

# Athletic/Activity Code of Conduct

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Oakville High School student athletes are expected to demonstrate exemplary conduct on the field/court, in the classroom, in the community, and at school related functions. Both players and parents are expected to promote and practice the ideals of good sportsmanship while showing respect to the opposing team, their administration and fans, and the game officials at all times.

The code of conduct applies to high school students who participate in activities/athletics sponsored by the Mehlville School District and/or Oakville High School and athletics governed by MSHSAA.

## *Suspension Policy*

Students who are suspended out of school for three days or more will miss 10% of the contests from the current athletic/activity season he or she participates. If less than 10% of the contests remain in the current season, the remaining percent will carry over to the next season.

## *Drug/Alcohol Policy*

Students shall not illegally possess, use, attempt to obtain or distribute any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, steroids, or other illegal performance enhancing substance of any kind (unless prescribed by a physician). Students shall not illegally possess, use, attempt to obtain or distribute any type of alcoholic beverage including but not limited to beer, wine, and hard liquor. This policy pertains to drug/alcohol use both on and off of the Mehlville School District campuses. This policy also pertains to drug/alcohol use that occurs during the school day as well as outside of the school day, 365 days a year.

Students violating this policy will be removed from Mehlville/Oakville High School athletics and activities for 365 days or until tryouts begin the following year for the same sport in which the violation occurred. If the student enrolls in and completes an approved drug/alcohol counseling program at their own expense, he/she may petition the athletic director to have the penalty reduced to 50% of the current season. If there is less than 50% left in a season the remaining percent will carry over to the next season. Verification of the completion of the approved counseling program will be required.

## *Voluntary Admission of Substance Abuse*

Voluntary admission of an infraction involving substance abuse could result in a waiver of the penalties mentioned above. If a student, parent or legal guardian submits in admission in writing and shows proof of enrollment in an approved drug/alcohol counseling program, the penalty may be waived. The voluntary admission cannot be in conjunction with a discipline infraction, police report or public occurrence that would be reported to the administration at the same time or on a later date.

Once knowledge of the violation becomes known to the school or police, it will be too late to use the voluntary admission policy. The provision may only be used once during a student's extracurricular or athletic career in the Mehlville School District. This information would be considered highly confidential and shared only with the student's family, the athletic director and the school administration.

Once a voluntary admission is submitted the student may continue participating in the athletic/activity program provided he/she can show continuous proof of his/her enrollment in and completion of an approved counseling program. If a student cannot provide proof or fails to complete the approved program he/she will be removed from the Mehlville/Oakville High School athletic/activity programs for 365 days or until tryouts begin next year for the sport season in which the voluntary admission occurred.

The purpose of this Voluntary Admission clause is two-fold:

- To encourage the students who believe they have a substance abuse problem to seek help in dealing with that problem.
- To encourage students who have committed a substance abuse infraction to admit their mistake and recognize they made a poor choice.

#### ***Eligibility Rules***

- A student must be enrolled in at least 3.0 units of credits in the current semester. That is at least 6 classes under the current 8 block schedule. He/she must also have passed 3.0 units of credit in the previous semester.
- A student must be in attendance in his/her classes the day of a contest. The building principal may waive this requirement in special cases.
- A student cannot practice or play in a contest if he/she is suspended (in-school or out-of-school).
- For eligibility rules, Saturday is considered an extension of Friday. For example, if a student was absent or suspended from school on Friday he/she may not practice or play in a contest on Saturday.

<b>SPORT/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>50%</b>
Baseball	3 games	14 games
Basketball/Soccer/Volleyball	3 games	13 games
Cross Country	1 meet	5 meets
Football	1 game	5 games
Golf	2 matches	7 matches
Softball/Field Hockey	3 games	12 games
Swimming/Water Polo	2 meets	8 meets
Tennis	2 matches	8 matches
Track	1 meet	6 meets
Wrestling	2 matches/1 tourny	5 matches and 1 tourny
Dance	2 performances	7 performances
Cheerleading	3 performances	12 performances
Band	3 performances	13 performances
Choir	2 performances	7 performances
Speech & Debate	3 events	11 events
All Other co-curricular Activities	2 weeks	8 weeks

The Mehlville School District believes that it is the function of the athletic/activity department to provide sports/activities which are interesting, wholesome, stimulating and enjoyable for all students. Their overall objectives are to develop physical fitness, sports habits and skills, sports understanding, sportsmanship, and a spirit of competitiveness in each student. All parents and students are asked to read and discuss the implications of participation in the school co-curricular program before signing this form. This form must be on file in the athletic office prior to the first day or practice of the athlete's specific season.

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By signing below, I am giving assurance that I have read and am aware of the Mehlville School District Policy on alcohol and drugs for students that participate in voluntary co-curricular programs. Furthermore, as a role model in my school I am agreeing to abide by this athletic/activity code of conduct.

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Sport or Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach/Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## PARENT PERMISSION AGREEMENT

My son/daughter has my permission to practice and compete in the interscholastic sport(s) listed on the Athletic Permit Card and I also approve of my son/daughter abiding by all of the conditions of the Athletic Agreement, Disciplinary Policies / Procedures and Consequences, Drug and Alcohol Policy, and the MSHSAA document entitled *Eligibility Standards*. I realize that such activities involve the potential for injuries inherent in all sports, which injuries can be so severe as to result in disability, paralysis, or even death. In the event of an injury to my son/daughter when a parent/guardian cannot be immediately contacted, I hereby authorize the teacher/coach in charge to provide for first aid treatment as shall be deemed necessary under the circumstances, and I for emergency hospitalization, if appropriated.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_