



Athletic Conduct Agreement

Participation in athletics is a privilege. It is hard work and commitment to a team that depends upon each one doing their part. Each athlete should be willing to take on these expectations that are set forth by Colorado High School Athletic Association (CHSAA) and the Creede School District.

1. All athletes must have a current physical on file with the school (physicals are good for one calendar year).
2. The administration will do a weekly grade check.
 - a. An athlete with 70 or below in any class will be ineligible for the following week's games (Monday to Monday).
 - b. An athlete ineligible for three weeks will be heard before an administrative counsel to determine his/her future on the team.
 - c. Ineligible athletes are not to travel with the team for away games. If the athlete chooses to travel with their parents, they may not sit with the team. If the game is played during school hours and the athlete leaves school to attend the game, it will be considered an unexcused absence.
 - d. The athlete will be expected to sit behind the bench for the home games.
 - e. Any exception to this will be decided only by the principal, superintendent, coach and parents.
3. Athletes will ride in district vehicles to and from games. The parent/guardian must be present if an athlete wishes to ride home from a game in their vehicle. (No riding home with other parents unless there is a written prearrangement with the coach.)
4. Student athletes represent Creede and will conduct themselves accordingly by following the rules set forth in the code of conduct (attached) and also by the student handbook of the representing schools.
5. Tardiness and absenteeism will not be tolerated. Each athlete needs to communicate directly with their coach of an issue with arriving on time or not at all. Other team members should not communicate for teammates. Proper communication is a character trait that each athlete should develop on their own. Two unexcused missed practices or absences from school could result in your removal from the team. It will result in an immediate meeting of the coaches and athletic directors. An athlete who is absent from practice will affect his/her playing time at the following game.
6. Academics are the primary concern of this school. It is for this reason that anyone missing the afternoon session of school, defined as periods 5, 6 and 7, or 1:00 – 4:00, will forfeit participation in that day's practice and/or contest. This will include academic activities such as Knowledge Bowl and FBLA. An absence on a Thursday, periods 5, 6 and 7, or 1:00 – 4:00, will also affect eligibility for Friday and Saturday contests.
7. Athletes who quit a team may not rejoin unless they go through a formal hearing with the coaches, athletic director and administration to discuss the situation surrounding their decision to quit and then to return. After discussion and hearing the athlete, the student will be dismissed from the meeting and a decision will be made.
8. Should an athlete receive a technical foul for unsportsmanlike behavior, they will sit for the remainder of that game and will remain benched for the next scheduled game.
9. Athletes will be responsible to bring a water bottle to each game and practice.
10. Athletes need to bring money with them for meals when the team is traveling. If this is a hardship for the athlete, please communicate this to the coach and the district will be pleased to assist.
11. Uniforms are School Property. Students are responsible for keeping school-issued uniforms, warm-ups and sweats in good condition. These items are used year after year. Uniforms must be returned at the end of season washed and clean. If they are returned dirty, the participant will be charged a cleaning fee of \$15.00. *** Please note: You will not be allowed to practice for a new season's sport unless the previous season's uniform has been returned and counted for inventory. I.e. if a track uniform is not returned, that athlete will not eligible to participate in cross country or volleyball the next fall. Seniors will not receive diplomas or transcripts.*

Athletic Code of Conduct Violations: (Include but are not limited to the following)

1. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e. name calling, ethnic, or racial slurs, or derogatory statements addressed publicly to others that precipitate disruption of the school program or incite violence.
2. Committing or extortion, coercion, or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or other objects of value from an unwilling person forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threats of force.
3. Engaging in “hazing” activities, i.e., forcing prolonged physical activity, forcing excessive consumption of any substance, forcing prolonged deprivation of sleep, food, or drink, or any other behavior which recklessly endangers the health or safety of an individual for purposes of initiation into any student group.
4. Throwing objects, unless part of a supervised school activity, that can cause bodily injury or damage property.
5. Directing profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or visitors to the school.
6. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing, to a school employee.
7. Scholastic dishonesty which includes but is not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
8. Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a student or district employee to law enforcement or to the school district.
9. Behavior on or off school property which is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel.
10. Repeated interference with the school’s ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.
11. Willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of authority of the school staff (from either school).
12. Athletics is an extension of the school, so all school rules found in the handbook apply and a violation of those rules will be dealt with by the school of residence.
13. Show your school pride and dress appropriately for home and away games. Follow the dress code in the school handbook. If you can’t wear it to school, you can’t wear it to a game. This includes the ride home in school vehicles.
14. It is a violation of the policy for any student to possess, use, sell, distribute, or procure or to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any other controlled substances. This policy is in effect both on and off school property during the sport season that begins on the first day of mandatory practice and ends on the last game of the post season that is played. See policy **JICH-E**.
15. Understand that parents, relatives, or other interested parties do not confront, antagonize, or try to intimidate any coach before, during, or after a contest. Make an appointment to discuss your child with your coach on a separate day.

Parent or Guardian and Athlete Agreement

The athlete entering into this agreement realize that the terms are full and binding. This contract applies to any and all sports participation during the current school year.

I hereby agree to the terms of the athlete contract and agree to conduct myself in an appropriate manner as a representative of Creede.

I also agree not to handle any disagreement with a coach before or after a sporting event. I agree to be respectful and set an appointment or to see the school administration.

As a parent or guardian, I have read the expectations on the Athletic Agreement and agree to grant permission for my child to participate in the Creede athletic program.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/guardian

Date

Printed name of Athlete

Signature of Athlete

Date

Our Promise To You:

- Our administration and coaching staff will endeavor to be an example of character and integrity to our students and their families during practices and athletic events.
- Our coaches will be on time and present for practices and games. If they are ill, the administration will have suitable substitutes in place.
- Our coaches will work to build individual and team skills within our athletes.
- Our district will provide the equipment needed for the athletes to perform the sports they are playing.
- Our district will provide the officials needed for the competitions played. The athletic fund will cover the cost of the officials and in the event the fund cannot do so, the district will cover these costs.
- Currently, the district is providing the cost of athletics for our student athletes. Creede School District is one of the very few districts left in the state that does not have a sports fee. For the present, we will continue this for our families.
- Our staff will maintain the facilities and keep them safe and clean for our athletes use.
- Our staff will maintain the vehicles used and keep them up-to-date on their inspections and all needed repairs.
- Our staff will maintain the insurance and other needed documents on the vehicles and buildings used for activities.

Athletic Director

Principal

Superintendent

Coach

Coach

Coach