

Participation in interscholastic activities as a part of a school's education program is a privilege and not a right. Students wishing to participate are required to meet standards of personal behavior and academic performance, which are related to school purposes. In this regard, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) and its member schools may exercise the fullest discretion permitted under law.

The code of rules, regulations and procedures shall apply to all district participants in interscholastic and intra-district athletics. Participants include team members, team managers and cheerleaders.

Recognizing the fact that participation in athletic programs is purely voluntary on the part of the student, the participant is to be accountable to rules, regulations and procedures set forth in this code.

The St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J reserves the right to amend and revise the Code of Conduct from time to time as it is deemed necessary and proper.

Once the acknowledgement is properly signed, the student is subject to this Code during all school years in which he or she is eligible to participate. In addition, sanctions may be imposed for serious and substantial violations, occurring at any time during the school year, on or off campus, in or out of season, and where deemed appropriate while school is not in session.

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Disciplinary and appeal procedures

1. The principal or designee will be responsible for the application of penalties and sanctions for violations of the rules of conduct set forth in this code.
2. Prior to the imposition of any penalty set forth in this code, the principal or designee will give the student and parent/guardian advance notice of the intended action. The notice may be oral or in writing at the discretion of the principal or designee and as a minimum will inform the student and parent/guardian of the nature of the alleged violation, the nature of the penalty which may be imposed and the availability of the principal or designee to meet with the student and parent/guardian to discuss the matter.
3. At the informal hearing, the student will be given an opportunity to deny the alleged violation or to provide his version of the incident. The principal or designee may at his discretion depending upon the circumstances allow the student to present witnesses or hold a more extensive hearing in order to make a proper decision on the contemplated action.
The building administrator will make written notice of the penalties promptly to the participant and his parent/guardian.
4. The student and parent/guardian may appeal the decision of the principal by submitting in writing a request within five days of the decision to the district athletic director.

Miscellaneous

1. Nothing contained here will be deemed to prohibit a coach or sponsor from establishing and enforcing with principal approval additional rules applicable to the particular activity, e.g., curfew hours and other matters relating to the functioning of the team or group.

Such rules are to be provided to participants in writing with a copy on file with the principal. Violations of such rules may be handled directly by the coach involved after conferring with the district athletic director and/or the appropriate building administrator.

2. Suspensions from or quitting a sport/activities
 - a. Students permanently suspended from a sport will not letter in that sport or participate in another sport during the same season. Any violations of the participation code may result in the revoking of any awards for which the participant might otherwise be eligible.
 - b. An athlete who quits a sport during its season may try out for another sport that season provided both head coaches of the sports involved give their consent. If there is disagreement between coaches, the student or coach may request a building administrator to review the case.
 - c. Students may not participate in practice, scrimmages or contests during the time of any suspension from school.



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Athletic Participation Code

This code will apply to all district participants in interscholastic and intra-district activities. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide clarity, consistency and fairness in the application of this code.

Regulations pertaining to student athletics normally are more stringent than district-wide policies and regulations for several reasons. The desire of the school district is to provide a standard whereby participants may minimize risk factors involving injuries and general well being. Schools and society in general look to participants to demonstrate self-discipline, leadership, moral character and good health habits. Students wishing to participate in athletic programs are required to meet standards of personal behavior and academic performance which are reasonably related to district purposes including but not limited to insuring that the participant is representative of the community, the district and the school's ideals in matters of academic conduct and sportsmanship.

Recognizing that participation in athletic programs is purely voluntary on the part of the student, the participant is to be accountable to the rules set forth in this code. Each student will be required to sign an acknowledgment of receipt of a copy of this code before being allowed to participate in activities.

Once the acknowledgment is properly signed, the student is subject to this code during all school years in which he is eligible to participate. In addition, sanctions may be imposed for violations of the rules of conduct, set forth below, which occur at any time during the school year (*regardless of whether school is in session*) on or off campus, and in or out of that sport's season. Sanctions may also be imposed for serious and substantial violations occurring outside of the school year.

Effective August, 2004

In addition, to be eligible to participate in athletic programs, a participant must conform to district and individual school standards of conduct and sportsmanship.

