

Carmel High School TechHOUNDS Robotic Team

Code of Conduct

Participation in the TechHOUNDS Robotic team is a privilege that carries with it varying degrees of responsibility, recognition, and reward. Participating students represent their school, mentors and community and it is therefore their duty to conduct themselves in a positive manner depicting “gracious professionalism”.

The following Carmel High School code of conduct rules apply to all TechHOUND members at all times. Consequences for violations are cumulative, beginning with the 6th grade and ending with graduation from high school. Once a penalty or consequence is served that person is eligible once again for membership on team for on site activities only. Competition travel and other of site activities are at the discretion of team mentors.

1. AN ACT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE A FELONY, MISDEMEANOR, ACTS OF DELINQUENCY OR STATUS OFFENSE.

Maximum Penalty: Exclusion from extra-curricular/co-curricular activities for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the violation is determined. The penalty is to be determined by the principal. Any student arrested or detained as a juvenile on such a charge may be suspended from any participation pending investigation of the incident.

This offense may be included toward the three step consequences stated below for a drug, alcohol, or tobacco violation.

2. I/we understand the policy and guidelines pertaining to the prohibition of hazing and/or dangerous initiation activities. I/we understand that if I am found in violation of the policy I will be subject to the most serious of sanctions, including suspension from the team and school disciplinary actions.

3. USE, CONSUMPTION OR POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (DRUGS), ALCOHOL (EXCEPT AS PRESCRIBED MEDICALLY BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN), OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS (ANY FORM).

Penalty:

First Violation. The student shall be excluded from all extra-curricular/co-curricular activities for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the violation is confirmed.

- a. Rehabilitation. The student may reduce the penalty to 50% of an extra-curricular/co-curricular activity season by submitting to a substance abuse program of assessment, counseling, screening and/or indicated therapy. The program must have been approved by the Student Assistance Coordinator and may include a recommendation for parent or guardian participation. The cost of the program is the responsibility of the student and/or his parents or guardians. The student will serve the remainder of the entire 365 day suspension beginning with notification from the Student Assistance Coordinator that the student has violated any of the stated conditions of the substance abuse program.
- b. Self-reporting. The total penalty will be reduced to 25% of an extra-curricular/co-curricular activity season if both of the following occur.
 - 1) the student or the student's parents or guardians report the violation to the Administration or sponsor within 48 hours of the violation or prior to the next extra-curricular/co-curricular event, whichever occurs first; prior to their independent confirmation of a violation.
 - 2) the student submits to a substance abuse program as described above.

Second Violation. The student shall be excluded from all extra-curricular/co-curricular activities for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the second violation is confirmed.

Third Violation. The student shall be excluded from all extra-curricular/co-curricular activities for the remainder of their secondary school years (grades 6 - 12) from the day that the violation is confirmed.

Rationale: The use or possession of controlled substances (drugs) and/or alcohol is prohibited by law. Furthermore, the use of tobacco is injurious to one's health and in many cases is prohibited by law.

4. VIOLATIONS OF SCHOOL RULES.

Penalty: Students may not compete, practice or participate in any way in an extra-curricular/co-curricular activity during a suspension from school. Less serious violations of school rules are to be handled by the teacher/sponsor.

5. PROBATION.

Any student who violates any provision of this policy may be placed on probation for a period of 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the violation is confirmed. A student may be placed on probation for a violation of the extra-curricular/co-curricular code of conduct unless it is a drug, alcohol, or tobacco offense. A second or subsequent violation of any rule (not already covered in the extra-curricular/co-curricular code of conduct) while on probation may result in the student being excluded from all extra-curricular/co-curricular activities for up to 365 days from the day that the second or subsequent violation is confirmed.

6. SUSPENSION

For the purpose of determining the length of a suspension under this policy, "an extra-curricular/co-curricular season" shall be determined by the teacher/sponsor as the number of activities that will be scheduled in a school year. Appropriate percentages shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. Suspensions under this policy will take effect immediately upon the verification of any violation and will include activities in succession. Suspensions, which cannot be fully served during a school year, may be carried over to the next school year in which the student successfully participates in an extra-curricular/co-curricular activity (i.e., a student may not quit or be removed from an extra-curricular/co-curricular activity and count the suspension served during that activity). A suspended student may continue to practice with the extra-curricular/co-curricular organization and sit with the extra-curricular/co-curricular organization during contests/events (in street clothes) at the discretion of the teacher/sponsor.

Note: I/we authorize Carmel High School to investigate and obtain information from police agencies, the probation department, or any other source regarding the events leading up to any arrest or filing of charges for an act which would be in violation of any of the rules and regulations as stated in the Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.

In addition to the above Carmel High School Code of conduct rules the following additional Travel Code of Conduct rules will apply to all TechHOUNDS participating in Competition Travel.

1. Students are required and expected to dress appropriately at all times during the competition. Team shirts should be worn as much as possible. On Saturday during the competition the team polo must be worn.
2. Provided safety glasses are to be worn at all times in the pits and competition areas. All students were given a pair of safety glasses at the beginning of the season. If you forget your glasses you will not be allowed in the pits. We are not taking extras.
3. Students shall abide by all of the FIRST Competition rules, Location property rules, Hotel rules, and Carmel Clay Student Handbook rules as it relates to conduct during a competition.
4. Students will keep their lead teachers and assigned chaperones informed of their activities and whereabouts at all times. **For your safety, you must travel in groups of at least three.**
5. Only students, lead teachers, coaches, and adult leaders are allowed in the hotel rooms. Any visitor in your hotel room must first have verbal permission from the lead teachers. Doors remain open during visits.
6. Students cannot be in the hotel rooms of other participants without the consent of their lead teacher and other participant's lead teacher. See Code of Conduct #3.
7. No TechHOUND student will be in possession and/or consume alcoholic beverages, tobacco and/or illegal drugs at any time during the competition. If this happens, your parents will receive a phone call to make arrangements for your immediate return home on their expense.
8. Students shall not use their own cars to ride in or cars belonging to other participants during the competition, unless accompanied by an authorized adult advisor. You must have the verbal permission of the lead teacher. **You are not to leave the competition or Hotel grounds without the consent of the lead teacher or assigned chaperone for any reason regardless of who you are leaving with.**
9. Students are not permitted in public dance facilities, bars, or clubs during the competition.
10. Those students who do not comply with coaches' or adult leaders' instructions will be taken to the lead teacher and the appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
11. Your words represent your character, please be positively professional—no vulgar or profane language is permitted by students, lead teachers, coaches, and adult leaders at ALL TIMES.
12. Students are responsible for their own medications unless parents have contacted the lead teacher or chaperone. Obviously, any suspicion of sharing medications will bring immediate disciplinary action.

13. If there is a medical problem on the trip, notify the lead teacher. The parents will be notified after each occurrence.
14. Students are to attend all sessions of the competition.
15. Students shall not throw items off of balconies or out of windows.
16. Remember the **3-Ps**: Respect the **Purpose!** Respect the **People!** Respect the **Property!**
17. Students shall not act in a way in person or online that is unbecoming of a Greyhound.

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By signing below I acknowledge and understand these points:

- *I have read the Code of Conduct describing the TechHOUNDS Robotics Team and the FIRST Robotics Competition.*
- *I fully understand that failure to follow the guidelines set forth in the CODE of Conduct could result in:*
 - 1. Suspension or Expulsion from School*
 - 2. Travel home at parents expense*
 - 3. Elimination from further travel opportunities*

Student's Signature

Date

Student's Name (Neatly Printed)

Parent's Signature

Date