



WEST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL
EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT
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ATHLETE'S NAME _____ DATE _____

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STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

West Aurora High School believes strongly in the value of extra-curricular activities. One of the most valuable outcomes is the mental, physical, and social development of the students who represent West Aurora High School through the participation in athletics and activities. Participation in extra-curricular activities, however, is a privilege and proper behavior is emphasized in the program. It is important to have good representatives who engage in healthy behaviors. Therefore, the following Code of Conduct shall be enforced to assist in this effort.

APPLICATION

Participation in athletics and activities is a privilege. As members of an athletic team, club, or as participants in an activity, students accept the responsibility of serving as representatives of West Aurora High School and its community. Such participation carries increased expectations beyond those applicable in the daily classroom situation. The Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct is established for young persons taking part in the program.

Once signed, the Code of Conduct is considered to be in effect 24 hours per day and 12 months a year. This signed document will be in effect and will be kept on file during the student's entire high school career at West Aurora High School. Annually, students participating in co-curricular activities will be required to sign a form agreeing to adhere to this code of conduct.

- This Code shall apply to all students who participate in extra-curricular activities involving competition.
- Violations are accumulated throughout a student's attendance at West Aurora High School.
- Students who violate the Code must serve penalties as outlined and/or complete prescribed programs outlined herein prior to re-entry into extra-curricular activities.
- When suspended from an extra-curricular activity, students must nevertheless practice and follow all rules and regulations for the sport/activity.
- Students who are serving a Code of Conduct penalty must begin and complete their suspension during the entire season. This means the student must finish the sport/activity season in good standing and meet all requirements of the Head Coach.
- If a student is dismissed from the team/activity or quits the team/activity during the period of their suspension for a Code violation, the suspension for the Code violation will continue to the next sport/activity season in which the student participates.
- Failure to sign the Code of Conduct does not exclude a student from being held accountable for the rules and regulations of this policy.
- Those not signing the Code shall not be allowed to compete.

VIOLATIONS

Any of the following acts shall be a violation of this code:

1. Possession or use of tobacco products
2. Possession or use of illegal performance enhancing drugs/supplements
3. Students shall not possess, actively seek, solicit, or be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, steroids or other illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, or possess drug-related paraphernalia
4. Students shall not attend or host a party primarily attended by students or for the benefit of students at which alcohol, tobacco or any controlled substances are provided or at which the use of any such substances is permitted
5. Theft, possession of stolen property, or destruction of property
6. Hazing acts (*as defined by the student handbook of West Aurora High School*)
7. Criminal acts or serious acts which are determined by the Athletic Director, Activity Director, Assistant Principal for Student Services, or Administration deemed to be detrimental to the individual, the coach, the team or the school

CONSEQUENCES

The following consequences are guidelines which will be followed by the coaches, Athletic Director, Activity Director, Assistant Principal for Student Services, or the Administration. Should such person or persons determine that the violation or violations committed are sufficiently serious to warrant such, any step may be omitted and any more serious consequence, up to and including permanent removal from athletics/activities, may be imposed.

First Offense:

The student shall lose eligibility for the next interscholastic/public events or performances totaling $\frac{1}{2}$ (one-half) of the total number of contests, dates, or performances. For athletics, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the number of contests will be determined based on the number of contests contracted on the first day of the sport season according to the IHSA Standardized Calendar. This penalty is reducible to $\frac{1}{4}$ (one-fourth) of the total contests, events, or performances when the student completes an approved assistance program such as a substance abuse prevention program, anger management, or other approved program. Approval must be given in advance by the Athletic Director, Activity Director, and/or Assistant Principal for Student Services.

Second Offense:

The student shall lose eligibility for one calendar year, beginning on the date the student was notified that he/she was in violation of the Code of Conduct.

Third Offense:

The student shall be permanently suspended from participation in athletics/activities for the remainder of his/her high school career.

FIRST OFFENSE VOLUNTARY ADMISSION CLAUSE – DRUG, ALCOHOL USE

In the absence of verifiable evidence or before just cause suspicion of any violation, the student may voluntarily admit in writing the infraction to the Athletic Director, Activity Director, or Assistant Principal of Student Services. The intent of the voluntary admission clause is to allow a student-athlete an opportunity to seek assistance for an ongoing problem. Participation will be uninterrupted when it can be verified that the student has enrolled in and is actively participating in a school recognized and approved substance abuse program. The student must complete the program. The voluntary admission clause can only be applied for a first violation and only once.

REVIEW PROCESS

If a student-athlete has been found in violation of the Code of Conduct and a consequence has been imposed, the student may request the consequence be reviewed. Written notice must be given in writing to the Athletic Director, Activity Director, or Assistant Principal for Student Services within five days of notice that a violation occurred. The consequence will be reviewed by a panel including: the Principal (or designee); Athletic Director; Activity Director; and/or Assistant Principal for Student Services. The decision of this panel will be final.

IHSA SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Board Policy states that students must pass four classes per week to be eligible for interscholastic athletics/activities. Additionally, students must pass four classes a semester in order to be eligible in the subsequent semester. No student who has graduated from a four-year high school or its equivalent is eligible for interscholastic athletics/activities.

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

Any student who transfers to West Aurora High School should contact the Athletic Director to determine his/her eligibility for athletics in accordance with IHSA By-Laws.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____