



NEW BEDFORD ACADEMY

**ATHLETIC
CODE OF CONDUCT
AND REGISTRATION**

Student Eligibility

All students of New Bedford Academy who are in fifth through eighth grade are eligible to participate in any sport activity providing that they:

1. Are of appropriate gender.
2. Maintain a "C" or better grade average and a "Satisfactory" or better grade in conduct on their report cards.
3. Obtain a physician's physical stating ability to participate safely in the particular sport or sports.
4. Obtain a permission slip from parent or legal guardian to participate in any given sport.
5. Make payment of the participation fee for each sport in which the student wishes to participate.
6. Student will NOT be allowed to participate in practices if absent on days of practice.
7. Students are NOT allowed to participate in Saturday games if absent on the preceding Friday without prior permission from the administrator.

Fees can be waived for financial hardship when approved by the Administration.

Expectations of Participants

The student athlete is expected to:

1. Put forth the best effort regardless of ability level.
2. Dress appropriately for all practices, games, scrimmages, and team events.
3. Obey coach's instruction during all team activities.
4. Attend all practices.
5. Be respectful to coaches, teammates, spectators, opponents and officials.
6. Take care of all equipment and items belonging to the school and others.

Coaches' Expectations

The coaches are expected to:

1. Play all teams members.
2. Never leave a player unsupervised.
3. Not use any abusive language during any team function.
4. Not use alcohol, tobacco, or any controlled substance during any team function.
5. Teach the qualities of fair play and sportsmanship as well as the game.
6. Treat all players, opponents, and officials respectfully and fairly.

Parents' Expectations

Parents are expected to:

1. Treat all players, coaches, opponents, and officials with respect.
2. Refrain from abusive or inappropriate language during team events.
3. Not use alcohol, tobacco, or any controlled substance during any team event.
4. Be timely with appropriate paper work, fees, and transportation to and from scheduled practices and events.
5. Be supportive of the coach even when differences occur.
6. Parents are to refrain from approaching a coach with complaints for at least 24 hours after an event. Disregarding this expectation will result in the suspension of that parent's child from the next team event.

Discipline

It is the goal of our program to promote positive incentives for the student athlete. Every now and then there might be a need for disciplinary action. The following actions will be taken in succession:

1. Verbal reprimand.
2. Sitting out of one practice.
3. Not allowed to participate in upcoming scrimmage.
4. Dismissal from team.

Scheduled sport activities depend on the number of students registered to participate and if an adult is willing to coach the sport. Classes may be put together in order to have enough students to form a team. If there is a lack of a coach or participants in any given sport, the sport will be cancelled for the remainder of the school year. The Athletic Director will try to schedule games and scrimmages with other teams.

The gym will be reserved for one hour time slots starting at 3:30. If there is a need for more than one team to use the gym, the Athletic Director will create a schedule that is fair for all involved.

The handbook is subject to change as administration, Board, and/or Athletic Director find it necessary.

