



# CORONADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Pelican Way: Ethics and Academics in Sports

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### Ethics and Academics in Sports: “Pelican Way Expectations”

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Based on the California Interscholastic Federation, San Diego Section (CIFSDS)

- It is the mission of the *Coronado Sports Community* to promote high standards of sportsmanlike and ethical behavior in and around athletic contests played under its sanction and, in life, in general. Citizenship, integrity, and fairness are embodied in that mission. Athletic contests must be safe, courteous, fair, controlled, and orderly for the benefit of all athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators, and behavior by all involved at all times should manifest the highest standards of conduct.
- It is the expectations of our school athletic programs that poor sportsmanship, unethical behavior, and violence, in any form, will not be tolerated in athletic contests or practices. In order to enforce this policy the school has established guidelines and expectations.
- Coaches are expected to assume responsibility to teach and demand high standards of conduct of their athletes both on the field of play and in everyday life.
- The ISF and school administration will assume responsibility for enforcement of the guidelines and expectations and to demand high standards of conduct from coaches, athletes, and spectators.
- Coronado Middle School and the Athletic Community expect that the following Code of Ethics and Academics be issued to and signed by each student athlete and parent as a guide to govern their behavior and academic expectations.
- **COURTESY:** Be courteous at all times with school officials, opponents, game officials, and spectators.
- **COMMITMENT:** Be dedicated to the work ethic and daily practices.
- **RESPECT:** Show respect for self, plays, officials, coaches, the other team and spectators.
- **APPRECIATION:** Appreciate the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- **INITIATIVE:** Display initiative by refraining from foul and/or abusive language at all times.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Abstain from the use of illegal and nonprescription drugs, anabolic steroids, alcohol, or any substance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States, or the American Medical Association.
- **SUCCESS:** Win with character, lose with dignity.

## **Athletics / Islander Sports Foundation**

There will be a number of athletic programs that you will be able to join, such as, basketball, water polo, track, lacrosse and more. However, in order to participate on any of these teams, you must have a 2.0 GPA, and you may not be on the “Choices List.”

The “Choices List” and Academic Ineligibility criteria require students not to participate in extracurricular activities for a period of 20 school days until their successful completion of improving their academic and citizenship grades. Suspension and referrals also result in ineligibility for a period of 20 school days. For sport activities a student may participate in practices, but students may not participate in games or leave school early to attend away games.

### **“Choices List” (Academic Grades)**

Students may be placed on Academic Ineligibility if they are unable to meet the 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) for minimum academic standards during a single grading period. A student may not be able to participate in after school sport activities if they do not meet the 2.0 GPA criteria. Students may continue to participate in athletic practices; however, they cannot compete in game day situations or ride the bus to visiting school sites on game days until they are able to be successful in the GPA area after a 20 school day period (See section on After School Sports for further information).

### **“Choices List” (Citizenship Grades)**

Your name will be placed on the “Choices” Loss of Privilege list when:

- 1) \*\*You have been suspended from school.
- 2) \*\*You have received 3 or more referrals.
- 3) You have received 2 “N”s or a “U” during a single grading period.

Students on the “Choices List” may not participate in extracurricular activities, including sports, dances, clubs or other, for a period of 20 school days. After a period of 20 school days, students are able to remove themselves from the “Choices List” if they have achieved improvement in the criteria mentioned above. The “Choices List” is generated every 6 week grading period.

\*\*Suspensions and 3 or more referrals in one, 6 week grading period will start the 20 day Choices List probation period immediately on the day of the infraction. Additionally, students who are suspended or have 3 referrals may still be prohibited from extracurricular activities (school dance, talent show and other school day activities) after the 20 day period as determined by the school administration.

Ineligible athletes are encouraged to continue practicing with the team even though they are not able to play in contests. Students can practice and support by cheering on the team at games, but they may not play or ride a bus (get out of school early) to attend games if ineligible. There are two reasons for this: 1) At the end of the 20 school day ineligibility period, a student who has made up the deficiencies will be able to participate. 2) Coaches take a dim view of quitting a program once you have started. To coaches, the contests are an important part, but only part of the value of the program. A student can learn a great deal about a sport and improve their ability by continuing to practice. Besides, one of the major values of athletics to education is to use the student’s interest in athletics to encourage better performance in the classroom.

### **ELIGIBILITY GRADING PERIODS FOR '08-09 BEGIN ON THESE DATES:**

**8/25-10/10** (progress)    **12/1 -1/23** (final)                      **3/16 -5-1** (progress)  
**10/13-11/28** (progress)    **1/26 -3/13** (progress)                      **5/4 -6/11** (final)

(Signature required below and return with your Sports Registration Packet)

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I have read and I understand the Policy Statement and the ETHICS AND ACADEMICS IN SPORTS Policy. I agree to abide by this policy while participating and/or spectating at Coronado or their affiliated athletic events regardless of contest site or jurisdiction.

Violation of the Ethics Policy may result in immediate, temporary or permanent removal from Athletic Activities, including participation and spectating.

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Signature - Athlete

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Printed name

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Date

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Signature - Parent(s)/Guardian/Caregiver

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Printed name

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Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS "ETHICS AND ACADEMICS IN SPORTS" POLICY FORM TO YOUR COACH.