

Taft
School District #90



Activities Handbook

To the Students and Families of Taft School,

The members of Taft School District 90 believe that interscholastic, intramural, and extracurricular activities are an integral part of the educational program, with the purpose of providing educational experiences not otherwise provided in the classroom curriculum. The school district wishes to provide students with additional opportunities for personal growth, self-discipline, skill development, teamwork, creativity, and fun. Participants are expected to be high academic achievers and positive leaders for our school, showing character, respect, sportsmanship, loyalty, and responsibility in the classroom and on the playing field.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege that is awarded only to those students who conduct themselves in accordance with the expectations described in the Parent-Student Handbook and Activities Handbook. We at Taft School District 90 will provide a nurturing, competitive, and life-learning environment where all student-participants can succeed. Our school staff will make every effort to assist you in your development as a student, a participant, and a person. It is your responsibility to meet our expectations and excellence in Viking Blue and Gold.

Sincerely,

The Board of Education, Administration, and Staff of Taft School District 90

School Activities Philosophy

- 1.) Maintain academic eligibility – STUDENT first, participant second
- 2.) Exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play in ALL activities (practices, competitions, meetings, etc.)
- 3.) Be courteous and hospitable to visiting teams, groups, and officials
- 4.) Participate - play hard and to the best of your ability
- 5.) Conduct yourself in a respectful manner at all times
- 6.) Accept victory and defeat in a mature and emotionally balanced manner
- 7.) Demonstrate loyalty to the school by participating in and supporting other school activities
- 8.) Understand that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege that involves a great deal of personal responsibility
- 9.) Follow all school rules
- 10.) Understand that conduct and performance in all venues cannot be viewed separately or in isolation from conduct and performance in the classroom

Handbook Disclaimer

This activities handbook is only a summary of Board policies and the handbook may be modified during the school year without notice. The handbook is alphabetically organized by topic. It is the student's and parent's/guardian's responsibility to be familiar with the handbook, which sets expectations for participants and consequences for inappropriate behavior.

Academic Eligibility

We believe that the first and primary concern for any student is academics. It is in the student's best interest that his/her focus is on academics first and that participation in district

extracurricular programs comes second to academics. The requirements for eligibility to participate in any activity program at Taft School are as follows:

- For fall sports, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. For any fall sport requiring a summer tryout time which may be before the official start of the academic year, eligibility shall be based on the preceding school year's grades. If a student had a failing grade at the end of the preceding academic year, he/she will be allowed to tryout and participate in a fall sport; however, this failing grade will count against one of the three weeks of allowable ineligibility.
- A participant accumulating three weeks (consecutive or non-consecutive) of ineligibility will be removed from the team/group.
- Eligibility is defined as having any combination of passing grades (A, B, C, and/or D). Students earning a failing grade of "F" in any subject are ineligible. Any student who is ineligible is prohibited from participating in any team activity including practices or games.
- Eligibility of students will be determined Thursday morning of each week. Teachers will enter grade updates no later than end of business on the Wednesday preceding the Thursday eligibility checks.
- Ineligible participants will not be allowed to participate in activities for a seven day period beginning the following Monday through Saturday.
- If at the end of the seven day period the student has brought all grades up to a passing level the participant will be reinstated as eligible to participate in practices, meetings, and contests with the team/group.
- Parents are encouraged to regularly check their child's academic performance using the parent portal for our student information system, TeacherEase, at www.teacherease.com. For convenience, parents may find a link on the Taft School website.
- Any student serving a suspension (in-school or out-of-school) is ineligible to participate in any school activity for the duration of the suspension. Parents should also reference any team specific guidelines prescribed by the respective coach as well as the Student Activities Handbook.
- This implementation of guidelines is done in compliance with IESA regulations (2.040-2.045), and was approved and adopted by the Taft Board of Education November 14, 2012.

Activity Fees

All students participating in extra-curricular activities at Taft School will be required to pay the activity fee of \$35 for each activity. These fees will apply per student per each season of competition and **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE STUDENT PARTICIPATING** in ANY practices or competitions. Fees are not required to be paid until a child is accepted on a team or into an extracurricular activity.

