## Student-Athlete & Parents Code of Conduct Conditions of Interscholastic Athletic Participation

Purpose: 1) To establish criteria for student-athletes and parents in collaboration with the Shelby County School District's Student Code of Conduct, to model and put into practice while participating in school related athletic activities. 2) To emphasize that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege afforded to student-athletes by the Shelby County School District. 3) Recognizing that under state law all students possess the right to due process appeals procedures; however, in the event that disciplinary actions are warranted of student-athlete(s) and/or parent(s) participation in athletic practices and contests would be null and void. 4) Student-athletes and parents participating in athletic activities are expected to represent the Shelby County School District and the SCIAA by adhering to high standards of personal conduct and ethical behavior. 5) Realizing that inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated during school periods, out of school periods or during none school hours. 6) Finally, student-athletes and/or parents will be subject to disciplinary actions and possibly dismissal from participation in athletic activities if inappropriate behavior is exhibited.

**Responsibility:** It is the responsibility of the student-athletes and/or parents to be knowledgeable of the Shelby County Schools and SCIAA policies, procedures, standards and codes of conduct. Failure to do so will result in dire consequences.

## **Student-Athlete Code of Conduct:**

- ➤ I will conduct good citizenship and sportsmanship principles on/off the court and/or field at all times
- I will comply with the school district's academic and athletic eligibility policies
- > I will respect and comply with the decision(s) of my coach, game officials and athletic personnel
- > I will not violate team rules
- ➤ I will not display inappropriate verbal/physical accusations to others at any time
- > I will not participate in unauthorized or inappropriate use of internet, computer/software
- ➤ I will not bully, intimidate or sexually, racially or religiously harass any individual(s)
- I will not gamble, steal, fight, assault or possess any weapons
- ➤ I will not possess/distribute tobacco products or medications without approval from school officials
- > I will not involve myself with criminal trespassers or trespass using a motor vehicle on commercial property
- I will not vandalize, deface or write graffiti on commercial property

## Parent(s) Code of Conduct:

- I will support the school district's code of conduct and interscholastic athletic policies
- > I will ensure that my child(ren) comply with all school district athletic and academic policies
- I will set the example by conducting good citizenship and sportsmanship principles at all times, and encourage others to comply with these standards
- I will attend the pre-season parent/student-athlete meeting at my children's school
- > I will respect the decision of the coach, game officials and athletic personnel
- I will consult with the appropriate athletic representative(s) to resolve any problems that may occur

The student-athlete and parent, acknowledge that we have read and understand the terms of this code of conduct. We agree to conduct ourselves according to the terms of this code of conduct. We further understand and agree that if we violate the terms within this code of conduct, our participation in athletics may be limited or terminated as a result of the penalties imposed for violating this contract under Shelby County School District policies, civil or criminal laws. For specific details about the student code of conduct and interscholastic athletic rules please refer to the Shelby County School District Policies on Athletics and the SCIAA Student/Parent Handbook.

Student-athlete Signature	Print Name	Date
Parent Signature	Print Name	Date