Harlan

Christian

Athletic

Code

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The Harlan Christian School Objective

It is our goal to provide our student athletes with the opportunity to play sports and represent their school in the joy and fun of athletic competition. With this we expect for all those involved in our school athletic programs to conduct oneself in a manner that is positive and credible to our institution. We are honored to have our student athletes represent our school. We hope that they are as proud to be a “Hawk” as we are to have them be a “Hawk”. We will do our very best to give them an environment that will help them to excel in competition, team work and in life situations. Please help us as we help you to make Harlan Christian School a great place to go to school.

Every year with every sports team there will be challenges that we, the Harlan Christian School Athletic Department will try to address. With our school being unique in style and substance we are placed in situations many times that cause us difficulty in knowing what the correct answers to these questions may be. Therefore the decision has been made by the A.D. and Administrator that in order to be fair to the high school players of our school the high school athletic programs will be for them first and foremost and then the junior high athletic programs will be for our junior high athletes. This gives opportunity to everyone to play with their own age groups. In the event that there are not enough high school athletes to fill out a varsity roster then we will move to the eighth grade class and then to the seventh grade class and so on until we have enough to fill our varsity roster spots. It is our goal not to have any form of team “cuts” from the team. So with this in mind we will always try to schedule enough games so that each group of athletes will have an adequate number of games to participate in.

Full rosters will be as indicated and additions will be made as other sports are added. If we have more than enough students then another avenue will be taken to accommodate all our athletes. Adjustments will be made throughout the year based on athletes that are no longer on the team for one reason or another.

In doing so we hope this will promote a great way of helping more or our athletes to accomplish a satisfaction that comes by participating in something that is bigger than oneself. Being a part of a team is the realization that as a group we can accomplish more than any individual may. This will also make things easier on our coaching staff to be able to find adequate playing time for the athletes. This will in turn help the athlete and help our sports programs to grow and develop as well.

Sports Eligibility

(Section 1)

1. Any student wishing to participate in a sports program at the Harlan Christian School must be a currently enrolled student at the Harlan Christian School. There will be no distinction or preference made because of race, religious beliefs or handicap to be available to participate in our sports programs.

2. The Harlan Christian School has clearly set apart and dedicated each and every sport for members of a certain sex. Any member of the sex that coincides with the predetermined eligibility of the sport provided is able to participate in that activity or event.

Academic Eligibility

(Section 2)

1. Any student wishing to participate in a sporting program practice and/or games MUST NOT have an “F” in any subject, or an overall GPA of at least 5.5 nothing less, not a 5.499. Gym class does not count at all on the GPA for sports participation.

2. Grades will be checked on all student athletes at the end of the first quarter. If the student has an “F” or does not have a 5.5 or greater GPA at the end of the first quarter they will not participate in practice and/or games for the second quarter.

3. Grades will be checked on all student athletes at the end of the second quarter. If the student has an “F” or does not have a 5.5 or greater GPA at the end of the second quarter they will not participate in practice and/or games for the third quarter.

4. Grades will be checked on all student athletes at the end of the third quarter. If the student has an “F” or does not have a 5.5 or greater GPA at the end of the third quarter they will not participate in practice and/or games for the fourth quarter.

5. Grades will be checked on all student athletes at the end of the fourth quarter. If the student has an “F” or does not have a 5.5 or greater GPA at the end of the fourth quarter they will not participate in practice and/or games for the following school year first quarter.

6. If a student athlete is not able to play or practice with the team for either one of the mentioned rules infringements during any of the grading periods of that sport they will not be permitted to be awarded ANY end of the year honors or awards.

7. Any project such as a book report, speech, research paper, leaf collection, science fair, etc. not completed will result in an automatic (2) two game suspension.

8. Other disciplinary issues may result in game(s) suspensions, or even dismissal from the team whether the infraction was specifically mentioned above or not. These will be at the discretion of the A.D. and/or Administrator.

School Attendance for Athletes

(Section 3)

1. All players must be at school during the day of a game or day before the game (if the game is on Saturday) if they desire to be available for the upcoming sporting event.

Exceptions-

a. If absent due to medical reasons or a doctor’s appointment, player must have doctor’s slip validating reason for absence.

b. If absent due to a funeral, please discuss with A.D. to allow appropriate absence not to effect playing time.

c. If a junior or senior is absent from school due to a college visitation day.

2. Being tardy to school without reasonable cause of infraction can result in loss of game time and practice time for the student athlete.

3. Consistent tardiness or absences to school will result in a further reduction of game time or game suspension.

Attendance for Athletes

(Section 4)

1. Players need to be at and participate in practices if they desire to play in games.

2. Players must abide by coaches direction and instruction. Failure to do so will result in lack of starting, playing time or even to the extent of not playing at all.

3. If a player needs to not attend practice due to homework that is acceptable. It is then necessary to notify your head coach personally to make them aware of your absence.

4. Players need to come to practices the time designated for those practices. Players may not stay at the school before their designated practice times or after those designated practice times.

5. When there is a home or an away game that “the be at the school” time is more than 1 hour and 15 minutes after the school dismissal time of 3:00, the players need to leave the school premises and return at the appropriate time.

Dress Attire for Athletes

(Section 5)

Practices

1. During practice athletes must be wearing proper practice attire. This may be athletic pants properly fitting. This may be athletic shorts to proper length (top of the knee) while standing straight up, and must be accompanied with the proper compression/spandex on underneath.