Fees are non-refundable. Voluntary withdrawal, lack of playing time, academic or behavioral ineligibility, or disciplinary actions taken by the coach/sponsor or the administration will not be the basis for refunding fees.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, and Unlawful Drugs

Any participant (athlete, club member, etc.) partaking in the usage of, having possession, distributing, or selling alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco, or electronic cigarette type devices, and any other controlled substance, or ANY lookalike items thereof will be immediately removed from the individual activity for the balance of the season (in the case of year-long activities, for the balance of the school year), and prohibited from any other subsequent related activity (i.e., student versus staff games).

The coach/sponsor and administration will meet and determine the extent of suspensions and/or alternatives for all reported violations.

A rule violation is deemed to have occurred when:

- Participant is reported to being or having been in possession or use of tobacco, electronic cigarette type devices, alcohol, illegal drugs, any other controlled substance, or lookalike items thereof;
- a law enforcement agency, or representative thereof, confirms possession or use of any above-referenced substance, or
- a participant admits to a District 90 employee or representative thereof, following just cause suspicion that he/she has used or possessed any above-referenced substances.

Attendance at Extracurricular Events

Students attending Taft activities must abide by school rules as well as the rules of the Illinois Elementary School Association. Students who are using profanity or involved in obscene cheers/actions/gestures will be removed from the activity as well as denied admission to future activities. Students are expected to follow the same rules and expectations that are in force during the school day. At the conclusion of an activity students are expected to depart from school grounds in a timely fashion (no more than 10 minutes for any practice, contest, etc.). Students must have transportation arranged in advance. Repeated failure to have transportation available beyond the 10 minute window will give grounds for suspension and eventual removal as a participant in the activity.

Awards

Any participant dropped from team/club membership for disciplinary actions and/or ineligibility shall not be eligible to receive any award established for members of each respective team/club.

Students cannot accept any award for extracurricular performance other than an emblematic award.

Bullying

No person, including a District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate or bully any individual based upon sex, color, race, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or other protected group status. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that affects tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational

performance, the educational process, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

Cameras/Video Devices

All photographic and video capturing devices are prohibited without approval and supervision of school personnel. Any photographic and/or video capturing device used inappropriately by a student will result in the student receiving disciplinary actions including but not limited to suspension from the activity and removal from the activity for the balance of the season (in the case of year-long activities such as Student Council, then for the balance of the school year).

Cell Phone Usage

The perimeter of Taft School shall be defined as the building and the property extending to the parking areas.

Cellular phones and other electronic/signaling devices (cell phone, iPod, mp3 player, etc.) are to be in the **OFF** mode during all school hours and must remain in a locker, not in student possession. Such devices when seen or heard during school hours will be confiscated by staff. All available functions of a cell phone and their use are expressly **PROHIBITED** on school grounds (including buses) during school hours.

Expectations Meeting

An expectations meeting will be held with the athletes/participants, parents/guardians, and coaches/sponsors prior to each inter-scholastic season. Rules, procedures, regulations, game, meeting and practice schedules will be discussed at the meeting as well as any questions regarding the team/group. It is an expectation that the participants and parent/guardian will attend an expectations meeting for each extracurricular activity in which the student participates during the school year.

Equipment and Equipment Storage Areas

Coaches/sponsors will enforce strict regulations for the care of the school's equipment. Players will be required to pay for any lost or damaged equipment. Each participant is responsible for the equipment issued to him/her.

Harassment

The School District will act to investigate all complaints of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence, and to discipline or take appropriate action against any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel who is found to have violated this policy. All complaints of religious, racial or sexual harassment or violence shall be reduced to writing by the complainant so that the School District has a record of the nature of the complaint and when the complaint was made.

