

Purpose

To express the academic and conduct standards for student athletes.

Definitions

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Policy Statement

Participation in athletics is regarded as an important privilege for students. Participation in such activities support students' personal growth and achievement. It also gives students the opportunity to be representatives of their schools. Therefore, students who desire to participate in athletics shall be expected and required to meet minimum academic and conduct standards. Failure to meet minimum academic and conduct standards will result in a student losing the privilege of athletic participation.

Legal Reference			
Policy Cross Reference	Adopted	Reviewed	Revised April 12, 2011, 2 nd Reading June 14, 2011, 1 st Reading July 10, 2012, 2 nd Reading July 14, 2015, 1 st Reading August 11, 2015, 2 nd Reading April 11, 2017, 1 st Reading May 9, 2017, 2 nd Reading

I. Rules of Conduct:**Violations of the following rules of proscribed conduct will result in disciplinary action:**

- A. Misconduct on school property or at a school sponsored function which also results in the athlete being charged with a Reportable Offense(s) in accordance with Annotated Code § 7-303 and COMAR 13A.08.01.17.
- B. Possession, use or showing evidence of use, sale, or distribution of proscribed substances as defined in JICH (unless documentation on file that a student may self carry)
- C. Insubordination or use of profanity to any faculty member, school administrator, coach, advisor, or game official
- D. Flagrant misconduct and misbehavior in school
- E. Misbehavior or misconduct in the community
- F. Absences from school, or tardiness to school, announced meetings, activities, practices, etc. in accordance with school and/or team rules

II. Consequences

An athlete who has been suspended or expelled from school shall be prohibited from participating in athletics during the period of suspension or expulsion. Such athlete shall also be prohibited from participating in athletics for remainder of the season in which the infraction occurred if such infraction constitutes a violation of A or B. If mitigating circumstances exist for A or B, the administrator may impose disciplinary action ranging from a suspension for 20% of the seasonal remaining games to dismissal from the team. The student will be required to practice when a lesser penalty is applied. If the athlete violates provision B above the athlete must present a negative drug screening to the principal prior to returning to the team.

Violations of rules of conduct C through F will result in disciplinary actions ranging from a conference to a suspension and/or dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season. The principal, in collaboration with the coach/advisor, shall make the decision on the disciplinary action based upon the best interests of the school, the school system, the perception of the school in the community, and the desire to promote high standards of discipline in the athletic program.

III. Minimum Academic Standards

- A. Eligibility for a marking period shall be determined by the student's grades for the most recently completed marking period. Academic eligibility is determined by adding the number of quality points earned in the marking period immediately prior to the given sports season and dividing by the number of courses attempted by the student.
- B. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- C. All new 9th grade students are eligible to participate in the first quarter of 9th grade.

IV. Health and Safety

- A. Documentation of a physical must be on file as a condition of participation. A form can be obtained at www.acpsmd.org (See Exhibit JJIC-E1-3).
- B. Any athlete exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall:
 - 1. Immediately be removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.

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2. Seek medical attention from a health care provider experienced in evaluating possible concussions;
 3. Submit the MSDE return to play form to coach and school.
- C. Any athlete who exhibits signs of skin infections (signs of infection include redness, warmth, swelling, pain and/or drainage) shall:
1. Immediately be removed from practice or contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.
 2. Seek medical attention from a health-care provider experienced in evaluating the infection.
 3. Submit a return to play form to coach and school.

V. Ejection/Disqualification

An athlete who is ejected/disqualified from a contest by a game official for unacceptable behavior, before, during or after a contest is suspended from participation in the next contest. An ejected/disqualified player may remain on the sideline for the duration of that contest or be sent to a secure and safe area under the supervision of a coach or staff member. For the game in which the athlete must serve a subsequent suspension (i.e. the "next contest"), the player shall be permitted to be present on the sideline but may not dress in game uniform. Suspended players may practice with the team while serving their suspension. Coaches will notify the Athletic Director and the Supervisor of Athletics in writing of the suspension and date of exclusion within 24 hours.

VI. Appeal Procedure:

Appeals for reinstatement in athletics may be made to the building principal with a further appeal to the Superintendent of Schools or designee. Students shall remain ineligible from participation in athletics through the conclusion of the due process.

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