jewelry are kept in the office. Items that go unidentified may be donated to charity. Parents are urged to place the student's name on all personal items, especially coats, jackets, and athletic shoes.

Valuable personal items or sizable amounts of money should not be brought to school. These items if brought may be stored in the main office. The school is not responsible for damage, stolen, or lost personal property brought to school. The school will most likely not investigate stolen, damaged, or lost property if it is property that is not recommended for school.

### Loss of Privileges (L.O.P.)

Privileges lost include all activities that may take place outside of class. Examples include field trips, assemblies, guest speakers, athletic events, dances, open-gyms, fundraisers, and other extra curricular activities which take place outside the student's regularly scheduled classes (held at school or other locations). This list is not necessarily limited to the events listed but will include any other activities (such as graduation exercises) considered extracurricular by the administration.

A student could lose privileges for **30 school days** when he / she accumulates three days of in-school and / or out-of-school suspensions, or a combination of both any time during the school year. Additional school infractions which result in office referrals will result in additional loss of privilege. Student-athletes involved in activities may continue to participate in practice but will not be permitted to participate in contests until the designated L.O.P. period is concluded. Students could be removed from L.O.P. within the first **15 school days** of L.O.P. assignment (good behavior) if they do not receive **any** referrals within that time.

Students that earn additional suspensions while on L.O.P. risk losing end-of-the-year privileges. **Repeated violations of school policies or extreme misconduct will result in immediate loss of privileges.**

### Medication

To safely administer medication, and for the protection of our students, we require that a physician and parent complete and sign the Medication Authorization Form. The forms are available from the school office. A Medical Authorization Form must be on file in the school office before the school personnel can administer any form of medication. Students are not permitted to self medicate outside of the nurse's office without consent from the school nurse or office administration.

Medication should be brought to school by the parent or the parents' designee in a closed container, appropriately labeled by the pharmacist or physician, with the student's name, medication dosage, route of administration, prescription number, pharmacy name and phone number, specific times, date and physician's name and phone number. The discontinuation date of the medication should also be indicated on the label.

Consistent with Senate Bill 0979; Asthma inhalers may be carried and self-administered if the physician and parent(s) complete the additional forms. (Stu. 17a Agreement Authorizing Self-Administration of Asthma Medication.)

### Severe Food Allergies

It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and parent / guardian(s) to notify the school district and coach of any severe food allergy that they may have. In accordance with Public Act 96-0349, all allergy forms must be filled out with the district, and a copy of all medical records associated with the food allergy must be on file with the school nurse, athletic director, and his or her coach at Summit Hill Junior High or Hilda Walker Intermediate School.

### Parent/Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of others and provide a greater benefit to the student. As a parent, when your children become involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach.

#### **Communication between Coach and Families**

- 1.) Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all players on the squad.
- 2.) Locations and times of practices and contests
- 3.) Team requirements such as fees and special equipment
- 4.) Procedures should your child be injured during practice or competition.
- 5.) Written team rules and guidelines.
- 6.) Contact Chain – Coach, Athletic Director, Building Administration

#### **Communication Coaches Expect from Athletes**

- 1.) Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance
- 2.) Medical concerns
- 3.) Injuries

Student athletes at Summit Hill will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there will also be times when things do not go the way the student would like. At these times, discussion between the student-athlete and the coach is encouraged.

## Practices

Unexcused absences or tardiness to practice will be handled by the coach of each sport and could result in suspension, or in persistent cases, dismissal from the team.

Examples of:

Excused Absences: serious illness or injury, death in the family, medical or dental appointment (with a note from the doctor / dentist to document the absence), unavoidable accident or emergency, official school related trips, religious holiday, court appearance.

Unexcused Absence: suspensions, detentions, lack of a ride to school, missing the bus, oversleeping, babysitting, participation in non-school sponsored activities and athletics, personal business, private vehicle breakdown or failure to start, truancy, and vacations.

### ■ Detentions

- First Two - .5 UA
- Three + - 1 UA

All other UA will be evaluated based on the amount of practice / contest time missed.

Unexcused Absences from practice will be addressed as followed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense = Coach discretion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense = Loss of 1 contest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense = Removal from the team

In the case of any injuries, the athlete should still be at any team meetings, practice sessions, and contests unless excused by the coach.

When a student is absent from school, he / she will not be permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activities that day. Any student with an unexcused absence on a Friday will not be permitted to compete in any athletic contest held on that following Saturday or Sunday.

## **Holiday Practices / Contests**

When practices are scheduled during holiday / vacation periods students must communicate with the coach if they will not be in attendance. Games scheduled over these periods are considered part of the regular season and arrangements must be made with coaches if a student must miss participation during this time.

