

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to another exciting year of athletics at Ucluelet Secondary School! USS coaches want to clarify some guidelines that athletes and parents need to be aware of. This page is a summary of the USS Athletic Department Code of Conduct and the BC School Sports Code of Conduct. Please read over this information to clearly understand USS' and BC School Sports' expectations of student athletes. All athletes and guardians must have this form signed and returned before they are eligible to compete in any school sport at USS.

Eligibility:

High school athletics goes hand in hand with the curricular program. Therefore, the student needs to give their best daily effort and work to their potential in all their classes. Students with chronic attendance, academic, or disciplinary issues may be put on probation or removed from the team.

Please remember that all coaches are volunteers! Coaches, team members and managers put in an enormous amount of time and energy to have a productive season. It requires self-discipline and sacrifice to maintain team commitment throughout the entire season. Therefore, it is essential that each athlete be prepared to make a total commitment. All practices are mandatory unless athletes have excused absences.

Playing Time:

Interscholar Athletics are competitive by nature. The coaches will exercise leadership in the achievement of individual and group goals. Playing time may not be equal and will be determined by the following criteria at the discretion of the coaches.

- Team Goals
- Attitude
- Game Knowledge
- Behavioural Consequences
- Safety
- Leadership
- Physical Development
- Level of Opposition Play
- Fitness Level
- Skill Level
- Dedication
- Experience
- Game Situation
- Eligibility

Fees and Fundraising:

There are significant costs involved in our athletics program due to tournament fees, travelling and accommodation. These costs are not covered by school funding and must be paid out of pocket by parents/guardians and through fundraising. Coaches and other school staff will make fundraising opportunities available for all athletes. This way athletes can raise money for their personal school accounts. On average, expect to pay \$100-\$200 per tournament per athlete. Athletes can use their fundraised money to cover these expenses or parents/guardians pay.

Code of Ethics for Student-Athletes

- I will respect student-athletes and spectators.
- I will respect the decisions of the officials and coaches without gesture or argument.
- I am a student first and athletics is an extension of my educational experience.
- I am committed to striving for excellence with integrity and sportsmanship.
- I will communicate in a positive way.
- I am grateful to be a student-athlete, and I will win with dignity and lose with grace.
- I will never use social networking to criticize or threaten another school team, coach, player, or game official.

Code of Ethics for Spectators, Parents and Guardians

- I will respect student-athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- I will cheer in a positive manner.
- I will not interfere with the play or competition.
- I will respect the decisions of the officials.
- I will respect the decisions of the coaches, including athlete playing time.
- I will never use social networking to criticize or threaten another school team, coach, player, or game official.

Parent/Guardian and Student Signatures

We have read and discussed this agreement, and we agree to all the guidelines relating to participation including eligibility requirements, playing time and the Code of Ethics for both Student-Athletes and Spectators, Parents and Guardians. We also agree with the expectations and consequences detailed in the USS Athletic Department Code of Conduct and the BC School Sport Code of Conduct.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____