2. During practice the proper shirts must be worn.

a. Sleeveless t-shirts are permitted but must cover the necessities.

b. Girls must have on proper athletic support ware under their shirts. The coach and/or A.D. have the right to forfeit practice time for players not covering themselves properly.

3. All attire must be decent and not compromising to Christian ethics.

a. No logos or printing supporting any alcohol or tobacco products or companies.

b. No logos or printing that supports musicians, movie stars, political figures and sports athletes that promote or share in obvious conduct not associated within Christian morals.

4. Proper athletic shoes must be worn to participate in practice.

Games

1. On game days at school (unless otherwise stated) all student athletes that have games that day will need to dress in accordance to game day dress.

Boys-

a. Dress shirt and tie or a collared shirt and sweater (Unless otherwise stated by A.D. or Administrator).

b. Dress pants. No jeans.

c. If team polo shirts are available they may be allowed in place of shirt, tie and/or sweater on days other than Friday, due to chapel services.

d. No hooded sweatshirts can be worn as a coat and be left on during the course of the day/event. If it is a coat, then coat is to be taken off when within a building. If a “hoody” is worn the student athlete must have school attire on under the “hoody”.

Girls-

a. Dress slacks, skirts or dresses, please no corduroy pants or culottes. Due to weather during the months of December, January and February the girls may wear dress slacks if they so desire. (Unless otherwise stated by A.D. or Administrator)

b. Dress blouse or nice dress shirt. No t-shirts.

c. Sweaters may be worn with school proper shirt underneath.

d. If team polo shirts are available they may be allowed in place of dress blouse or dress shirt, and/or sweater.

e. No hooded sweatshirts can be worn as a coat and be left on during the course of the day/event. If it is a coat, then coat is to be taken off when within a building. If a “hoody” is worn the student athlete must have school attire on under the “hoody”.

2. All players must be wearing the proper attire while at school during the day of a game or day before the game (if the game is on Saturday).

3. After the game the athlete needs to change into at least school attire. (On special occasions the athletes may be permitted to change into athletic ware to leave the games.) However, in the case of the girls they will not be required to change back into a dress or skirt for Friday games. However they may change into nice game day clothing. Also, the boys will not be required to wear a neck tie after the game but will still need to fit the criteria for game day clothing.

Dress Attire for Students Attending Games

(Section 6)

1. For games either home or away all student athletes need to at least be dressed according to the school dress code.

2. On Friday games student fans do not have to wear Friday appropriate style of clothing. However their clothing still needs to be in accordance with the school dress code.

3. Harlan Christian School attire, such as school t-shirts are permitted but only ones that are deemed official by the school. Other t-shirts representing the school, the team, or a player may be permitted if at first are checked with and then granted permission from A.D. or Administrator.

Road Trips for Athletes

(Section 7)

Travel

1. When going to and coming home from away games if your student athlete is riding the bus or mini bus he/she is responsible for following the rules designated by the Athletic Director, Coach, Assistant Coach, Bus Driver or Parent in charge.

2. Each student athlete, all their family members, and friends that attend events with the school must represent themselves as the Harlan Christian School would want to be represented. Failure to comply may result in individuals being asked to depart from our gathering.

3. The HCS vehicle cannot transport children/students or adults that are not directly involved with the sports program that do not attend the Harlan Christian School. Please check with A.D., coach and/or bus driver if you have any questions. Please do not assume that just anyone can ride the HCS vehicle.

Rules for riding in a HCS vehicle

1. There will be a clear and distinct separation of where boys and girls sit on the vehicle. No boy or girl can share a seat unless authorization is given by adult in charge. Any infraction that occurs will be dealt with by the A.D. and school Administrator the following school day.

2. There will be no audio listening or video game playing devices permitted to be used while in the vehicle, at the games, or in any restaurants while going to or from the game (i.e., i-pods, mp3 players, cell phones, cd players or anything of the latest technology for audio playing).

3. Usage of cell phones will be permitted in the need of the student athlete needing to contact their parent/guardian during the event. The student will need to let the adult in charge know when and why they will be making these texts or calls.

4. Parents will be prompt in the drop off and the pickup of their student athlete.

a. If the student athlete is not at the drop off location in time to ride the school vehicle it will leave unless the A.D. and/or coach has been notified and responded to the call and/or text.

b. If the student athlete is going to be riding to the event with his/her parents they will need to make sure the A.D. and/or coach has been notified prior to the departure time of the school vehicle.

c. In the event that the parents/guardians of the student athlete are not at the event the child will be brought back to the school, where the parents are responsible to pick up their child at the designated time. If the student athlete is on the school vehicle he/she will give a call or text to parents/guardian notifying them what time they need to be picked up, usually about a half an hour away. If the parent/guarding will be late they need to personally talk to the adult in charge and make them aware of the situation.

d. In the event that someone else other than a parent/guardian will be picking up your student athlete the adult in charge needs to be notified. This also includes if your child will be going home after the game with another student/athlete and their family.

In all matters not covered in this document of dress, attitude and conduct the student athlete will be held accountable to the school handbook. In the case in which a matter would occur that is not in the school handbook or in this code book then it will be handled on a case by case situation.

\*Added – 2016, Players may stay after school when arrival time is 1 hour or less from the final school bell. For example. Final bell is at 3 p.m. if the player is to be back by 4:00 they may stay, if the player is to be back by 4:15 then they need to leave the school and come back at the designated time of 4:15.