## **Practices / Contest on Inclement Weather Days**

At no time will Summit Hill School District #161 demand that an athlete places their safety or the safety of anyone else in jeopardy. Practice sessions will not be held on days that school has been cancelled because of inclement weather unless administration has given clearance. If practice is allowed, it will be considered non-mandatory. There is no guarantee that games cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled.

### Physical Examinations

No student shall be permitted to compete in a tryout, practice, and / or contest unless the student has filed with the school a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois State Statutes not more than 395 days preceding such a tryout, practice, and / or contest in any activity.

The responsibility of securing a physical examination lies entirely with the athlete involved at all levels of competition. Summit Hill District #161 will not assume the cost of any athletic physical. Parents should make every effort to schedule physical exams for the next school year for their student athletes no earlier than the end of the previous school year. Because it is frequently impossible to predict what sports a student may wish to participate in during the upcoming year, it is suggested that all students who express an interest in athletics at Summit Hill or Hilda Walker have a physical exam during the months of June or July.

### Rules and Regulations of Athletes

#### **A.) Governing Rules**

The rules of the Illinois Elementary School Association must be followed as minimal regulations where more stringent conference, school, or team rules are not specified.

#### **B.) Duration of the Athletic Code**

The rules and regulations in this code of conduct shall apply to any violations from the time that a student-athlete becomes eligible for participation in athletic contests sponsored by the school district until the student-athlete graduates from junior high school. The code of conduct for athletes is in effect seven days a week, 24-hours a day, year around.

#### **C.) Supplemental Rules and Regulations**

Supplemental rules and regulations unique to a given sport may be implemented upon the approval of the principal and athletic director if they are not in conflict with the athletic or student codes. Violations of these rules may be cause for disciplinary action by the coach or building administration.

#### **D.) Conduct of the Athlete**

Any civil law infraction, arrest, or vandalism by a student-athlete that is determined by the school administration to be detrimental to the athletic program, school, or school district can result in disciplinary actions.

### School Attendance on Day of Contest

Students must be in attendance for **two and one-half hours** to gain participation in a contest and / or practice unless their absence has been approved by administration.

### Social Eligibility

Student-athletes of Summit Hill School District #161 are expected to set an example of both conduct and sportsmanship for their fellow students and athletes. Participants in all athletic activities will be responsible for maintaining a high level of social acceptability. They must conduct themselves in such a fashion as to bring pride to their family, school, team, and community.

Social Eligibility violations will include but not be limited to:

- 1.) Insubordination or disrespect to members of the school staff, student population, activity supervisors, or members of the community at large

- 2.) Behavior during the school year that results in disciplinary action.
- 3.) Suspensions (in-school and out-of-school)
- 4.) Violations of criminal statutes
- 5.) Academic dishonesty
- 6.) Inappropriate language or gestures
- 7.) Excessive tardies to school
- 8.) Harassment of any kind
- 9.) Ejection or removal from an athletic contest (either as a participant or a spectator)
- 10.) Behavioral referrals
- 11.) Fighting
- 12.) Disruptions to the overall learning community

School administrators will address instances of misconduct after consideration of the facts and circumstances.

#### **Severe Clause**

A student's actions deemed serious by the administration shall be brought to the Athletic Council to decide the athletic eligibility for the remainder of the student's academic year and / or career at Summit Hill Junior High School.

#### **Carry Over Policy**

If a student is suspended from a sport and the season ends before the term of the suspension is completely served, the remaining suspension will be enforced in the next season in which the student participates. The student must complete the current and next sport season for the suspension to be fulfilled. The purpose of this rule is to prevent a student from completing the term of a suspension in a sport that has no meaning for the student and quitting the sport after the suspension is served. An eighth-grade student who is at the end of their athletic career may lose end of the year activities if their suspension requirements are not and / or cannot be fulfilled by the end of the athletic season.

#### **Discipline Conditions:**

The administration has the right to address violations not covered by this code. The student athlete must continue to practice and / or finish the remainder of the season to fulfill all or part of the suspension.

#### **Procedures of Due Process Relating to the Athletic Code:**

After a ruling of ineligibility due to code of conduct violations has been approved by the administration, an administrator or the athletic director will notify in writing and in a timely manner the parents or guardian of the student-athlete. The student and / or parents may formally appeal the decision to the Athletic Council in writing if they feel they have been falsely accused of the offense to the administration. This appeal must be received within seven calendar days from the date of notification.

After an appeal has been received, the principal will set a hearing date and will notify the student-athlete, the parents, and the Athletic Council. The hearing shall be set as soon as possible. During the appeal, the student-athlete will be provided the opportunity to testify and present evidence on his / her own behalf at the hearing. The decision of the preceding will be

reached by each member of the Athletic Council casting one vote by secret ballot. Parents, and all concerned parties, will be notified of the proceedings of the hearing, including the decision, within a timely manner.

