

WILMINGTON

HIGH SCHOOL

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Athletic Code of Conduct

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Participation in Wilmington City Schools Athletic Programs is a privilege, NOT A RIGHT. Students who participate in these programs are a visible and influential part of the student body. As such, they have an important impact on other students and our community. Consequently, it is important that these students maintain higher standards of conduct and provide positive leadership for the many people with whom they come into contact. The Athletic Code of Conduct Agreement is intended to offer guidance and determent to those who participate in programs in the Wilmington City Schools. The Athletic Code of Conduct is separate from, independent of, and in addition to the Regulations for Student Behavior of the Wilmington City School District. Students participating in all Athletic programs representing Wilmington High School and Wilmington Middle School are subject to both the Regulations for Student Behavior and the Athletic Code of Conduct Agreement.

The jurisdiction of enforcement of this Athletic Code of Conduct includes violations which occur from the first date of Fall OHSAA practice until the final OHSAA interscholastic competition ends for the school year.

- When on school property or at any school sponsored activity.
- When off campus or at a non-school sponsored activity when witnessed by a school employee or law enforcement officer. (Note: Law enforcement officials may only disclose the names of 18 year old students.)
- When the participant is referred by himself/herself or his/her own parent/guardian.

Eligibility of Participation

Suspension from School

An infraction that results in suspension from school will include denial of right to participate in any contests or activities during the dates of the suspension, including school-sponsored weekend events.

School Attendance

Any student who is absent from school the day of any activity will not be allowed to participate unless previously excused by the athletic director and/or principal.. Sign in time for eligibility will be 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions will be determined by the principal and/or athletic director. All students including 18 year old and older students must comply with school rules and regulations regarding school attendance. Dependent 18 year old and older students will still be expected to bring an excuse note and permission slip from their parent or guardian.

Eligibility Requirement

High School students must be passing five one credit classes or the equivalent for CCP students in the preceding grading period in order to be eligible. APF and PE are not one credit classes and do not count towards eligibility. Middle School students must pass four one credit classes in the preceding grading period in order to be eligible. 1.2 is the minimum GPA requirement for both middle school and high school students. Summer school does not count towards eligibility. All OHSAA eligibility requirements will be followed.

Behavior

Students who conduct themselves, in season, as to bring discredit to the school, team, activity, or advisor/coach, may be suspended or lose their right to participate

Training Rules

1. All team/activity members must travel to and from away events by means of transportation provided by the school. Written or emailed request by parent/guardian to the athletic director or principal may be considered. Illness, injury, or emergency situations may be considered by the coach.
2. The use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco by students participating in any activity will not be permitted.
 - Students will not use or possess any kind of nicotine, tobacco, drugs, or alcohol.
 - **1st Violation:** Any student using or possessing or using any kind of nicotine, tobacco, drugs or alcohol product will be suspended for 20% of the total number of contests or activities scheduled in their current or upcoming athletic season. Any drug or alcohol offense will require counseling by a licensed Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor at the parent/guardian expense. Documentation of completed counseling sessions must be submitted to the athletic office prior to reinstatement.
 - **A second violation** of the code of conduct as it relates to nicotine, tobacco, drugs or alcohol will result in a 30% of the total number of contests or activities scheduled in the current or upcoming athletic season. A first and second violation in a school year will be combined for a 50% suspension if it occurs in the same season or for an upcoming athletic season. As a result of the second violation, the student must undergo counseling by a licensed Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor at the parent/guardian expense. Documentation of completed counseling sessions must be submitted to the athletic office prior to reinstatement.
 - **A third violation** of the athletic code of conduct in a school year will result in loss of participation privileges for one calendar year from the date of the offense.(As an example-two violations in the fall and one in the winter would result in losing athletic privileges for one calendar year. Any other violations occurring would also result in a calendar year suspension.
 - *1st and 2nd second violations will reset at the beginning of each school year.*
3. If any part of the suspension cannot be served during the season that the violation occurred, the student will lose the remainder of the next sports season that they participate in during the same school year until the suspension is served.
4. A student athlete must complete a full season in order for their suspension to count. If a student does not make it through a season for any reason (i.e. cut, quit, ineligible, dismissed) then they will not get credit for serving their suspension.
5. Each student and parent/guardian must read and sign that they have read the preceding rules of this agreement.

The code of conduct is in place for all student athletes whether they are in season or in their off season beginning on the first day of practice for Fall sports and ending on the last day of interscholastic OHSAA state contests in the Spring.

All of the above rules shall be followed by all participants. An appeal can be filed in the form of a written request from the parent/guardian to the athletic director or principal within 48 hours of the suspension notification. The appeal will go before a panel consisting of the principal, assistant principal, athletic director, and coach/advisor of that activity. They will hear the case and a concluding decision will be made by the principal.