Individuals who are the victims of harassment or violence are encouraged to notify the School District through their principal or, if the principal has allegedly committed the act or acts of harassment or violence complained of, through the superintendent. Such report is required to be made in writing detailing the specifics of the charge and should be submitted within a reasonable

time after the incident. The identity of the parties and the events complained of shall remain confidential to the extent feasible. The principal shall report his/her findings and any recommendation for action to the superintendent. Acts of harassment or violence as defined in this policy depending upon the circumstances of the case may be considered cause for expulsion or such other disciplinary action as is warranted.

Racial

Racial harassment is defined as physical or verbal conduct relating to an individual's race when the conduct (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive academic environment; (2) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic performance; or (3) otherwise affects an individual's academic opportunities. Racial violence is defined as a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, race.

Religious

Religious harassment is defined as physical or verbal conduct which is related to an individual's religion when the conduct (1) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive academic environment; (2) has the purpose or effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic performance; or (3) otherwise adversely affects an individual's academic opportunities. Religious violence is defined as a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, religion.

Sexual

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. Any person, including a district employee or agent, or student, engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and engages in other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that: (1) Denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status; or (2) has the purpose or effect of: substantially interfering with a student's educational environment, creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment, depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment, or making submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include touching, crude jokes or pictures, discussions of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities.

Individuals, who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or have witnessed sexual harassment, are encouraged to discuss the matter with the student Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager. Individuals may choose to report to a person of the student's same sex. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Individuals who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.

An allegation that one student was sexually harassed by another student shall be referred the student Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager for appropriate action.

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion consistent with the discipline policy. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding sexual harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge, with regard to employees, or suspension and expulsion, with regard to students.

Hazing

Taft District 90 does not condone, nor will tolerate the hazing of students involved in any extracurricular activities on or off of school property. Any reported incident of hazing will be investigated on an individual basis. Any student who is found to have participated in the hazing of another student will be disciplined. The disciplinary action will include a meeting with the student and his/her parent/guardian and may be as severe as expulsion from school and a permanent loss of extracurricular privileges in Taft School District.

Hazing is defined as any type of initiation procedure for any school related activity, which involves conduct such as but not limited to any of the following: illegal activity, physical punishment or infliction of pain, intentional humiliation or embarrassment, dangerous activity, activity likely to cause mental or psychological stress, forced detention or kidnapping, or undressing or otherwise exposing initiates

Items from Home

Common sense and consideration is the best guide in determining whether or not to bring personal possessions to school. Students are not permitted to bring items from home to school that could be harmful to others, that are valuable or irreplaceable, or that distract from the educational environment. Examples include, but are not limited to the following: electronic games, musical devices, large sums of money, laser pointers, sharp or pointed objects, toys, inappropriate magazines, glass, expensive jewelry, etc. The school/district is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.

Locker Room

- 1.) Rough-housing, hazing, or “horse-play” of any sort is dangerous and will not be permitted at any time and are actions subject to disciplinary action by the coach/sponsor and/or administration.
- 2.) Keep any assigned lockers locked and clean. You are responsible for your assigned locker and all contents.
- 3.) Cell-phone use and cameras of any kind are prohibited by law.
- 4.) Videotaping of any kind is prohibited by law.

Lost and Found

Students who find lost items should promptly turn them in to a teacher or to the office. Students are asked to inspect the lost and found before school, during lunch, or after school. Money, wallets, purses, glasses, keys, and jewelry are kept in the office. Items that go unidentified may

be donated to charity. Parents are urged to place the student's name on all personal items, especially coats, jackets, physical education uniforms, and athletic shoes.

Valuable personal items or sizable amounts of money should not be brought to school. Students are highly encouraged to leave electronic games and musical headsets at home. The school is not responsible for damage, stolen, or lost personal property brought to school. The school will most likely not investigate stolen, damaged, or lost property if it is property that is not recommended for school.

Medication

In order to safely administer medication, and for the protection of our students, we require that a physician and parent/guardian complete and sign the Medication Authorization Form. The forms are available in the school office. A Medical Authorization Form must be on file in the school office before school personnel can administer any form of medication. Students are not permitted to self-medicate outside of the nurse's office without consent from the school nurse or office administration, or as delineated in a medical plan, 504 plan, or some other similar plan developed in partnership between the school and home. Consistent with Senate Bill 0979 asthma inhalers may be carried and self-administered if the physician and parent/guardian complete the additional forms.

