

# PONAGANSET HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

## Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

Students have been instructed in school about successful expectations and goals by the PHS Athletic Department and Coaches. Participating in athletics at Ponaganset is considered a privilege and will be treated in that capacity. **Any Violation of the PHS student-Athlete's Code of Conduct will result in a loss of those athletic privileges.**

Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the athletic director and/or building principal level in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate acts or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies may be involved.

### **Guidelines for Action**

Any violation of this student-athlete code of conduct throughout the student's **entire high school eligibility** will result in the following action. (These are minimum guidelines; additional action may be applied by administration.)

### **First Offense**

The student will be suspended from all team activities for a minimum of one week (7 calendar days) and until the next league game which includes all non-league games in between. The suspension will start on the date of disciplinary notification by the athletic director. If this first violation occurs during the off season or during the summer months, suspension will begin from the starting date of the season in the sport in which the student-athlete will participate.

\*\*\*A violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy on Drugs or Alcohol will result in an automatic thirty (30) day suspension from athletics for the first offense. A second drug & alcohol violation will result in indefinite suspension pending a meeting with the principal and athletic director. A reinstatement hearing with the athletic director, head coach, and principal (if possible) is needed before resuming participation in athletics.\*\*\*

### **Second Offense**

Suspension from the sport the student-athlete is presently participating in for remainder of that season or 60 total days, whichever suspension is longer.

### **Third Offense**

Suspension from all athletics at Ponaganset High School for one calendar year after violation has been reported to Coach or Athletic Director.

### **Fourth Offense**

The student will be permanently suspended from participating in any and all athletics at Ponaganset High School for the duration of their high school career.

All violations shall be reported, in writing, to the coach or Athletic Director, who will notify the proper authorities (if needed). The Athletic Director will report all suspensions to the Principal. The Athletic Director and Principal reserve the right to extend any disciplinary action as they see fit. All appeals must be in writing and will begin with the Athletic Director.

*Student's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Grade:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed **Ponaganset High School's Student-Athlete Code of Conduct** and agree to follow all rules, policies, and procedures as set out in the contract. Failure to follow the rules and display excellent conduct shall result in the loss of extra-curricular/athletic privileges.

*Student's Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent's (or legal Guardian) Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Signature acknowledges receipt of the Ponaganset High School **Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**\*\*\*

A copy of this form will be kept on file at school.

### **Detrimental Conduct:**

1. The Ponaganset Athletic Department concurs with scientific evidence that the use of substances such as alcohol and mood modifying drugs produce harmful effects on the human organism. Student athletes can not compromise athletics with substance abuse. Student Athletes are considered in violation of this policy if they engage in possession, distribution, or consumption of: illegal drugs, unauthorized medication, performance enhancers, or alcoholic beverages. Being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and any other violation of the School Department's zero tolerance policy regarding drugs and alcohol, at any time whether during school, at a school activity, on school property, or at locations off school property is a violation of this code of conduct.
2. Student athletes are considered to be in violation of this code of conduct if they strike, assault, threaten, intimidate, or black mail another person.
3. Student athletes are considered to be in violation of this code of conduct if they commit robbery or larceny of any kind.
4. Student athletes are considered to be in violation of this code of conduct if they are in possession of a weapon or dangerous instrument.
5. Refusal to obey or intentionally deceiving a principal, teacher, coach or athletic staff, adult sponsor, chaperones, or school staff member is a violation of this code.
6. Destruction or mutilation of property constitutes a violation.
7. Engaging in sexual harassment of students and/or adults is a violation and will not be tolerated.
8. Student athletes are considered to be in violation of this code of conduct if they engage in any act which is a violation of the law, a violation of school department policy, or which is prejudicial to teaching, coaching, learning, or interferes with the safety of the school, its students, teachers, administrators, and personnel.
9. In addition, any other infraction deemed morally, ethically, and/or legally improper by the Ponaganset Athletic Department and/or the high school principal is considered a violation of this code of conduct.