

Dulaney High School
Athletic Department

To All Parents and Student-Athletes

Athletic Policy Statement

Students who participate on athletic teams comprise much of the visible student leadership in the school. Participants project an image to the community and to the student body. The responsibility inherent in participation carries with it a number of opportunities for personal growth and benefits for the athletes.

Participation on an athletic team in the Baltimore County Public Schools is regarded as a privilege. While engaging in any activity connected with a team, an athlete must at all times be committed to the team, and place the best interests of the team and the school above personal interests. This includes all practice, contests, travel to and from such events, and any other situation where the purpose of the activity is related to team membership.

Dulaney High School strives to maintain a proud tradition in athletics. We expect our athletes to support the “Dulaney Way” through respect and responsibility towards the school, the athletic program, and one another. Athletes shall display the highest standards of self-discipline and sportsmanship at all times. We expect athletes to conduct themselves in a superior fashion in the classroom, on the field, or out in the community. They are expected to carry themselves with pride, dignity, and determination to do their best. We want our school and community to be proud of our athletes and to support them and their teams.

Additionally, we require parents and spectators to display the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship at all times. As per Dulaney’s Sportsmanship Action Plan, *examples of un-sportsmanlike behavior are:*

Booing, taunting, trash talk, profanity, stomping on the bleachers, heckling officials or opponents, obscene gestures, calling out an opponent by name or number, refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances by an opponent, not following lead of cheerleaders, throwing objects in the stands, on the field or floor, failing to show concern for an injured player, blaming officials or players for loss of game.

These examples of poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated at Dulaney’s athletic events. Non-conformance of this policy could result in the suspension or removal of a team member, or the removal and possible banning of a spectator from future home athletic events.

Your signature below serves as acknowledgement of Dulaney’s Athletic Policy Statement and Athletic Code, and Dulaney’s Character Code and your commitment to its enforcement.

Athlete’s Signature Date

Parent / Guardian’s Signature Date

Athlete’s Printed Name

Parent/Guardian’s Signature Date

Sport

Dulaney High School **Athletic Code**

All team members must meet the standards set by our school, by Baltimore County, and by the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association (MPSSAA). Some team rules vary from sport to sport, but all Dulaney student-athletes must meet the basic requirements of the *Athletic Code*.

The Dulaney High School Athletic Code requires that all athletes:

1. Will do their best in the classroom and meet all academic requirements of their teachers, coaches, the school and the county. (Students are required to dress properly for participation in physical education class on game days to be eligible to participate in games)
2. Will abide by the schools' Character Code at all time through their commitment to "Good Character".
3. Will meet all attendance requirements of their teachers, coaches, and the school. Athletes must be in attendance on game day for the entire school day to be eligible for participation. Only excused lateness, early dismissal, or for other reasons approved by the Principal are the exceptions.
4. Will follow the conditioning recommendations made by their coaches. Will not use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs during their sport season, and will not be in attendance or participate in any environment where underage or illegal use of prohibited substances is involved.
5. Will participate in all practices and be present and prepared at all events, including play-offs and the state tournament. Will communicate immediately upon knowledge of any conflict pertaining to the team's practice or game schedule.
6. Will be personally and financially responsible for all equipment and uniforms issued to them and shall promptly return all team items directly to the coach upon completion of the season.
7. Will promptly report all injuries to their coaches, the athletic trainer, or the athletic director.
8. Will ride the team bus and abide by the school's and county's transportation policy.
9. Will dress and behave in such a manner as to honor themselves, the school, the athletic program, and the county.
10. Will abide by this Athletic Code / Athletic Policy, Dulaney's Character Code, school rules in the student handbook, BCPS Regulations, Policies, and Procedures for Interscholastic Athletics, and the rules established for their specific Sport.

Non-compliance with any part of the above policy may result in the suspension or permanent removal of a team member from participation.

Components of Good Character in Athletics:

To Be Respectful, To Be Responsible, To be Caring, To Be Honest, To Be Fair, To Be A Good Citizen.