Medication should be brought to school by the parent/guardian or the parents'/guardians' designee (who is an adult) in a closed container, appropriately labeled by the pharmacist or physician, with the student's name, medication dosage, route of administration, prescription number, pharmacy name and phone number, specific times, date and physician's name and phone number. The discontinuation date of the medication should also be indicated on the label.

Severe Food Allergies

It is the responsibility of the participant and parent/guardian to notify the school district and coach/sponsor of any severe food allergy that they may have. In accordance with Public Act 96-0349, all allergy forms must be filled out with the district, and a copy of all medical records associated with the food allergy must be on file with the school nurse and the activity coach/sponsor.

Parent/Coach/Sponsor Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of others and provide a greater benefit to the student. As a parent, when your child becomes involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach/sponsor.

Examples of Communication between Coach/Sponsor and Families include: Expectations the coach/sponsor has for your child as well as all players on the squad; locations and times of practices, meetings, contests, and events; team requirements such as fees and special equipment; procedures should your child be injured during practice or competition; and written team rules and guidelines. The Contact Chain is: 1.) coach/sponsor, 2.) athletic director, 3.) administration.

Examples of the communication coaches/sponsors expect from participants: notification of any schedule conflicts in advance, medical concerns, and injuries.

Participants at Taft will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there will also be times when things do not go the way the student would like. At these times, discussion with the coach/sponsor is encouraged.

Participation in Overlapping Activities

Students may participate in overlapping events, but it is the participating student's responsibility to give 24-hour advanced notice to sponsors/coaches of BOTH events. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence for that event. In compliance with the Activities Handbook, students with 3 unexcused absences will be immediately dismissed from the team/club.

Practices/Meetings

Unexcused absences or tardiness to practice will be handled by the coach/sponsor of each activity and could result in suspension, or in persistent cases, dismissal from the team/activity.

Excused Absences include: academic assistance, serious illness or injury, death in the family, medical or dental appointment (with a note from the doctor/dentist to document the absence), unavoidable accident or emergency, official school related trips, religious holiday, court appearance.

Unexcused Absences include: suspensions, detentions, lack of a ride to school, missing the bus, oversleeping, babysitting, participation in non-school sponsored activities and athletics or, vacations.

Unexcused Absences from practice will be addressed as followed:

1st Offense = coach/sponsor discretion

2nd Offense = loss of 1 contest/event

3rd Offense = removal from the team/group

In the case of any injuries, the participant should still be at meetings and practice sessions unless excused by the coach/sponsor.

When a student is absent from school, he/she will not be permitted to participate in any competitive event (or in the case of a club/group an event or meeting) except as described below.

Holiday Practices/Contests

When practices are scheduled during holiday periods students must prearrange in writing with the coach/sponsor if they will not be in attendance. Events scheduled over these periods are considered part of the regular season and arrangements must be made with coaches/sponsors if a student must miss participation during this time.

Practices/Contest on Inclement Weather Days

At no time will Taft District 90 demand that any participant place their safety or the safety of anyone else in jeopardy. Events (practices, meetings, games, etc.) will not be held on days that

school has been cancelled because of inclement weather unless administration has given clearance. If practice is allowed, it will be considered non-mandatory. There is no guarantee that events cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled.

Physical Examinations for Athletic Activities

No student shall be permitted to compete in a tryout, condition, practice, and/or game unless the student has filed with the school nurse a certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner as set forth in the Illinois Compiled Statutes not more than 395 days preceding such a tryout, practice, and/or contest in any activity.

The responsibility of securing a physical examination lies entirely with the athlete involved at all levels of competition. Taft District #90 will not assume the cost of any athletic physical. Parents/guardians should make every effort to schedule physical exams for the next school year for their student-athletes no earlier than the end of the previous school year. Because it is frequently impossible to predict what sports a student may wish to participate in during the upcoming year, it is suggested that all students who express an interest in athletics at Taft have a physical exam during the months of June or July.

