

## ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

### Athletic Conduct Code

Participation in athletics at Clearview Regional High School District is a privilege that sets a pupil/athlete apart from other pupils. The basis for participation in athletics implies the development of a strong body and good moral character. Consistent with this philosophy, the following code of conduct has been developed for Clearview Regional High School pupil athletes:

Use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and/or the use of controlled dangerous substances by any participant is prohibited in school or out of school. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action by their sponsor, the Director of Athletics, and the Principal.

Participants are required to attend meetings/practices on a regular basis, as prescribed for their individual/co-curricular/athletic programs.

Pupils on school suspension are not allowed to participate in school related activities or affairs.

1. Rules
  - a. All sponsors/coaches have the autonomy to establish their own rules and to enforce these rules.
  - b. Although the philosophy is to allow autonomy, all activities differ, and some consistency involving the rules must exist for the entire co-curricular program. The following rules will be an area of common agreement:
    - (1) No use of alcohol;
    - (2) No use of controlled/dangerous substances; and
    - (3) No stealing.



- c. Participants are reminded that they are in the public eye and may be subject to guilt by association. They should avoid parties where drinking or drugs are known to be used. They are expected to be good citizens in the community since they are participating in a privileged activity. They may be removed from their program if they disregard the rules as observed by faculty, administration, and coaching staff, verified by police referral or records.
- d. All sponsors/coaches must give their members a list of their activities' specific guidelines for behavior and conduct.

## 2. Minor Club Discipline

- a. Minor club discipline will rest with the head sponsor/coach. Examples of this include:
  - (1) Breaking club/activity rules;
  - (2) Tardiness to practice/meetings;
  - (3) Disrespect/profanity;
  - (4) Not attending practice/games/meetings; and
  - (5) Use of tobacco.
- b. Actions (may include, but are not limited to, any one or combination of actions below relative to severity or frequency of violation, as set forth in the sponsor's coach's club guidelines):
  - (1) Equipment detail;
  - (2) Extra condition/drill work;
  - (3) Reductions on depth chart;
  - (4) Suspension from contest(s)/activities;
  - (5) Conference with sponsor/coach;



- (6) Verbal reprimand/warning; and
- (7) Dismissal from squad – not for the first offense, however.

### 3. Major Squad Discipline

a. Major squad discipline will rest with the Athletic Director, in consultation with the school Principal and head coach. Examples include:

- (1) Use of alcohol;
- (2) Use of controlled/dangerous substance;
- (3) Stealing; and
- (4) Any behavior that brings the school or athletic program into an unfavorable light within the community.

b. Actions: A first major infraction may, upon proper verification, result in either a level one or level two action, dependent upon the complete review of the nature of the violation and the discipline history of the participant in question.

### 4. Description of Level One Action.

- a. Loss of eligibility from any interscholastic competition for the next three consecutive varsity interscholastic contests or three weeks, whichever is greatest;
- b. Loss of eligibility will not exceed one-third of the total interscholastic contests scheduled that season;
- c. The participant will be expected to attend practice/meetings, and abide all established rules/regulations throughout this loss of eligibility; and
- d. The participant will be referred to the Substance Abuse Counselor in cases that involve alcohol or controlled/dangerous substances for appropriate counseling.



5. Description of Level Two Action
  - a. After confirmation of violation, the participant will lose all remaining eligibility for the remainder of the season and forfeit all awards/honors;
  - b. After confirmation of violation involving alcohol or a controlled/dangerous substance, the participant must fully complete an appropriate counseling program in order to reestablish his/her eligibility for the next season; and
  - c. Eligibility for the following year will only be reestablished when proper verification has been provided.
  
6. Amendments
  - a. A participant cannot quit to avoid fulfilling the requirements set forth in the major discipline procedures. Any participant who quits must finish any remaining portion/requirements upon return to the activity for which the violation takes place;
  - b. In the event the major discipline exceeds the length of the remaining season, the balance will be satisfied in the next season of the activity in which the violation occurred;
  - c. In the event of alcohol or controlled/dangerous substance violations, all counseling requirements must be fulfilled before any eligibility can be reestablished, regardless of which activity season the violation took place;
  - d. As pupils, the participants are still subject to the rules and policies that have been established by the Board of Education; and
  - e. Seniors who lose their eligibility near the end of their respective season, due to a level one violation, must complete all the necessary requirements for the balance of the season in order to maintain their varsity letter and/or awards earned.