### Spectator Guidelines

The IESA spectator guidelines are published with the hope that middle school athletics will be kept in the proper spirit of competition. It is hoped that all fans will abide by these guidelines.

- 1.) Remember the game is for the players. They are here because they want to play, compete, and enjoy the experience. Your sportsmanship will enhance this educational experience.
- 2.) Refrain from distracting the players during play.
- 3.) Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good sportsmanship.
- 4.) Treat the officials with respect before, during, and after the contest. We can not play the game without officials, as they are an integral part of the game, and they should be recognized as impartial arbitrators.
- 5.) The administration has the authority to remove any spectator who does not conduct themselves respectfully without refund. Abusive or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- 6.) Recognize the fact that, as a spectator, you represent the school, as do the athletes.
- 7.) Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to cheerleaders, pep band, and Sparty.
- 8.) Spectators are always to remain off the playing surface.

### Sportsmanship / Language / Conduct

Student-athletes must exhibit good sportsmanship both on and off the athletic field. They are to show respect for all opponents, officials, coaches, and other people that they may encounter. The use of vulgar or profane language is unacceptable anywhere and at anytime. Fighting, taunting, or otherwise provoking conflict with opponents or spectators will not be tolerated. Any action or behavior by student athletes that are judged to be inappropriate by coaches or school administrators may also result in disciplinary action.

Any student who is ejected from a contest will be ineligible for participation in the next two contests in accordance with IESA rules. In addition, the athlete could be ineligible for at least one additional contest enforced by Summit Hill. Athletes may be subject to additional discipline deemed appropriate by school administration. Suspensions from play cannot be served concurrently.

### Suspension from school

Student-athletes suspended from school (in-school and out-of-school) are not permitted to participate in any contests at any facility, home or away, during the period of their suspension. If no contests fall within the period of the suspension, the student-athlete will be ineligible for one contest immediately following the suspension period.

### Team Travel

Athletes must travel to and from contests away from Summit Hill in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions to the rule are:

- 1.) Injury to the participant which requires alternative transportation.
- 2.) Written arrangements between the parents and coach on coaches sign out sheet.
- 3.) Doctor or medical appointment
- 4.) Loss of bus privileges as deemed by the administration.

Students-athletes are only allowed to ride home from away contests with their family members or guardians. Any other person(s) will not be permitted to provide transportation for the student without consent from the parent/guardian and coach.

### Transportation

Parents are responsible for arranging transportation for their student-athletes throughout the course of any given athletic season. Parents need to arrive in a timely fashion at the conclusion of all practices and contests to pick up their son / daughter. Coaches will communicate with parents about any time changes to the practice schedule in a timely fashion. Exceptions would include inclement weather when after school activities (games and practices) may be cancelled at the last minute. In these instances, student-athletes should take their regular after school transportation home.

### Uniforms and Locks

To receive a uniform and lock (where applicable), a deposit must be given to the coach. When the uniform and lock are returned following the completion of the season, the deposit will be returned. Deposit amounts vary due to uniforms and locks issued. At no time may a school-issued uniform be worn for personal use. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to return the school issued uniform and lock to the appropriate coach at the end of the season. Uniforms should be returned clean, and any needed repairs noted at the time of return. Any lost, stolen, damaged, or non-returned uniforms and locks are the financial responsibility of the student.

Under no circumstances can practice equipment bearing the name of another junior high school be worn during practice sessions.

## Athletic Code of Conduct

As a student athlete representing Summit Hill School District #161, you carry a responsibility to act in a way that will bring pride to your school, your team, and your family.

As a member of Summit Hill School District #161 the following guidelines are expected behavior.

- 1.) I agree to practice good sportsmanship before, during, and after contests, recognizing the talents and efforts of my opponents and game officials.
- 2.) I agree to practice self-control including no fighting or taunting or other negative behavior which would bring disrespect to my team or my school.
- 3.) I agree to respect those in authority, including the coaches, administrators, custodians, teachers, and officials.
- 4.) I agree to leave the facility I am visiting in better condition then when I arrived. This means not damaging or vandalizing school property, stealing, or leaving trash behind.
- 5.) I agree to represent my team and my school outside of the classroom and the playing field.
- 6.) I agree to adhere to all school rules and regulations.
- 7.) I understand that the failure to comply with school, team, and individual classroom rules may result in disciplinary action by the athletic department, coaches, and building administration.

As a student athlete representing Summit Hill School District #161, I agree to carry a responsibility to act in a way that will bring pride to my school, my team, and my family. I have read the 2023-2024 Student Athletic Code of Conduct and am aware of the expectations of being a student-athlete at Summit Hill.

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Detach and Return to the Athletic Director)