Rules and Regulations of Participants

Governing Rules - The rules of the Illinois Elementary School Association must be followed as minimal regulations where more stringent conference, school, and/or team rules may be specified. (Baseball – All baseball participants are required to wear athletic supporters and protective cups at all practices and games.)

Duration of the Code of Conduct - The rules and regulations in this code of conduct shall apply to any violations from the time that a participant becomes eligible for participation in activities sponsored by the school district until the participant graduates from junior high school. The code of conduct for participants is in effect 7-days a week, 24-hours a day, year-round.

Supplemental Rules and Regulations - Supplemental rules and regulations unique to a given activity may be implemented upon the approval of the administration provided that they are not in conflict with any other student codes. Violations of these rules may be cause for disciplinary action by the coach/sponsor or administration.

Conduct of the Participant - Any civil law infraction, arrest, or vandalism by a participant that is determined by the school administration to be detrimental to the activity, program, school, or district may result in disciplinary actions.

School Attendance on Day of Contest

Students must be in attendance for two and one half hours in order to gain participation in an event (practices, meetings, games, etc.).

Social Eligibility

Participants of Taft District 90 are expected to set an example of both conduct and sportsmanship for their fellow students and athletes. Participants in all activities will be responsible for

maintaining a high level of social acceptability. They must conduct themselves in such a fashion as to bring pride to their family, school, team, and community.

Social eligibility violations will include but not be limited to: insubordination or disrespect to members of the school staff, student population, activity supervisors, or members of the community-at-large, behavior during the school year that results in disciplinary action, suspensions (in-school and out-of-school, violations of criminal statutes, academic dishonesty, inappropriate language, gestures, or innuendos, excessive tardies to school, harassment of any kind, ejection or removal from a school sponsored event (either as a participant or a spectator), behavioral referrals, fighting, or disruptions to the overall learning community. Administrators will address instances of misconduct after consideration of the facts and circumstances.

Severance Clause - A student's actions deemed serious by the coach/sponsor shall be brought to the Administration to decide the eligibility for the remainder of the student's academic year and/or career at Taft school.

Carry Over Policy - If a student is suspended from an activity and the season ends before the term of the suspension is completely served, the remaining suspension will be enforced in the next season in which the student participates. The student must complete the current season for the suspension to be fulfilled. The purpose of this rule is to prevent a student from completing the term of a suspension in an activity that has no meaning for the student and quitting the sport after the suspension is served. An eighth grade student may lose end of the year activities if their suspension requirements are not and/or cannot be fulfilled by the end of the activity season.

Discipline Conditions - The administration has the right to address violations not covered by this code. The participant must continue to practice and/or finish the remainder of the season to fulfill all or part of the suspension.

Procedures of Due Process Relating to the Code of Conduct - After a ruling of ineligibility due to code of conduct violations has been approved by the administration, the principal will notify in the parent/guardian of the participant in writing and in a timely manner. The student and/or parent/guardian may formally appeal the decision.

Spectator Guidelines

The IESA spectator guidelines are published with the hope that events will be kept in the proper spirit of competition. It is the district's expectation that all fans will abide by these guidelines.

- 1.) Remember the event is for the participants. They are here because they want to enjoy the experience. Your sportsmanship will enhance this educational experience.
- 2.) Refrain from distracting the participants during play.
- 3.) Recognize and appreciate skills in performance regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good sportsmanship.
- 4.) Treat the officials with respect before, during, and after the contest. We cannot participate without officials, as they are an integral part of the event, and they should be recognized as impartial arbitrators.
- 5.) Recognize the fact that, as a spectator, you represent the school, as do the participants.

- 6.) Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
- 7.) Spectators are to remain off the playing surface at all times.
- 8.) Failure to abide by guidelines shall result in an ejection from the event without refund of admission. Repeated incidents shall result in banning from school events and grounds.

