

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Athletes at Hanover High School are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, both as players and spectators. Unsportsmanlike behavior directed towards other players, teams, officials, coaches and fans will not be tolerated. This includes gestures, cheating, disrespect to officials, or other behavior deemed inappropriate for the event, including transportation to and from the event.
2. Activities by individuals or teams that are meant to humiliate, degrade, intimidate or employ physical force to other individual team members or coaches will not be tolerated. Hazing, or knowledge of hazing taking place and doing nothing, is now against the law.
3. Other behavior deemed inappropriate such as stealing, being party to theft, vandalism, gambling and other unacceptable behaviors will not be tolerated. Hanover athletes represent themselves, their sports program and its coaches, their family and the school itself. Their conduct should always reflect well upon all of these.
4. THERE SHOULD BE NO USE OF CHEWING TOBACCO, CIGARETTES, ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS BY HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES DURING THE SPORTS SEASON. USE OR POSSESSION OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OR ANY OTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE IS A VIOLATION OF ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICY AND IS ILLEGAL. THESE CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS OF THE ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT.

PENALTIES FOR BREAKING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

When the coach or Athletic Director has reliable information that an individual athlete has engaged in unacceptable behavior, the student will be confronted with the evidence, as soon as possible, by the Athletic Director or coach. Reasonable effort will be made to have the student's parents present. If, after this meeting, the evidence is found to be true, the administration will impose appropriate penalties.

Penalties for violating the substance abuse clause:

SUSPENSION FROM:

First Offense: The athlete will attend and participate in practices, **but not play**, in the equivalent of 20% of regular season's games. Post-season tournament play is included. Athletes will be required to have an assessment appointment with the school's Social Worker. The athlete may not return to competition until the Assessment Team approves that return to competition. The athlete's parents will be required to attend the assessment.

Second Offense: All practices and games for the remainder of the season.

Third Offense: All practices and games for one calendar year.

APPEAL: The student may appeal the decision of the Athletic Director to the Principal.

PLEASE NOTE: A team captain may have his/her captaincy removed by the Athletic Director for violations of the Code of Conduct.

Procedure for Voicing Concerns: When a parent or athlete has an Athletic Dept. concern, they should follow the following steps to pursue it: 1. Speak with the Coach 2. If not satisfied, speak with the Athletic Director 3. If not satisfied, speak with the Principal 4. If not satisfied, speak with the Superintendent of Schools.