

**OHEAA (OKC Knights)  
ATHLETE's 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 (e.g. counsel/conference, suspension from practices/games, dismissal from the organization).
- L. Use wisdom when posting photos to social media. Photos that might reflect negatively on the organization will be evaluated by the Board. Thereafter, the Board will determine the appropriate responsive action (e.g. counsel/conference or dismissal from the organization).
- 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 the coaches, the Athletic Director, or the Board of Directors if his/her conduct is not consistent with the above, any other aspect of the by-laws, or the norms of any additional athletic organization with whom OHEAA may be/become associated.

**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. Our hope is to also build an excellent reputation in the community which will honor the Lord Jesus Christ and create a positive reflection of home-directed education.

**OHEAA (OKC Knights)  
PARENT’S CODE OF CONDUCT**

**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 play in upcoming games.
- C. Submit all required documents and forms by the established dates. Otherwise, the athlete 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, athletes, scorekeepers, coach-approved helpers, and medical personnel are to otherwise approach the bench during a game.
- G. Let the officials call the game – remembering that they, too, are only human and that rarely is the outcome of a game determined by a “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 athletes to communicate to the coach in advance of any anticipated missed practices or games.
- L. Using scriptural guidelines as outlined 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 about any issue 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 (e.g. counsel/conference, suspension from practices/games, dismissal from the organization).
- 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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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

**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 May 2017*). 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	_____ Athlete's Signature	_____ Date
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**PARENTS' 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 May 2017*). 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.

_____ Parent's Name – PRINT	_____ Parent's Name – PRINT
_____ Parent's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent's Signature	_____ Date

***This form must be submitted to the athlete's coach (or other appointed person) prior to practicing OR playing/running with any OHEAA (OKC Knights') team. The Code of Conduct for athletes and for parents are to be maintained by each family for future reference.***