Rules of conduct

1. The following conduct regardless of whether it constitutes a single incident or a pattern of activity will be grounds for disciplinary action.
 - a. Use, possession, sale and/or exchange, regardless of the quantity, of alcoholic beverages, illegal controlled substances (e.g., hallucinogens, marijuana, anabolic steroids, etc.), and tobacco (in any form).
 - b. Willful disobedience or open and/or persistent defiance of authority.
 - c. Willful destruction, damage or defacing of any school property or equipment (including athletic equipment).
 - d. Behavior which is detrimental to the welfare and safety of others or behavior which could be characterized as lacking proper or good citizenship or good sportsmanship practices. For purposes of this policy, the phrase "lacking proper or good citizenship" includes, but is not limited to, behavior, which is prohibited or punishable by federal, state or local criminal statutes.

2. Penalties for rule violations

For any of the above offenses, the following disciplinary action will be taken:

1st offense:

30% suspension from the regular season of participation or subsequent season if unable to complete. Suspended athletes may not participate in scrimmages nor are scrimmages counted in the penalty. If a participant should be suspended late in the season and is not able to fulfill the 30 percent penalty, the remaining suspension will be extended into post-season play and/or the participant's next sports/activity season.

For example, should a participant/team qualify for any post-season play, those contests will be included in the computation of the 30 percent suspension or should a student violate any training rules while not participating in a sport, the suspension will begin with and be computed according to the student's next sports season.

Participants are expected to practice during the period of suspension from contests in order to finish a season in good standing and to be eligible for any awards. Participants failing to attend practices are subject to permanent suspension from that sport/activity to the end of the school year.

Recommendation that a restorative process occur prior to reinstatement to competition.

Reduce to 10% with self-admission prior to school's knowledge. Must include a minimum of 10 community service hours agreed upon by school administration, parents and athlete and a written timeline for completion. Student without additional violations for one calendar year may be reinstated to "no prior" offense status. Such reinstatement can occur only once during a student's four years of eligibility.

Or . . . Students may opt for 20% suspension with no community hours. Students without additional violations for one calendar year may be reinstated to "no prior" offense status. Such reinstatement can occur only once during a student's four years of eligibility.

With no self admission prior to school's knowledge, an athlete will serve the 30% suspension but may participate in an approved educational program with parental participation for a minimum of three one hour sessions. If the athlete does the educational component and has no additional violations up to one calendar year, the athlete may be restored to "no prior" offense status. Such reinstatement can occur only once during a student's four years of eligibility.

2nd offense

60% suspension from the regular season of participation or subsequent season if unable to complete. Post-season play will count toward the total suspension. Remain in practices and good standing. Recommendation that a restorative process occur prior to reinstatement to competition.

Approved mandatory educational program with parental participation agreed upon with administration, parents, coach and athlete. Must exceed three one-hour sessions.

3rd offense

One calendar year suspension from the date of the infraction with approved educational program mandatory before reinstatement. Administration, parents, coach and athlete will determine terms for reinstatement and educational program.

Penalties for violations beyond the third offense will be at the discretion of the building principal and/or district athletic director and may include permanent prohibition from participating in district athletic programs.

Enforcement of any penalty will begin from the day the student is determined to have violated the rules of conduct. For purposes of this code, penalties are cumulative throughout a participant's years of high school eligibility. Penalties accumulate during middle school participation but do not carry forward to high school.

Should a participant transfer to another district school, any acquired penalties also would transfer.

I have read and understand the rules of conduct of the St. Vrain Valley School District's Athletic Participation Code and agree to comply with the provisions therein. I understand that these rule apply to all the school years of participation, in and out of season. I understand the penalties for a first offense, second offense and third offense.

I understand that I must attend a mandatory parent/athlete meeting prior to the first contest of the first sports season. Notification of the meeting will be determined before each sport's season.

We understand and agree to the terms of the above statements as noted by the following signatures:

Student Athlete _____ Grade _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____, 20 _____

Address _____

Parent Signature

Date _____, 20 _____

Date of Parent / Athlete Meeting

_____, 20 _____