

# **Helen A. Fort Middle School Athletic Code of Conduct**



**Principal: Ms. Tami Strege**

**Assistant Principal: Mr. Darvis Holley**

**Assistant Principal: Mr. Drew Besler**

### A Message from the Principal

"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do." –Derek Jeter

"A successful competition for me is always going out there and putting 100 percent into whatever I'm doing." –Simone Biles

As a Pemberton Township Schools Hornet student-athlete, you have the potential to be a world-class middle school athlete! Take the advice of retired Yankees All-Star shortstop Derek Jeter and current four-time Olympic gold medalist gymnast Simone Biles: work hard, play hard, and give 100 percent every single time.

We're glad you're involved with Pemberton Athletics--thank you for showing your #HornetPride every time you're representing Helen Fort Middle School!

--Ms. Strege



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*Superintendent*

1. Every student-athlete must have a current physical which is approved by the school nurse and school doctor in order to participate in sports at Helen A. Fort Middle School.
2. Any student-athlete must be academically eligible (Student Handbook standards) and behaviorally eligible (not on the demerit list) by the administration at HFMS in order to play sports. In addition, all fines must be paid prior to the start of the season.
3. Periodically, the student-athlete must have a progress report signed, (which includes academics and behavior), by all teachers and turned in to the coaches. Any failing grade or poor behavior displayed by the student-athlete may cause the student-athlete to face suspension or to be removed from the team.
4. If a student-athlete disrespects the coaches, either team, players, school, teachers, referees or anyone else, he or she will face consequences (including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the team.)
5. The student-athlete must attend all scheduled classes on the day of the athletic event. If a student is absent from school or cuts class, he or she will not be able to participate in the athletic event. 6. The student-athlete will be at every practice with appropriate clothes/equipment. If the student-athlete is present in school and does not come to practice, it will count as a missed practice and the student-athlete is subject to a consequence.
7. If the student-athlete receives discipline (Administrative Study Session, R&R, OSS) then he or she will face consequences that are decided by the coaching staff. If the discipline occurs on the day of a game, he or she may not participate in the contest.
8. Bullying, harassment or hazing of any kind is not permitted. Any student-athlete who participates in such activity will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include possible suspension or removal from his/her team.



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9. At the end of the season all uniforms and equipment must be returned to the coach in the same shape they were given. If a piece of equipment is damaged or lost, the student-athlete is responsible for paying for its replacement.
10. Pemberton Township Schools prohibits the possession, use and/or abuse of alcohol, tobacco (including vaping) or drugs of any kind. This violation extends beyond school grounds and functions.
11. **The student-athlete is not guaranteed equal playing time. Playing time will be earned by how hard he or she works in practice and coaching decisions throughout the game. If there is a concern about playing time or a coach's decision, an appointment must be made through Mr. Besler, 8th Grade Assistant Principal, before speaking with the coach.**
12. We will win and lose with class and as a team. If the student-athlete does not represent Helen A. Fort Middle School respectfully, then the student-athlete will face consequences (including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the team.)

I agree to the rules and expectations listed above. I will follow these to the best of my ability and understand that if I **do not**, there will be consequences. I understand that the Code of Conduct does not prevent coaches from having rules and regulations particular to their team, relating to violations not covered in this contract.

**Player Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_