

OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT #308 ATHLETIC AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ Grade _____
Sports _____
Street Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____ Home Telephone _____
Birth Date: _____ Place of Birth: _____ County _____ State _____
Parent's Name _____ Do both parents live within District #308? YES NO
School attended last year _____ Did you participate in athletics at another high school last year? YES NO

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION:

1. Written consent of a parent or guardian.
2. A student participating in athletics must have a current physical. According to IHSA rules a current physical covers one calendar year. Thus, in most cases, a physical administered in the summer would cover all sports.
3. All participants must comply with all rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Association and Oswego School District 308.
4. Purchase of student school insurance unless waived by a parent or guardian. If school insurance is purchased, it should be noted that **football insurance** is a separate entity.
5. A student must NOT fail two subjects. If a student has two failures on the weekly eligibility check, the participant will be ineligible for the next week. **If the participant fails two half-credit (9 weeks) subjects in any term, the participant becomes ineligible for the next term. If a student fails two full-credit (2 terms) classes, the student will be ineligible for the next two terms.**
6. **(For athletics only) a \$60 USER FEE must be paid to the athletic office prior to the first scheduled contest of each sport.** There will be a maximum charge of \$120 per year **for all extra-curricular activities.** It shall be understood that payment of fees does **not** guarantee athletic participation. If an athlete drops or is removed from a program, such fees paid shall **not** be reimbursed.

ATHLETIC AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE

Extracurricular and interscholastic activities are strictly a voluntary program. Those who participate must give extra effort and time. The student has the privilege of participating in a well organized program of special interest for which the school provides coaches, sponsors, equipment, and facilities.

Because interscholastic activities are voluntary activities and because those participating represent their school, Oswego District 308 expects the conduct of those who try out and participate in these athletic/activity programs to be of the highest order. Student participants must conduct themselves as good citizens and exemplars of their schools at all times, twelve months of the year while in and out of season. The District particularly expects student participants to meet high standards with regard to academic requirements, honesty, school citizenship, and sportsmanship. This Code of Conduct applies regardless of whether school is in session or the participant is "in season" for an athletic team. It applies at all times including both school related and unrelated activities and events. Students whose behavior or conduct does not meet this standard will lose the privilege of participating in District sponsored or organized athletic and activity programs.

School-sponsored and school-supported athletic and extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to: all activities sanctioned by the IHSA, Poms, Football Cheerleading, and all events of a competitive nature between two or more schools. The list of included activities will be periodically reviewed and updated by the administration. Co-curricular activities which are linked to a student's grade will not be considered to be school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extracurricular activities. Performances (including but not limited to drama, dance, co-curricular music, etc.), which are not linked to a students' grade will be evaluated at the start of the performance to determine whether this Code of Conduct applies to the performance.

RULES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE ATHLETIC AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS IN OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 308

Oswego School District 308 is proud of the young men and women who represent it in interscholastic and extracurricular activities. They represent the district to other high schools and the community at large. For these reasons, a participant must agree to constantly uphold the highest standards of behavior and decorum while agreeing to abide by the following rules either during the school day or after school hours **twenty-four (24) hours a day**, seven (7) days a week, twelve (12) months a year.

1. Students will not possess or use tobacco (including chewing tobacco.)
2. Students will not possess or use alcoholic beverages.
3. Students will not possess or use any illegal drug or controlled substance.
4. Students will not be involved in theft and/or the willful damage of equipment or their properties.
5. Students will not be involved in gross misconduct or disobedience as defined in the Oswego Student Rights and Responsibilities Code which results in an out of school suspension of three or more days for one offense.
6. Any elected or chosen captain of his or her sport/activity will lose this title for the entire season for any violation of this Code of Conduct.

Specific Rules related to Alcohol, Drugs and/or Controlled Substances

1. Students arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance will receive a one year (twelve calendar months) suspension from the District’s athletic/activity programs.
2. Students who host a party where alcohol and/or drugs or controlled substances are present will receive a one year suspension from the District’s athletic/activity programs.

Consequences for Violations of the Code of Conduct

The consequences for violating this Code of Conduct shall be based on a student’s entire high school sanctioned athletic/activity participation (includes all 4 years of high school participation). Offenses and consequences are carried over from one sport/activity to the next and from one school year to the next until the entire penalty is served. **Not every situation involving conduct inconsistent with a student participant’s status as a representative of the high school is or can be covered. The high school reserves the right, but not the obligation, to alter, revise, adjust, or increase sanctions and discipline on a case-by-case basis, as the interests of the school require.**

First Offense of the Code of Conduct: The student shall be suspended for 50% of athletic/activity scheduled contests/events for the current sport/activity including state series or playoffs as appropriate.

Second Offense of the Code of Conduct : The student shall be suspended from all District 308 athletic/activity programs for one year (twelve calendar months).

Third Offense of the Code of Conduct: The student shall be suspended from all District 308 athletic/activity programs for the remainder of the student’s high school career.

Opportunities to Reduce Penalties:

Students who commit violations of the Code of Conduct related to tobacco, alcohol, drugs and/or controlled substances may seek a reduction in their penalty for the first such offense during his or her career as follows:

1. If the student voluntarily admits to a coach/sponsor or athletic director/administrator (who is not yet aware of the offense) a tobacco, alcohol, drug or controlled substance violation of the Code of Conduct, the suspension may be reduced by twenty five percent.
2. If the student who voluntarily admits to the offense also participates in and successfully completes a District approved counseling program at his or her own expense, the suspension may be reduced further to only ten percent of the approved contests/activities.

Students who commit a second violation of the Code of Conduct related to tobacco, alcohol or drugs and/or controlled substances during their high school career may seek a reduction in their penalty for a second such offense if the student participates in and successfully completes a District approved counseling program at his or her own expense. Any student who provides evidence of having done so will have his or her suspension reduced to 50% of the approved contests/events for each season/activity in which the student participates during the applicable twelve month period.

PROCESS FOR ISSUING PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES

Students who are alleged to have violated this Code of Conduct shall meet with the School’s Athletic/Activity Director to explain the incident and/or “tell his or her side of the story” prior to any penalty or consequence being applied. Students who seek to challenge a consequence administered under this Code may seek a review of the Athletic/Activity Director’s determination and consequence by filing a written request for review and submitting the request to the Athletic/Activity Director within five calendar days of the determination of the consequence. The request for review shall be heard by the Building Principal. The review process shall be informal and allow for a meeting between the student and the Building Principal to offer an explanation, tell his or her side of the story and/or demonstrate that the Code was not violated. The decision of the Building Principal shall be final.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE REVIEW YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO PURCHASE SCHOOL AND/OR FOOTBALL INSURANCE. IF SO, PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE INSURANCE PAMPHLET/ENVELOPE INCLUDED IN YOUR STUDENT’S REGISTRATION PACKET.

CHECK ONE: **SCHOOL INSURANCE** _____YES _____NO **FOOTBALL INSURANCE** ____YES _____NO

I am aware that said insurance plan offered by the school covers any accidents in which a student may be involved through participation in school-sponsored sports/activities, excluding football which is **separate** from school insurance. Even though participation and practice are conducted within the rules of the sport/activity under the instruction of a coach/activity sponsor, I am aware of the serious risk of injury including death which may occur.

By affixing my signature to this form, I do affirm that I have read and understand all the rules governing student participation in the Oswego School District 308 athletic/activity program. I do give my son/daughter permission to participate in athletics/extracurricular activities at Oswego East High School.

Parent Signature_____Date_____ Student Signature_____ Date_____

