



Zanesville City Schools

Extracurricular Code of Conduct

INTRODUCTION

The Zanesville City Schools recognizes that representing the school in any athletic contest or extra-curricular activity is a privilege that calls upon students to demonstrate the highest qualities of citizenship and leadership throughout the entire year. Together with the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Zanesville City Schools Board of Education recognizes that the use and abuse of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs have a negative effect on behavior, learning and athletic development and performance. In addition, the use and abuse by a student athlete affects teammates, family members, and other significant members in his or her life. Student athletes should not attend or remain in attendance at functions in which peer group/underage alcohol or illegal drug use is taking place. It should be recognized that this type of unsupervised activity may create a negative reflection on both the individual and athletic program; therefore, a year round code of conduct has been established for student athletes and club members.

Extracurricular activities covered by the policy include but are not limited to:

Baseball	Golf	Sr. Mentoring
Basketball	Key Club	Student Council
Bowling	Foreign Language Clubs	Swimming
Cheerleaders	Managers Statisticians	Tennis
Class Officers	National Honor Society	Thespians
Cross Country	Quiz Team	Track
Devilettes	S.A.D.D.	Volleyball
F.C.A.	Soccer	Wrestling
Football	Softball	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. **STUDENT ATHLETE:** A student athlete is a student who is or has participated in any of the extracurricular activities listed above in middle or high school.
- B. **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:** Percentages apply to regular season contest only and student/athletes remain ineligible for post-season competition as long as any carry-over consequences exist.
- C. **ATHLETIC SEASON:** Is considered to run from the first official day of practice established by O.H.S.A.A. through the last official contest.

- D. *CHEERLEADER SEASON*: Is considered to begin with the starting date for football practice and continues through the last official contest for varsity boys/ basketball. For Purposes of enforcing loss of participation, football and boys basketball will be considered as two separate seasons. Football season ends with the last game and boys' basketball begins with the first practice date established by the O.H.S.A.A.
- E. *TWELVE MONTH POLICY*: All athletes shall abide by a code of conduct which will earn him/her the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team, or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality, or violations of the law tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic programs, and will not be tolerated. This code shall be in effect for 12 months a year, 24 hours a day, for those who made the team. If you make the team and quit, the code still applies. If an athlete is cut, the code does not apply. The code of conduct applies for one calendar year after the conclusion of the last sports season in which the athlete participated.
- F. *HOSTING*: For purposes of this Code of Conduct, a "Hosting" violation occurs when a student organizes and/or holds an event to which others are invited and where conduct prohibited by the Code of Conduct occurs. Hosting may occur in a student's home or in any other public or private place. The totality of the circumstances shall be considered in determining whether a student is in violation of the Hosting prohibition of this Code of Conduct. One or more students may be in violation of the Hosting prohibition for the same event.
- G. *FAILURE TO COOPERATE*: When, as a result of the consequences set forth hereinafter, a student athlete is required to attend alcohol and drug education, and if that student fails to agree to attend such a program, such failure to agree to attend will result in the athlete being removed from athletic participation until the starting date of the season in which the infraction occurred. The student athlete will be required to attend ten (10) hours of alcohol and drug education before further participation will be granted.
- H. *PROOF*: Discipline will be administered upon the basis of clear and convincing evidence.

REGULATIONS: ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Student athletes of Zanesville City School District shall not possess, give, sell, distribute or otherwise transmit any alcoholic beverages, illegal drug, and counterfeit drugs or controlled substance, the possession or transfer of which is prohibited by law. Further, the students athlete shall not use, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, illegal drug, counterfeit drug or controlled substance, including but not limited to narcotics, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, steroids, cocaine, or intoxicants or any kind. (This Code does not apply to medications prescribed by student athlete’s physician.)

A. PENALTIES: use or possession of Alcohol and/or Drugs

First Violation	Second Violation	Third Violation
<p>1. The penalty for a first violation will be <i>denial of athletic participation for 20%</i> of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates.</p>	<p>1. Upon confirmation of the second violation, the student athlete will be denied athletic participation for 50% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates.</p>	<p>1. The student athlete found in violation of the training rules a third time shall be <i>denied athletic participation for the remainder of their athletic career.</i></p>
<p>2. The athlete agrees to <i>complete a program of counseling</i> as established by the district drug education coordinator. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original prohibition of participation.)</p>	<p>2. The athlete agrees to <i>complete a program of counseling</i> as established by the district drug education coordinator. (An unexcused absence from a session will immediately reactivate the original prohibition of participation.)</p>	<p>2. After one calendar year from determination of his/her guilt, an appeal can be made to the appeals board for reinstatement contingent upon substantiated rehabilitation.</p>
<p>3. The athlete agrees to <i>revoke any leadership positions</i>, such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she will also forfeit individual banquet recognition for awards such as Team MVP, Most Courageous, etc...</p>	<p>3. The athlete agrees to <i>revoke any leadership positions</i>, such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she will also forfeit individual banquet recognition for awards such as Team MVP, Most Courageous, etc...</p>	
<p>4. The athlete must <i>attend practice</i>. He/she must <i>travel</i> with the team. He/she must <i>sit on the bench</i> with the team. He/she <i>cannot be in uniform</i>.</p>	<p>4. The athlete must <i>attend practice</i>. He/she must <i>travel</i> with the team. He/she must <i>sit on the bench</i> with the team. He/she <i>cannot be in uniform</i>.</p>	

B. PENALTIES: sale or distribution of drugs/alcohol, or hosting a party

First Violation	Second Violation
<p>1. The student found in first violation of sale, distribution, or hosting, will be treated the same as the second violation for use or possession</p>	<p>1. The student found in second violation of sale, distribution, or hosting will be treated the same as a third violation for use or possession</p>

