



STEPHEN GAYNOR SCHOOL
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT AND WAIVER

Dear Student Athletes and Parent/Guardian,

The athletic program at Gaynor is one phase of the total educational development of our students. We stress the ideals of sportsmanship, cooperation, selflessness, responsibility and a high level of tolerance and support for others. Through involvement in our programs, students will develop emotional control, a greater respect for others, and acceptable social behavior both on and off the field. This Code of Conduct should be signed and submitted each season to the athletics department. Coaches hold the right to hold participation of a student until submission.

All student-athletes shall follow the code of conduct, as inappropriate actions compromise the reputation of the school and dishonor both the athletes and the team as a whole. By participating in a Gaynor team sport, athletes agree to follow the Athletic Code of Conduct. When the code is violated, the coaches, parents, and administrators will discuss and determine appropriate consequences.

Athletic Code of Conduct:

1. I will maintain good sportsmanship throughout all practices and games.
2. I will act in a manner that positively represents my school community and self.
3. I will display proper respect for our team and the members of the opposing team.
4. I will practice empathy for and acceptance of the differences of others by focusing on improvement as opposed to winning.
5. I will respect the judgment and accept decisions by my coaches and officials at all times.
6. I will act as a positive role model and encourage my teammates to maintain enthusiasm and self-control.
7. I will inform my coach of any and all prior obligations and issues that will affect my attendance at practices or games.
8. I understand that playing time will not be equal in each game, but equitable. Coaches will always play athletes each half of a competition. Playing time may vary each game.

I, _____ have read the Stephen Gaynor School Athletics Code of Conduct and I agree to abide by the rules and requirements listed above. I understand my responsibilities as a player/ parent/guardian and further understand that any infraction of these rules may result in disqualification from the sports activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Athlete Signature

Date



Release Waiver

I give permission for my child, _____, to attend and participate in athletic activities sponsored by Stephen Gaynor School. I understand that these activities require physical activity and transportation and hereby give my consent.

Transportation:

Stephen Gaynor School will provide transportation and appropriate supervision to and from contests. I authorize my son/daughter to use the following modes of transportation (check all that apply):

_____ I give consent for my child to ride NYC Public Transportation, if accompanied by a coach or school official.

_____ I give consent for my child to ride in a vehicle driven by a school official. I agree to release Stephen Gaynor School, its officials, directors, employees, and coaching staff from any and all liability arising out of the operation of these vehicles.

_____ I give consent for my child to ride in a private vehicle driven by another Gaynor parent. I understand that when this alternative mode of transportation is used, the driver and owner of the vehicle are fully responsible for the safety of operation, for any and all liability arising from the operation of the vehicle, and for maintaining insurance coverage as required by law. I agree to waive any and all liability against Gaynor, its officials, directors, employees, and coaching staff for injuries suffered while using the alternative mode of transportation I am approving.

Medical Authorization and Waiver of Liability:

I, the parent/legal guardian of _____, give authorization to my son/daughter's coach or appropriate school official, that in the event my son/daughter is injured, his/her coach or appropriate school official is to render first aid and/or secure medical treatment for him/her so that he/she can receive whatever treatment is necessary, including treatment in a hospital emergency room.

I agree to release Stephen Gaynor School, its officials, directors, employees, coaching staff, and medical staff from any liability arising out of first aid rendered and/or medical treatment secured for an injury related to my son/daughter's participation in the athletic program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Spectator Code of Conduct

Spectators at Gaynor will enthusiastically support our team. We will support our team, and negative words or actions against the opposing team, its spectators, or its coaches are prohibited. We show our support through positive cheers, and clapping on good plays or effort. We will create an atmosphere of respect for the game and everybody involved in it. Anyone showing negative behavior will be asked to leave.

Attendance Is a Privilege Not a Right

Attendance at Gaynor athletic games or meets is a privilege and not a right. This privilege is predicated upon acting in accordance with this Code.

The Code

Respect each other: We will create an atmosphere in which all of our fellow spectators can be comfortable. To achieve this, we will engage in respectful conduct which excludes profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash talking, taunting and boastful celebrations.

Self-control: We will individually uphold the highest standards. We show selfcontrol even if others do not. We remain passionate in support. Displays of anger or frustration are not supported or tolerated.

Respect our coaches: We support the coaches to do the coaching. Shouting instructions from the sidelines is disrespectful to our coaches and is not supported or permitted.

Respect opposing players: We will cheer for our team and respect the other team. We do not cheer against the opposing team. We will be hospitable hosts to opposing players and not engage in any disrespectful acts because we understand that without them there is no game.

Respect the opposing coach and opposing spectators: We will respect the opposing coach and the opposing spectators showing the same respect as we show ours.

Respect the officials: We will support the officials by remaining in the seating area and not approaching them with complaints or questions. Negative gestures or negative comments, hostile comments, or mocking comments towards them are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Show respect before or after the game: We will abide by this Code of Conduct before, during and after the game.

Respect the system: We understand that there is professional oversight for officials and coaches and that disagreements can be voiced respectfully at the appropriate times within the system. We will respect the system and investigate how to work within it if we have concerns or complaints before making them.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date