

OHEAA (OKC Knights) CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletes are expected to:

- A. Read and agree with the Statement of Purpose from the OHEAA Bylaws (see below)
- B. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all athletes and coaches with respect.
- C. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat
- D. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games/meets/races.
- E. Show respect for authority to all officials, whether or not they agree with a call.
- F. Respect the privilege of using playing facilities by cleaning up benches, locker rooms, stands, and the grounds after a practice or game.
- G. Show up for practice on time, with proper equipment, and ready to play.
- H. Communicate to the coach ahead of time when you will miss a practice or game.
- I. Dress in a manner that could not be considered offensive or immorally suggestive at all OHEAA events.
- J. Using scriptural guidelines as outlined in Matthew 18:15, tell the coach of your concerns or problems instead of talking to others about them. Of course, include your parents.
- K. Use positivity and extreme care when using social media to post statements (or innuendos) related to the OKC Knights organization, Board, teams, coaches, athletes, and/or athletes' families. In the event that a post is slanderous, degrading, or negatively ambiguous in relation to the aforementioned parties, the Board will evaluate the situation and determine the appropriate responsive action.
- L. Use wisdom when posting photos to social media. Photos that may reflect negatively on the organization will be evaluated by the Board.
- M. Athletes are representatives of OHEAA and are to be groomed in a manner well pleasing to the Lord. Any conduct while participating in the sport or in the community that is deemed detrimental to the program by the Board will invoke a warning, disciplinary action, or suspension from the program. Athletes shall be subject to suspension of games and/or removal from the team by coaches, the Athletic Director, or the Board of Directors if his/her conduct is not consistent with the above and other aspect of the by-laws, or the norms of any additional athletic organization with whom OHEAA may be/become associated.
- N. Athletes must participate on teams that align with their God-given biological sex.

OHEAA Statement of Purpose

OKC Knights Homeschool Athletic Association is a non-profit organization which exists to assist parents in home-directed education by providing quality, competitive sports programs. We believe that all students have the ability to excel and a desire to compete in many types of competitive programs. We, therefore, strive to foster an encouraging environment of athletic growth for these students. We are committed to promoting Christian values and building an excellent reputation in the community which will honor the Lord Jesus Christ and create a positive reflection of home-directed education.

Parents are expected to:

- A. Read and agree with the Statement of Purpose from the OHEAA Bylaws (see below).
- B. Pay the established athlete fees by the required dates. Otherwise, the athlete(s) will not be allowed to ply in upcoming games.
- C. Submit all required documents and forms by the established dates otherwise the athlete(s) will not be allowed to practice or play on any OHEAA sports team.
- D. Volunteer to help with the team or organization's needs whenever possible.
- E. Trust the coach to lead the team.
- F. Not approach the coach's bench or scorer's table unless it is to assist an ill or injured child. No one but coaches, athlete, scorekeeper's, coach approve helper, and medical personnel are to otherwise approach the bench during a game.
- G. Let the official call the game – remembering that they too are only human and that rarely is the outcome of the game determined by one "bad call."
- H. Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship at games by using only positive cheers and never laughing at errors made by any athlete nor jeering at an official(s), opposing team, or fellow parents.
- I. Advocate a sports environment that is free of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and abusive offensive language.
- J. Assist their athletes in showing up to practices and games on time with proper equipment and ready to play.
- K. Direct their athlete communication to the coach in advance of any anticipated missed practices or games.
- L. Using scriptural guidelines as outline in Matthew 18:15, speak to coaches privately (and not to others) about any issues concerning any aspect of their family or athlete's participation on the team.
- M. Speak to any member of the Board of Directors not adequately resolved with a coach.
- N. Use positivity and extreme care when using social media to post statements (or innuendos) related to the OKC Knights organization, Board, teams, coaches, athletes, and/or athletes' families. In the event that a post is slanderous, degrading, or negatively ambiguous in relation to the aforementioned parties, the Board will evaluate the situation and determine the appropriate responsive action.
- O. Be familiar with OHEAA rules of eligibility and notify the coach of any reason their athlete might not qualify to play with OHEAA.

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Athlete’s acknowledgement

All OHEAA (OKC Knights) athletes are required to read and follow the Athlete’s Code of Conduct.

I hereby acknowledge that I have both **received** and **read** the OHEAA (OKC Knights) Athlete’s Code of Conduct *(revised July 21)*. I also agree to comply with the standards stated therein. I understand that violations of the Code of Conduct might result in disciplinary action including suspension or dismissal from the OHEAA team and/or organization.

Athlete’s name – Print _____
Date

Athlete’s signature _____
Date

Parent’s Acknowledgement

All OHEAA (OKC Knights) parents are required to read and follow the Parent’s Code of Conduct.

I hereby acknowledge that I have both **received** and **read** the OHEAA (OKC Knights) Parents’ Code of Conduct *(revised July 21)*. I also agree to comply with the standards stated therein. I understand that violations of the Code of Conduct might result in removal, suspension, or dismissal from OHEAA practices, events, games/meets/races, or the organization as a whole.

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