

# Osceola Middle School Athletic Code

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Osceola School District supports athletic involvement for all interested students. The intent of the program is to promote organized competition, good citizenship, scholastic achievement, physical fitness, school spirit and pride, personal motivation, sportsmanship, student wellness, and the opportunity to develop long-term friendships. The purpose of this code is to give our student-athletes and their parents guidelines they must follow to be eligible to participate in our programs. All athletics are a privilege for our students; and if our code is violated, their privileges will be revoked according to the guidelines stated within.

## SECTION I: CODE ENFORCEMENT

- A. All Co-Curricular Athletics are under the jurisdiction of this Code.
- B. This Code will be enforced 12 months of the year in accordance with WIAA Regulations. The Code covers grades 6-7-8. All code violations and suspensions are cumulative throughout a student-athlete's middle school career. Enforcement is the responsibility of the athletic director/principal.
- C. Each coach, being the director of the individual activity, will develop guidelines that govern practice schedules, practice rules, and the expectations of athletes. All parents and student-athletes in each program will be aware of all rules and expectations. Student behaviors not stated in this Athletic Code that have been found to take away from the team, the school, or which are not in the best interest of the student-athlete will be discussed with the Athletic Director, the principal, the student-athlete and his/her family before actions are taken.
- D. The Board of Education has the right to review any and all infractions at the Board's discretion. Athletics are a privilege in the Osceola School District.

## SECTION II: ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

- A. All student athletes are expected to work hard in classes and complete all of their work.
- B. Any students receiving a 1 in the areas of *meeting deadlines, following classroom expectations and using class time wisely or treats others with respect* will be ineligible for 10% of contests. The ineligibility will continue past the 10% if the score is not a minimum of 2 after the 10% of time has been complete.
- C. Incompletes: A student who receives an incomplete is ineligible until he/she provides a note from the instructor that says he or she has completed missing work.
- D. Students will not practice or travel while academically ineligible. Baseball players will sit out one game for each 1 in the areas of *meeting deadlines,*

*following classroom expectations and using class time wisely or treats others will respect on their final term report card. Baseball players may practice.*

- E. Academic Eligibility is reviewed every six weeks based on report cards. If a student is ineligible, the Athletic Director will contact the coaches, parent(s), and the athlete.
- F. School Attendance Requirements: Student-athletes must attend school to be eligible for practice and contests. The only exceptions will be school field trips or funerals; all of which need to be pre-arranged and approved by the building principal. Student-athletes who are ill on the day of a contest or practice must be in attendance from 11:30 a.m. until the completion of the school day to be eligible to participate in practice or a contest. Students who are in-school suspended or out-of-school suspended are not eligible to practice or participate in contests on that day.

### **SECTION III: OFFENSES**

- A. **Offenses:**
  - \* .....All forms of Tobacco are prohibited.
  - \* .....All Alcoholic Beverages
  - \* .....Non-Alcoholic Beers are prohibited.
  - \* .....All Controlled Substances (look-alikes included)
  - \* .....Paraphernalia are prohibited.
- B. **Presence At Parties:** Any student who finds himself/herself at a party or student gathering where alcohol or controlled substances are present must remove himself/herself from that situation immediately. Students who are proven to have not removed themselves will be penalized under Disciplinary Procedures Part A.
- C. **Wedding Dances/ Family Outings:** Students accompanied by their parent or legal guardian to family gatherings where alcohol is present will not be penalized under the Presence section. However, if an actual drinking, smoking, or use of a controlled substance violation occurs at such a function, the student will be penalized following the Code.

### **SECTION IV: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

- A. **Presence Offense: Suspension for 1 contest.** This offense will not be progressive. Student is allowed to travel with the team.
- B. **First Offense: Suspension from 3 contests.** Student is allowed to practice but is not allowed to travel with the team. If a student ADMITS GUILT upon the initial investigation of an offense, he/she will have his/her suspension reduced to 2 contest dates. Student is allowed to practice but is not allowed to travel with the team.
- C. **Second Offense: Suspension from 4 contests.** Student is not allowed to practice or travel with the team.
- D. **Third Offense: Suspension for one calendar year from the date of the suspension.**

**SECTION V: PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUPPLEMENTS**

The School District of Osceola does not promote or support the use of Performance Enhancing Supplements including, but not limited to, such items as creatine and anabolic steroids. These substances are considered inappropriate for athletes and are not allowed on school grounds. Student-athletes found in possession of these items on school grounds will be penalized under Section IV, Part B.

**SECTION VI: TRANSPORTATION**

Students must ride to and from events with their team or activity group by the means of transportation provided by the school. The only exception being if the parent communicates in writing with the coach to clear the District of any liability. We encourage parents to have students ride to and from events on the bus.

**SECTION VII: NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

As members of WIAA, we abide by their guidelines. It is the philosophy of the WIAA that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which s/he is a member during the season of a given sport. A student will become ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in a non-school contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school.

**CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT**

Student-athletes shall be held responsible for the care, maintenance and return of all equipment they are issued. Any equipment lost or willfully abused must be paid for by the student to whom it was issued.

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**Please detach and return:**

**We have read the Middle School Athletic Code and understand that the undersigned will be governed by it.**

**Student Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

