**Griswold Public Schools**

**Athletic Department Code of Conduct**

The Griswold Public Schools Athletic Code of Conduct serves as an informative document about policy guidelines for student conduct and athletic department expectations. The Athletic Code of Conduct shall be enforced for the entire calendar year, including summer months and vacation periods. Student-athletes should understand that The Athletic Code of Conduct is not just limited to student behavior at school-sponsored activities or on school grounds. Athletes that violate The Athletic Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action.

**Mission and Vision Statement of the Griswold Public Schools**

*The community of Griswold Public Schools educates for excellence by empowering students to become compassionate, confident, creative, and resourceful members of society.*

**Philosophy**

Participation in Griswold Public Schools athletic programs is a privilege that requires student athletes to conduct themselves as responsible members of their school and community. Student athletes are expected to demonstrate the highest levels of behavior and abide by all school rules and policies during the season and in the off-season. It is the responsibility of student-athletes to become familiar with the specific rules and regulations of each sport as well as the general policies of this Athletic Code of Conduct.

**Expectations for Athletes**

I agree to uphold the district’s standards and conduct myself in accordance with all Griswold Public School rules and expectations. I will also adhere to all rules and expectations of my team. Additionally, I agree to the following:

* I will abide by all rules of student conduct as outlined in the Griswold Student/Parent/Teacher Handbook.
* I will dress, groom, and conduct myself as a positive representative of my team, school and community.
* I will safeguard and care for all equipment and uniforms that are issued and assume financial responsibility for that which is not returned in good condition.
* I will respect coaches, officials, spectators, teammates, and opposing players.
* I will not participate in or accept hazing or bullying in person or through social media. Such acts may include, but are not limited to: forcing, requiring, or pressuring other to consume alcohol or any other substance; forcing, requiring, or pressuring others to involuntarily perform physical activities, tattoo, pierce, or shave any part of the body; forcing, requiring, or pressuring others to take part in an illegal or indecent activity; or physically abusing others in any way.
* I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical or verbal sexual advances on others.
* I will conduct myself with dignity when attending other athletic events as a spectator.
* I will meet requirements for physicals, permission slips and other documentation in a timely manner.
* I will adhere to school attendance and tardiness policies.
* I recognize that exclusions from school for disciplinary reasons render me ineligible for practice and play.
* I understand that my off campus behavior reflects on my team and realize that criminal conduct jeopardizes my status as a team member.
* I will take full responsibility for my academic progress and achievement.
* I will not engage in violent acts and assaults on persons or property.
* I will not possess or use tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, non-prescribed controlled substances (including steroids) or paraphernalia. I understand that if found to be engaging in or depicted in photographs or video on social media possessing, using, or distributing alcohol and or non-prescribed controlled substances, that I will be immediately removed from my athletic team for the current season. I understand that social media images and videos will be viewed as current by the Athletic Department. Social Media images deemed “current” include those that are posted during the entire school year (dating from July 1 – June 30).
* I will not write, post, or disseminate offensive content, photographs or other content on social media that reflects negatively on Griswold Public Schools, my team, teammates, individual students, or myself.
* I will not post photographs or texts on social media that could damage my reputation or the reputation of Griswold Public Schools.
* I will adhere to any additional team rules as provided by the coach or Athletic Department.

**Penalties**

**Consequences for violations of the Griswold Athletic Code of Conduct on school grounds, at any school-sponsored athletic event, off school grounds, or references on social media include probation, suspension, or dismissal from teams for a time to be determined by the coach, advisor, Athletic Director, and /or Principal.**

**In addition, consequences for violations of the Griswold Athletic Code of Conduct on school grounds, at any school-sponsored athletic event, off school grounds, or references on social media may include suspension from school, expulsion, and police involvement.**

**My signature indicates that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Athletic Code of Conduct for the 2015 – 2016 school year.**

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| **Sport** |  |
| **Student Name** |  |
| **Student Signature** |  |
| **Parent/Guardian Name** |  |
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