

Brattleboro Area Middle School **Athletic Code of Conduct and Participation**

1. Participation rules and regulations as set forth by the Brattleboro Area Middle School and included in the BAMS Student/Parent/Teacher Handbook, have been reviewed by the student so that he/she is familiar with the policies and expectations of the BAMS code. It is her/his responsibility to know the rules and to make parents aware of the same.

Highlights of some of those rules and regulations are as follows:

2. **Academic Eligibility** In order to participate in the BAMS athletic program, a student must maintain a C – or above average in all subject areas. Eligibility in any given quarter is determined by the grades obtained by the student at the mid term of that quarter and at the end of the previous quarter. Students whose grades fall below a C – must participate in LOS and receive a “Pass to Play”.

3. **The possession or use of tobacco, alcohol and/or nonprescription drugs** is not permitted. A violation of these rules by an athletic participant will result in a hearing before the school administrator who will render a decision on the infraction.

4. **An athletic participant’s general conduct** in and out of school, and on and off the field, shall be such as to bring no discredit to the student or the school. Students may be suspended from athletic participation for up to one year for inappropriate behavior, violations of school rules, and/or policies or criminal offenses.

5. **Acts of hazing:** Anyone committing the act of hazing may be suspended indefinitely from the athletic program, and referred to the local police.

6. **Athletic participants are expected to maintain good attendance** patterns regarding their sport participation and classes. Students absent from school may not participate in any athletic activity scheduled for that day, unless given approval by the athletic director or principal. A student shall be considered absent and unexcused if they miss 4 or more classes for the day.

7. **Athletic participants are responsible for the return of all equipment or uniforms issued them.** Students will be charged for equipment or uniforms not returned or returned in less than satisfactory condition. No awards will be granted and the student will not be permitted to take part in another sport until the equipment/uniform has been returned or paid for.

8. **All students are required to travel to and from out of town events in school designated transportation.** A student may be released directly to the parent or their designee (authorized adult) for certain necessary reasons if they present to the coach in advance a signed release by their parent/guardian.

9. **Due process** will always be followed in keeping with district policy regarding individual’s rights. Disciplinary actions may be appealed to the next level of authority as follows: 1) Coach 2) Athletic Director 3) Principal or designee.

10. **Conflicts with the coach:** If an athletic participant or parent has an issue or conflict with a coach, the coach is not to be confronted after a practice or game. Call the school to set up an appointment with the coach or Athletic Director. Initial concerns should first be discussed directly with the coach.

11. **Completion of this form:** Students are not allowed to participate in practices or tryouts until the parent/guardian and Student Consent Form has been completely filled out, signed by both student and parent/guardian and returned to the coach or Athletic Department.

Student signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date