

# Wayne Highlands School District

## Athletic Code

1. No student shall be eligible to represent his/her high school in any athletic contest unless he/she has been carefully examined by the school physician and his/her condition pronounced satisfactory. A certificate to that effect, together with his/her parents or guardian's consent and signed athletic policy shall be filed with the athletic director. A forms package is provided to each student athlete by the athletic director. It must be completed and returned prior to a student's participation. The only exception to the rule is for cheerleading for which a physical is not required.
2. A co-payment school insurance policy is provided to all student athletes and cheerleaders during their season. All claims must be filed through the school nurse. If your child requires medical attention please have them obtain the **Medical Claim Form** from the school nurse, or contact the nurse at the school your child attends.
3. Practice and game attendance rules will be decided by the coach.
4. If a player wishes to leave a team he/she should consult with the coach. A player who merely quits without notifying the coach and discussing the situation may make himself/herself ineligible for athletic awards in any sport.
5. All athletic equipment issued to you is your responsibility and must be given the best care. All equipment issued must be returned in a timely fashion. Lost or damaged equipment must be paid for or report cards and athletic awards will be held until payment is made. You will also not be allowed to begin practice in another sport until this obligation has been fulfilled.
6. All athletes must travel to and from all athletic contests with the team unless permission is granted by a coach and principal to do otherwise. The coach may grant permission for an exception to this rule after consulting with the athlete's parents.
7. You are guests at away contests, please be respectful during that time. Any misconduct on your part is a reflection on the good reputation of your school, your team, and your coach.
8. It is expected that athletes will dress in a manner representative of their school and community.
9. Officials are selected because of their training and experience. Respect their judgment and decisions.
10. Only **seniors** with early dismissal who do not return to school prior to practice may drive to the sports complex. They may **not** transport other students to practice. Baseball, Field Hockey, Track & Field and Tennis athletes must park in the lot adjacent to the bridge leading from the football field. Soccer and Softball players may park in the lot located at the Stourbridge School, however they must continue on Lakeside Drive to the road adjacent to the Lakeside School, and follow that road to the back parking lot. Violations will be handled under the section dealing with citizenship issues.
11. A student must realize that participation on a sports team may not be used as an excuse to neglect schoolwork, or cause poor attendance.
12. All students must be passing four subjects that meet five days a week to be eligible to participate in athletics. If a student is not passing four classes and at the end of a marking period, they are ineligible for fifteen days from the day report cards are distributed. At that time they must deliver progress reports from their teachers to the Athletic Director to regain eligibility. (Students **may** practice with the team but **may not** travel to away contests with the team.)
13. Citizenship referrals will be handled by the athletic director. Violations will carry penalties ranging from a warning, contest suspensions, or dismissal from the team. Citizenship issues include behavior in class, in the halls, and at all school events. Profanity and obscene language have no place in athletics. Athletes should realize that improper language accomplishes nothing.
14. Any athlete guilty of stealing or involved in malicious conduct will be suspended from the team for the sports' season and could be ineligible for a letter and/or post-season awards, while also facing disciplinary sanctions. Conduct which is embarrassing to the athlete, team, or school could result in suspension from the team, ineligibility for a letter and/or post-season awards.

15. Possession, use and/or distribution of tobacco products, alcohol and/or other drugs by any student involved in interscholastic athletics is strictly prohibited. This includes any drug for which a prescription is required, unless the student is taking it under doctor's orders.

If it is determined that a student has violated this policy during the time he/she is a member of an interscholastic athletic program, the following disciplinary actions will be administered:

- A. Violations occurs during the school day, on school property or during a school sponsored activity:
  - 1. Tobacco Possession/Use:
    - a. First offense-student is suspended from the next contest.
    - b. Second offense-student is suspended from all team activities for one calendar week and is ineligible for a letter.
    - c. Third offense-student is dismissed from the team.
  - 2. Possession, use or distribution of alcohol or other drugs:
    - a. Any offense-student is suspended from all interscholastic athletic activities during the school suspension, and is ineligible for a letter in the affected sport(s).

**Note: The above enumerated disciplinary actions are in addition to regular school disciplinary responses.**

- B. Violation occurs at a time or place other than during the school day, on school property or during a school sponsored activity:
  - 1. Tobacco possession/use-same penalties as in #1 above
  - 2. Possession, use or distribution of alcohol:
    - a. First offense-student is suspended from all interscholastic athletic sport(s) for the duration of the season and is ineligible for a letter in the affected sport(s).
    - b. Second offense-student is suspended from all interscholastic athletic activities for 52 calendar weeks.
  - 3. Possession/use or distribution of drugs (controlled substances):
    - a. Any offense-student is suspended from all interscholastic athletic activities for 52 calendar weeks and is ineligible for a letter in the affected sport(s).

- C. Any penalties that have not been completed as of the last day of school in a given school year will be continued in the next school year, beginning with the first legal day of practice for Fall sports and continuing through the school suspension.  
(Students may not practice with the team until the suspension has been completed).

16. Athletic awards criteria is under constant review and subject to change during the school year. Your coach is the best source of current information on this subject.

17. This Athletic Code is composed of minimum standards of conduct. Coaches may have more stringent requirements and may impose additional penalties for violations. If so, coaches must publish their rules, have them approved by the administration, and have them signed by the athletes and their parent/guardian and provide copies to the administration and the Athletic Director.

18. This document will remain in effect for one year from the signed date.

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We have received and reviewed a copy of the **Wayne Highlands School District Athletic Code** which includes the policy on the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs by student/athletes of Wayne Highlands School District. **My signature signifies that I must report to the Athletic Director any violation of this code by my son or daughter even if the school has not been otherwise notified.**

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_