

Grant County High School
Student Athlete Code of Conduct and Agreement

The following general policies shall govern each student athlete participating in any phase of the Grant County Schools interscholastic program.

1. Adherence to the Grant County High School Athletic Policies and Rules

The student will abide by all the rules and regulations of the Grant County High School Athletic Policies and Rules. Copies of the handbook are available from each Head Coach and each athlete is advised to familiarize him/herself with those rules and regulations.

2. Eligibility

- Student athletes must meet all of the age, enrollment, attendance and scholastic requirements established by Grant County High School and Kentucky High School Athletic Association.
- Students shall not participate in any other community sports during the season in which they wish to participate at school.
- Weekly eligibility for student athletes will be determined each week by checking grades before Monday. Each student must be passing at least 4 instructional hours to be able to participate in athletics. Failure to do so will mean the student athlete may not condition, practice or compete until the following Monday.

3. Forms and Releases

Before a student may participate in any sport including conditioning and practices, he/she must have the following information to the proper official. (This includes transfer students.)

- A. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association physical examination form, with student, parent, and physician's signature to athletic director or head coach.
- B. Student Athlete policies and agreement forms signed via Family ID account.
- C. Transportation Form for season on file with the Head Coach and Athletic Director.
- D. Transfer students must have eligibility documents approved by Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

4. Attendance

A student is expected to attend all classes on his/her schedule on the day of a contest, Friday before any weekend contest and the next school day following the contest. This includes practices and conditioning. Habitual absence before and after a contest may result in suspension from the team.

To be eligible to participate in the contest, practice or conditioning of the day, the athlete must:

- Be present 3 out of 5 consecutive instructional periods, unless the student has been excused from school attendance for such reasons as doctor's appointment (a procedural appointment or note that states the student is no longer ill and can play), field trip, college visitation, driver's test or such reasons which constitute an excused absence.
 - In order to fulfill the above stated 3 out of 5 instructional periods, an athlete must:
 - ✦ Be present to school before 10:28am (Without an excused absence, being present before 10:28am results in an unexcused tardy)

- ✦ Not leave school until after 12:31pm (and without an excused absence leaving after 12:31pm results in an unexcused tardy)
- ✦ Time between 10:28am and 12:31pm results in an unexcused absence without proper documentation proving an excused absence.

The purpose of this clause is to keep a student from participating when he/she is ill.

5. Attendance a Practice and Team Meetings

Team members are expected to be present at all practices, team meetings, contests, and special occasions unless excused by the head coach.

6. Care of School Equipment

The athlete is responsible for all equipment issued to him/her. Any non-returned or damaged equipment and/or uniforms will be added to the student athlete's school fees until returned.

7. Medical Release to again participate

If an athlete is seriously injured, he/she must have a doctor's release before he/she can practice or compete in athletic contests. PARTICIPATION IN AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE OR ATHLETIC CONTESTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IF THE ATHLETE IS OUT OF SCHOOL ALL OR PART OF THE DAY OF THIS PRACTICE OR CONTEST FOR REASONS OF ILLNESS AND INJURY. The only exception to this rule is a doctor's release, which must be presented to the coach prior to the practice or contest.

8. Personal Conduct

Participation on an athletic team or cheerleading squad in the Grant County High School is a privilege and the participation must earn the right to represent Grant County High School by conducting themselves in such a way that the image of the Grant County High School would not be tarnished in any manner. A participant whose conduct is judged to reflect a discredit upon himself/herself, the team, or the Grant County High School, whether or not such activity takes place during or outside school hours and sessions of the sport season, will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the coach, the athletic director, and/or a school principal. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality, or violations of law, and tarnish the reputation everyone associated with the athletic program will not be tolerated.

9. Use of Tobacco, Alcohol, or Drugs

Smoking, vaping, the use of chewing tobacco and smoking tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages, and the illegal use of drugs or marijuana by any athlete or cheerleader is prohibited both in and out of season and during such time as school is not in session. Upon evidence of the use or possession of tobacco in any form, alcohol or drugs, the athlete shall be suspended by the coach, pending investigation. Such suspension shall not last more than five (5) days before a determination is made. Each student athlete who plans to participate in athletic practices and/or contests at the high school level and his/her parents or guardian shall be required to sign a written consent for drug testing as a prerequisite to the student's participation in an athletic or cheerleading program.

10. Quitting a Team

The normal rule for athletes quitting a team is that they make themselves ineligible for any sport during that season which has already begun. An athlete who goes out for a sport, but is "cut" would be eligible to try out for and participate in another sport during that season.

11. Letters, Awards, etc.

Letters (varsity only) or bars may be awarded for participation on Varsity, JV or Freshman teams. Team members who are not players (ex-Team Managers) will be considered for the school letter or bars. Each student athlete receiving a letter or bar MUST have participated in at least 40% of games at the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman level. Student athletes receiving their Varsity letter for the first time will only receive a letter for that current sports season. The following school year/season they will receive a bar. All participants are expected at these programs, just the same as they would be expected at a practice or team meeting.

12. Team and Individual Discipline

Each coach may have discipline for minor infractions, such as inattention to directions, horseplay, tardiness to practice, and misbehavior in school. These rules shall be put in writing and approved by the Athletic Director. They shall also be posted in the respective locker rooms and be on file in the Athletic Director's office.

13. Suspension from a team or squad

Temporary suspension will be made by the coach of the sport, athletic director, or school administrator. The athletic director and/or administrator will confer with the coach before action is taken. Causes for temporary suspensions may include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Grades
- B. Personal misconduct (***Students are ineligible for practices or contests during periods of suspension either in or out of school.***)
- C. Unexcused absences or meetings or practices
- D. Violations of athletic policies
- E. Unsportsmanlike conduct

Temporary suspension may also be involved during that period of investigation in which an athlete may be removed from a team.

14. Removal from a team

Removal from a team will be made by the coach of the sport, athletic director, or school administrator. The athletic director and/or principal will confer with the coach before any removal action is taken. Causes for removal from a team may include, but not limited to the following:

- A. Use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal use or possession of drugs not prescribed for the individual by a physician
- B. Continued violations of the Grant County High School Code of Student Conduct and Discipline
- C. Repeated violations of school athletic or team policies
- D. Personal misconduct that involved police or court action either during or outside school hours and sessions of the sports season
- E. Verbal or physical attack upon an opponent, contest official, teacher, fan, coach or any other person
- F. Continued acts of unsportsmanlike conduct

NOTE: Notification of parents is not required if student is 18 years old

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