

DISTRICT 308 CODE OF CONDUCT: Athletic & Extra-Curricular Activities



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

CODE OF CONDUCT: Extra-curricular and interscholastic activities are strictly voluntary. Those who participate must give extra time and effort. The student has the privilege of participating in a well-organized program for which the school provides coaches, sponsors, equipment, and facilities.

District 308 expects exceptional conduct from those who try out and participate in these athletic/activity programs. Student participants must conduct themselves as good citizens and exemplars of their schools at all times, 12 months of the year while in and out of season. It applies at all times including both school related and unrelated activities and events. The district particularly expects student participants to meet high standards with regard to academic requirements, honesty, school citizenship, and sportsmanship. 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 or supported athletic and extra-curricular activities include, but are not limited to: all activities sanctioned by the IHSA and all events of a competitive nature between two or more schools. Co-curricular activities that are linked to a student's grade will not be considered a school-sponsored or supported athletic or extra-curricular activity. Performances (including but not limited to drama, dance, co-curricular music, etc.), that are not linked to a student's grade will be evaluated to determine if this Code of Conduct applies to the performance.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

1. **Written consent** of a parent, guardian and/or student who is 18 years of age.
2. **A current physical** (for athletics only). According to Illinois High School Association rules, a current physical is valid for one calendar year. Therefore, typically a physical administered in the summer would cover all sports.
3. **Compliance with all rules and regulations** of the IHSA and District 308.
4. **The purchase of student school insurance** unless waived by a parent or guardian. It should be noted that football insurance is separate.
5. **Good academic standing**. 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. **Payment of fees**. A \$60 User Fee for athletics must be paid to the athletic office prior to the first scheduled contest of each sport. 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. There will be a maximum charge of \$120 per year for all extra-curricular activities.

RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The District 308 community is proud of the young men and women who represent them in interscholastic and extra-curricular activities and their reflection on the district and the community at large. For this reason, 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 property.
5. Students will not be involved in gross misconduct or disobedience as defined in the district's Student Rights and Responsibilities Code, which will result in an out-of-school suspension for five (5) school days or more for the 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.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

The consequences for violating this Code of Conduct shall be based on a student’s participation in sanctioned athletics/activities during all four years of high school. 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 misconduct is or can be covered in this document. The school administration 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 and safety of the school require.

First Offense: The student shall be suspended for 50 percent of the athletic/activity scheduled contests/events for the current sport/activity including state series or playoffs as appropriate. Students who commit violations of the Code of Conduct 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 violation of the Rules for Participants in the Code of Conduct, the suspension may be reduced by 25 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 10 percent of the approved contests/activities.

Second Offense: The student shall be suspended from all District 308 athletic/activity programs for one year (12 calendar months). Students who commit a second violation of the Code of Conduct 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 percent of the approved contests/events for each season/activity in which the student participates during the applicable 12 month period.

Third Offense: A student who is found to have committed a third violation of the Code of Conduct shall be suspended from all District 308 athletic/activity programs for the remainder of the student’s high school career.

SPECIFIC RULES RELATED TO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND/OR SUBSTANCES

1. Students arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance will receive a one-year (12 calendar months) suspension from the district’s athletic/activity programs. This consequence may not be reduced through voluntarily notification to the district or participation in a counseling program as described below.
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. This consequence may not be reduced through voluntarily notification to the district or participation in a counseling program as described below.

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/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/her side of the story and/or demonstrate that the Code was not violated. The decision of the building principal shall be final.

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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 form included in your child’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 affirm that I have read and understand all the rules governing student participation in the District 308 athletic/activity program. I give my son/daughter permission to participate in athletics/extracurricular activities in District 308.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____ Student Signature _____ Date _____