

## **Strong Vincent Athletic Department Code of Conduct for Student Athletes**

High School officials and coaches of athletic teams at Strong Vincent High School believe that students who are selected for the privilege of membership on athletic teams should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of the school. In order to assure this conduct, coaches and administrators enforce a Code of Conduct uniformly with all student-athletes. Members of teams who fail to abide by the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action. The goal of the Strong Vincent High School Code of Conduct is to help each student-athlete have a successful positive experience in the Strong Vincent High School sports program.

### **1. ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

The primary goal of Strong Vincent High School is the academic education of its students. Therefore, each student-athlete must be passing a minimum of three (3) credits or the equivalent to be eligible to participate in the athletic program and carry a 2.0 grade point average.

### **2. SPORTSMANSHIP**

Student-athletes who are good sports are positive role models within our school and community. A good sport knows that athletic competition builds character and shapes lifetime attitudes. Student-athletes experience additional educational and leadership benefits that come from participation in sports.

As a Strong Vincent athlete, your sportsmanship goals should be to:

- \* Develop a sense of dignity under all circumstances;
- \* Respect the rules of the game, the officials who administer them and their decisions;
- \* Respect opponents as fellow students; and
- \* Look at athletic participation as a potentially beneficial learning experience, whether you win or lose.

Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in game suspensions or the removal from the team for the remainder of the season. In addition, parents and other spectators are asked to exhibit good sportsmanship. Student-athletes will learn while watching adult's model appropriate behavior.

### **3. ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL**

Regular school attendance is of utmost importance to achieve academic and athletic success. The administration may limit participation of students in cases of non-attendance at school. Unless tardiness is excused, students must be in school at the regular time in order to participate in practices/games that day. Any student excused by the nurse due to illness is ineligible to participate in practice or competition that day.

**4. ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICE/CONTESTS** Each student-athlete is expected to be present at all practices and contests unless excused by the coach in advance or legally absent from school. Coaches may limit participation of students in cases of non-attendance at practices/contests.

### **5. BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOL**

It is important for student-athletes to be good citizens while in school. Earning detentions or suspensions for inappropriate behavior will also bring athletic disciplinary consequences including game suspensions and the possible removal from the team for the remainder of the season. Students suspended from school will not be permitted to attend or participate in any activities including athletics during the period of suspension

## **6. DRUGS**

Drug abuse is unhealthy and is detrimental to athletic performance. Possession or use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or of non-prescribed controlled substances or paraphernalia for their use will not be tolerated.

## **7. TRANSPORTATION**

Student-athletes are to use the school-provided transportation both to and from all athletic competitions. Parents may transport their son or daughter home following away contests provided advance written request is received by the coach.

## **8. ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOR**

Strong Vincent High School student-athletes are to display positive behavior and not engage in conduct that disrupts or deteriorates the team concept. Profanity or abusive language will not be tolerated. Players are to show respect for coaches and fellow teammates at all times. Violations may result in game suspensions or removal from the team for the remainder of the season.

## **9. TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE**

Strong Vincent High School coaches develop a training regimen for athletes to maximize performance in interscholastic competition. Coaches are responsible for helping students understand that nutrition, rest and sleep and involvement in other activities have an impact on performance. Students and parents are responsible for deciding which training recommendations are appropriate. The ability to perform is the criteria for playing time in interscholastic competition.

## **10. HAZING**

Hazing is defined as any action or situation which demeans the worth or value of a student or recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or which willfully destroys or removes property for the purpose of initiation or admission into any organization including sports teams of the Strong Vincent High School. Participation in such activities is strictly prohibited and will result in serious disciplinary consequences, which include the possible removal from the organization or team. All complaints of hazing should be made immediately to the building administration. Students and parents, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this document, feel free to contact your coach, athletic director or principal. Good luck this season.

## **11. SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS**

Students who owe the school money, lost books, detention time, library materials or other school property will not be permitted to participate in any school extracurricular activities or attend any school sponsored functions. These privileges will be immediately reinstated upon payment/return of the obligation.