

I.A.M.

Independent Athletic Ministries



Player/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Role of the Athlete

- *Being a part of a team is a privilege.
- *Players should have the attitude that the team is bigger than themselves.
- *Players should exhibit 100% commitment and effort.
- *Poor sportsmanship will never be tolerated.
- *Players should never argue with or disrespect the officials.
- *Disrespecting your coach, other players (on their own team or the opponents team), and officials will not be tolerated and will lead to disciplinary action, up to dismissal from the team.
- *Players should not feel entitled to position or playing time. This is the coach's responsibility to manage.

Athletes agree to uphold the following ideals

-As an athlete I agree to follow proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. I will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or any other event sponsored by IAM. I will play by the rules and resolve any conflict without resorting to hostility, violence, or verbal altercation. I will respect the officials and their authority before, during, and after games. I will never question or confront coaches on the game court and will take time to speak with coach/coaches at an agreed time and location.

-I recognize possession and/or use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and/or any type of electronic/vape nicotine delivery system or weapons is prohibited at all IAM functions and any violation will lead to immediate dismissal from the program.

-I will conduct myself in a CHRIST-like manner in regards to my coaches, team mates and others. This includes my speech, actions, and attitude. This includes games and practices, as well as community and online.

_____ **player initial.**

Role of the Parent/Guardian

A very important goal of middle school and high school athletics should be to make the athletic experience a positive one for the athletes, coaches, parents and spectators. Parents play a key role in this process, not only by their behavior at events, but also in how they support these beliefs at home. Parents and other spectators at IAM events are expected to show good sportsmanship. We strive for our "fan base" to exhibit **Christ-like** behavior. Please keep in mind the influence we have not only on our youth, but also on other spectators, who may or may not know Christ as their Savior. Pray with us that this Ministry will be beneficial for your athlete and your family and that the Lord will be glorified in the attitudes and actions of this program and IAM teams. Parents and family members agree to uphold the following ideals.

* As a parent I recognize that it is vital that I support the efforts and decisions of the coaching staff.

* As a parent I also recognize the importance of a positive role model. Therefore, I agree to conduct myself in a manner consistent with good sportsmanship.

* I agree to cheer in a positive fashion. I will refrain from criticizing the efforts of other teams, players, coaches, and officials.

* Attendance at practices is MANDATORY for all team members, as a parent/guardian I will make every attempt to assure my child's attendance.

* I will never question, discuss, or approach/confront a coach at games or practices. Rather I will request a meeting with the coach to discuss any issue.

* I understand that instigating or participating in a confrontation in front of any child is never appropriate and will not be tolerated.

* I understand that any use/possession of drugs, alcohol, and weapon is prohibited at any IAM function,

* I will inform the coach of any disability or illness that may affect the safety of my child or any other athlete.

* I will support and endorse all the rules, policies, and procedures discussed in the release.

_____ **Parent initials**

**IAM (Independent Athletic Ministries)
Drug Test Policy**

I. Policy Statement:

IAM values students and their participation in athletics. Student Athletes serve as role models for other students and contribute to our goal of providing the best possible educational program for all students. To achieve this goal and to maximize the skills and talents of our students, it is important that every athlete of our program understands the dangers of tobacco, drug and alcohol use.

This statement clarifies our position on student tobacco, drug, and alcohol use as it pertains to athletic participation. This policy will apply to students participating in athletics, or cheerleading (defined as any student, male or female, who is a member of any program sponsored sports team or cheerleading squad). Participation in athletics is a privilege that can be taken away for failure to comply with this policy.

II. Policy Objectives:

- 1. To create and maintain a safe, drug-free environment for all students participating in athletics.**
- 2. To deter drug, tobacco and alcohol use among students participating in activities.**
- 3. To encourage any athlete with a dependence on, or addiction to, tobacco, alcohol, or other drug, to seek help in overcoming the problem.**
- 4. To reduce the likelihood of incidents of accidental personal injury and/or damage to students or property.**
- 5. To minimize the likelihood that any property IAM use will be used for illicit drug activities.**
- 6. To protect the reputation of the program and its athletes.**
- 7. To educate parents and students to the warning signs and dangers of alcohol and illegal drugs.**

The Founders and Administration of IAM earnestly solicit the understanding and cooperation of all staff, athletes, and parents, especially those involved with extracurricular athletic activities implementing this policy.

The Program expects all athletic students to remain tobacco, alcohol, and drug free, and it reserves the right to require all students who participate in athletic activities to submit to drug and/or alcohol tests in order to assure these expectations are met.

The Administration acknowledges and understands that there are students involved in athletic activities that have legitimate medical prescriptions for identified medical conditions. Should a student test positive for a prescription drug for which he/she possesses a valid prescription in his/her name, the parent or guardian of that student will have an opportunity to give the Medical Officer and administrator in charge of drug screening.

III. Enforcement:

Pursuant in athletic activities, when becoming a active member of the program/team, the athlete will be subject to drug testing at some point prior to season and randomly tested throughout the season.

Failure to comply with the drug policy will render the student ineligible for the activity or activities in which he/she is currently participating.

A student who has tested positive for tobacco, alcohol, will be governed by the consequences outlined in this policy. This may include involvement of the authorities. The student, parent's, or guardian's refusal to cooperate with the , and/or with medical personnel during the course of collecting the clean and unadulterated sample, reporting information about the sample, or enforcing the penalties and required counseling associated with a positive sample shall result in immediate suspension from the sport or activity during the current season.

No student or athlete testing positive, refusing to test, refusing to cooperate with testing, or being in violation of this policy will be penalized. Information, including testing positive, will not be released to criminal or juvenile authorities unless under compulsion by valid state or federal laws or if Administration deems necessary.

_____ Parent/Guardia Initials

_____ Player Initials

We have outlined above the expectations in behavior of the athletes and parents/guardians. It is the desire of IAM to provide a Christian example in practice and during any IAM event. We expect IAM staff to allow athletes to develop spiritually by demonstrating a clear Christ-like behavior. Signed copies of this form will be maintained on file with IAM.

-STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT- I, _____, as a member of IAM, do agree to abide by the rules and standards of conduct as stated. I realize that athletic involvement is a privilege, and not a right, and carries with it responsibilities. I further acknowledge that there will be consequences for misconduct or not fulfilling my/our commitment up to and including dismissal from the program. By signing below, I, the athlete, and we, the parents/guardians, agree to the stated responsibilities. We waiver all right to IAM to guide myself, and our child, in the sports participated in, to the best of their ability.

Athlete's Name (printed) _____

Athlete's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____