Sportsmanship/Language/Conduct

Participants must exhibit good sportsmanship in all venues (locker rooms, field, court, etc.). They are to show respect for all opponents, officials, coaches, and other people with whom they come in contact. The use of vulgar or profane language is unacceptable anywhere and at any time. Fighting, taunting, or otherwise provoking conflict with opponents or spectators will not be tolerated. Any action or behavior by participants that are judged to be inappropriate by coaches/sponsors or school administrators may also result in disciplinary action.

Any student who is ejected from a contest will be ineligible for participation in the next contest in accordance with IESA rules. Participants may be subject to additional disciplinary action deemed appropriate by administration. Suspensions from play cannot be served concurrently.

Suspension from school

Participants suspended from school (in-school and out-of-school) are not permitted to attend practices, games, or meetings at any facility, home or away, during the period of their suspension. A participant suspended will be ineligible from the next eligibility period. If no contests fall within the period of the suspension, the participant will be ineligible for one contest immediately following the suspension period.

Team Travel

Participants must travel to and from contests away from Taft in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions to the rule are: injury to the participant which requires alternative transportation, written arrangements between the parent/guardian and coach/sponsor on a sign out sheet, doctor or medical appointment, academic assistance, or loss of bus privileges as deemed by the administration.

Participants are only allowed to ride home from practices, contests, or meetings with their parent/guardian. Any other person will not be permitted to provide transportation for the student without consent from the parent/guardian and coach/sponsor.

Transportation

Parent/guardian is responsible for arranging transportation for participants throughout the course of any given school year. Parents/guardians need to arrive in a timely fashion at the conclusion of all practices and contests to pick up their son / daughter. Coaches/sponsors will communicate with parents/guardians about any time changes to the schedule in a timely fashion. Exceptions would include inclement weather when after school activities (practices, games, meetings, etc.) may be cancelled at the last minute. In these instances, participants should take their regular after school transportation home.

Uniforms and Locks

Uniforms issued and their care is the responsibility of the participant and his/her parent/guardian. When the uniform is returned following the completion of the season, the deposit will be returned. Deposit amounts vary by uniforms. At no time may a school-issued uniform be worn for personal use. It is the responsibility of the participant to return the school issued uniform to the appropriate coach/sponsor at the end of the season. Uniforms should be returned clean, and any needed repairs noted at the time of return. Lost or damaged uniforms will result in a fee to replace the item. Students with outstanding fines will be ineligible for all future extra-curricular activities until restitution and full payment is made.

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Student Activities Code of Conduct

As a participant representing Taft District 90, you carry a responsibility to act in a way that will bring pride to your school, your team, and your family.

As a member of Taft District 90 the following guidelines are expected behavior.

- 1.) I agree to practice good sportsmanship before, during, and after contests, recognizing the talents and efforts of my opponents and game officials.
- 2.) I agree to practice self-control at all times including no fighting or taunting or other negative behavior which would bring disrespect to my team or my school.
- 3.) I agree to respect those in authority, including the coaches, administrators, custodians, teachers, and officials.
- 4.) I agree to leave the facility I am visiting in better condition than when I arrived. This means not damaging or vandalizing school property, stealing, or leaving trash behind.
- 5.) I agree to represent my team and my school outside of the classroom and the playing field.
- 6.) I agree to adhere to all school rules and regulations.
- 7.) I will use the 24 Hour Rule when I am concerned about a sports related issue that requires me to talk with the coach. **24 Hour Rule: If a parent is unhappy with an issue regarding their child, team, or coach, it is expected that parents will wait 24 hours to discuss the issue.** Cooler heads will prevail.
- 8.) I understand that the amount of playing time my child receives in games will be based on their skills, punctuality, attitude, and practice/game performance. I know they may receive more or less playing time than their teammates and playing time is **not guaranteed**.
- 9.) I understand that the failure to comply with school, team, and individual classroom rules may result in disciplinary action by the athletic department, coaches, and administration.

As a participant representing Taft, I understand I carry a responsibility to act in a manner that will bring pride to my school, my team/group, and my family. I have read the Student Activities Code of Conduct and aware of the expectations of being a student-participant at Taft.

Student's Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

(Please Detach and Return to the Coach/Sponsor)