

The purpose of the Newark Valley Athletic Department is to develop well-rounded student-athletes who will gain a passion for their sport, live a healthy lifestyle, promote citizenship, and develop a competitive nature to pursue excellence. In their pursuit, student-athletes will continually display sportsmanship, perseverance, courage, self-respect and respect for others. These principles will be demonstrated not only on athletic pursuits but also in their academic, social and life-long endeavors.

Parent Code of Conduct

- I understand and endorse the purpose of the Newark Valley Athletic Program.
- I will encourage my student-athlete to abide by all team, athletic, school, league, and Section IV regulations and “codes of conduct”. If s/he fails to live up to these standards, I will allow for accountability.
- I will support the coaches by applauding behaviors in my child and teammates that demonstrate commitment, responsibility, integrity, courage, and citizenship.
- I will affirm my child and teammates when good character, healthy sportsmanship, and other-centered behaviors are displayed.
- I will serve as a role model for all children by talking politely and acting courteously towards coaches, players, officials, other parents, and spectators at practices, games, and meetings.
- I will model good sportsmanship by acknowledging and applauding the efforts of team members and opponents. I accept defeat graciously by congratulating the members of the opposing team on a game well played.
- I will support the team regardless of how much or little my child plays and regardless of the win-loss record of the team. I will praise the student-athletes in their attempts to become better as students, as athletes, and as people.
- I will encourage my child and teammates with positive statements. I understand that at every practice and game they are growing physically, emotionally, and developing character.
- I will abide by the regulations of a “Drug Free School Zone” by refraining from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs while on school grounds.
- When problems or questions arise, I will have my child present the problem to the coach. This develops self-advocacy. After my child meets with his/her coach, if the issue requires more clarity, I will contact the coach. If the issue was related to a situation that arose at a practice or a game, I will adhere to the 18-hour rule before contacting the coach.
- I will remember that when I visit another school, I am their guest and will abide by the Code of Conduct at their site.
- Because I am a parent with the power and position to make a positive difference in the lives of all players and young spectators, I commit to this code of conduct.

Player Code of Conduct

- I will abide by the rules and regulations of my team, athletic department and school.
- I will accept responsibility and consequences for my behavior on and off the field. I understand that what I say and do affects my teammates, other people, and school either positively or negatively.
- I understand that academics come first. I will do all my assignments and stay after school if required by a teacher to improve my academic standing. I will seek extra help when needed.
- I will attend school every day and will be on time unless a legal excuse is presented. I will give 100% effort in all my classes.
- I will lead a healthy life style by refraining from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs. I will learn about proper nutrition, importance of sleep, and physical fitness to help improve my performance. I will work towards a healthy balance in my life.
- I will act with respect toward myself and others around me including my parents, coaches, teammates, other athletes and students, opponents, officials, and spectators.
- I will demonstrate self-control at all times. I understand that uncontrolled emotion can be self-defeating.
- I will refrain from the use of crude or abusive language or gestures when dealing with opponents, officials, or spectators.
- I will refrain from the use of profanity at all times.
- I will act with respect towards school property and the property of others. I will do my part to keep the school facilities looking good.
- I will serve as a role model at all times by talking politely and acting courteously towards all people I come in contact with during school hours and while at school events.
- I will display good sportsmanship. I acknowledge and applaud the efforts of others. I encourage my teammates with positive statements and help them become the best that they can be.
- I will refrain from boasting to my teammates and “trash talking” to members of other teams. I will build positive relationships and support the positive endeavors of others.
- I will accept defeat graciously by congratulating my opponents on a game well played.
- I will act with empathy by trying to understand what is going on with others and why they feel as they do. I will ask, “How can I help you?”
- I will give 100% effort to practices, games and events. I understand that effort demonstrates my commitment to the team and my respect for my coaches and teammates.
- Because I represent myself, my team and my school; I will abide by this Code of Conduct. When failing to live up to these standards I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