REGULATIONS: TOBACCO

Possession or use of tobacco in any form (cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, etc.) is a violation of board policy and will result in the following consequences:

A. PENALTIES: use or possession of tobacco

First violation	Second violation	Third violation	Fourth violation
1. Denial of athletic participation for 10% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates.	1. Denial of athletic participation for 20% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates.	1. Denial of athletic participation for 50% of the scheduled contests of that sport. Any remaining percentage of the prohibition of participation not served shall be applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates.	1. The student athlete found in violation of the training rules a fourth time shall be prohibited from athletic participation for the remainder of their athletic career.
2. The athlete will be required to <i>perform 6 hours of community service</i> approved by the school administration.	2. The athlete will be required to <i>perform 10 hours of a Tobacco Education Program</i> as approved by school administration and <i>conduct 6 hours of Community Service.</i>	2. The athlete will be required to <i>perform 10 hours of a Tobacco Education Program</i> as approved by school administration and <i>conduct 6 hours of Community Service.</i>	2. After one calendar year from determination of his/her guilt, an appeal can be made to the appeals board for reinstatement contingent upon substantiated rehabilitation.
3. The athlete <i>must attend practice</i> . He/she <i>must travel with the team</i> . He/she <i>must sit on the bench</i> with the team. He/she <i>cannot be in uniform</i> .	3. The athlete agrees to <i>revoke any leadership positions</i> , such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she will also forfeit individual banquet recognition for awards such as Team MVP, Most Courageous etc...	3. The athlete agrees to <i>revoke any leadership positions</i> , such as, but not limited to, team captain, and will not hold any leadership positions on athletic teams for the remainder of the school year. He/she will also forfeit individual banquet recognition for awards such as Team MVP, Most Courageous, etc...	
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PENALTY DEFINITIONS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT AND TRAINING RULES:

- A. To calculate the percentage of penalty for prohibition, the number of regular season contests scheduled will be used for each respective sport.
- B. When a penalty results in a prohibition of a partial contest, the fraction will be rounded to the nearest whole contest.

Example: 3.49 contests will be 3 contests

3.50 contests will be 4 contests

- C. If an activity goes into an extended season, the denial of participation would continue into the extended season. Example: (Football = 10 games) A violation occurs during the 9th game and the student is suspended for 2 games. The student would miss the 10th game and the first post-season game.
- D. If denial of participation would extend into a student's next season. Example: A violation occurs after football Game #9 and the student involved participates in both football and basketball. The suspension would be Football Game #10 (1/10) and Basketball Games #1 and #2 (1/10) for a combined denial of 20%. A prohibited athlete who has a carry-over penalty into a succeeding sport must complete the season in good standing in order for the prohibition to be credited to that sport.
- E. Any sophomore, junior, or senior athlete who is serving a prohibition from participation will not be permitted to serve their prohibition by going out for a sport for the first time unless a prior commitment to that sport has been established (i.e. summer workouts etc..).
- F. The penalty for clubs or extracurricular activities is determined by dividing the length of the activity by the appropriate penalty. Ex. 20% denial for a yearlong activity would equal a 7 week penalty.

REGULATIONS: CITIZENSHIP

A. INTRODUCTION

Student athlete should abide by a code of ethics, which reflects the honor and respect that participation in interscholastic programs merit. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the student athlete, the team or the school will not be tolerated. Such acts of unacceptable conduct should include, but not be limited to the following: theft, vandalism, disrespect and violations of the law.

Student athletes should additionally adhere to all Athletic Department grooming requirements.

Each head coach is permitted to establish dress and grooming guidelines for athletes while they are representing the district during practice sessions, on game day, or while in attendance at any team activity or event during the athlete's particular athletic season. Additionally, hairstyles should be such in which no undue attention is brought to the athlete. For example: boys' hair off the collar, no facial hair.

B. VIOLATION AND CONSEQUENCES

Any violation, in season or out of season, will result in a penalty which may consist of a warning to denial of participation for the remainder of the student's eligibility.

1. Grooming code
2. Flagrant disrespect for coach or school official
3. Unexcused absence or tardiness for practice or game
4. Misconduct in school, game or practice
5. Late hours (curfew) – reasonable hours are to be kept during the sport in season as set forth by the coach.
6. Theft
7. Vandalism to equipment or property – student may be required to replace damaged equipment/property
8. Suspension or expulsion from school
9. Cutting class or practice
10. Any behavior that may show disrespect or be unbecoming of a student/athlete representing Zanesville City Schools
11. Loss of equipment – student may be required to replace equipment
12. Affiliation with undesirable gangs or wearing/displaying gang colors or symbols while representing Zanesville City Schools
13. Failure to attend the banquet may result in forfeiture of awards earned.

DUE PROCESS

A. NOTICE

1. At the beginning of each school year or at the time a student tries out for an athletic team, he/she will be presented with this handbook and all necessary forms and information for participating in athletics. Each parent/guardian and athlete shall read all of the material and certify that they understand all athletic department rules and regulations of the Zanesville City School District. The signed document(s) will be placed on file in the athletic office for the current school year. The signed document(s) will be placed on file in the athletic office and will be required before participation is granted.

B. STUDENT RIGHTS UPON VIOLATION

1. A student athlete will be informed of a violation in writing by Coach or Athletic Director.
2. Student Athlete will be given opportunity to meet with the coach and Athletic Director. At such meeting the student athlete will be given the opportunity to respond to the alleged violation before any discipline is implemented. The student athlete may be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian at such meeting.
3. Student athlete will be given an opportunity to appeal the decision of the coach and athletic director to the building principal. Such appeal must be requested within five (5) days of the decision of the coach and athletic director. The student athlete may be accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian at meeting held upon appeal. The decision of the building principal will be final.

Adopted by Zanesville City Schools Board of Education
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