



SOUTHERN WELLS JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

ECA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS



A. Eligibility Seasons

1. It is to be understood that all seasons are not the same number of days in length.
2. The seasons for athletes will be based on the dates established by the IHSAA.
3. Seasons for students involved in activities other than athletics will be based on the dates established by the IHSAA for football, boy's basketball, and boy's track.
4. The summer season for athletes is defined as the period of time established by the IHSAA.

B. Academic Eligibility

1. In order for any Senior High student to participate (except as a spectator) in any extracurricular activity students must have earned passing grades in the equivalent of five classes for the previous 9-week grading period.
2. In order for any Junior High student to participate (except as a spectator) in any extracurricular activity students must have earned passing grades in the equivalent of five classes for the previous 4 ½-week grading period.
3. All entering 9th grade (Sr. High) students are declared eligible for the first 9-week grading period of school. All entering 7th grade (Jr. High) students are declared eligible for the first 4 ½-week grading period of school. After the initial grading period, entering 9th graders, must have passed a minimum of five classes the previous 9-week grading period and entering 7th graders, must have passed a minimum of five classes the previous 4 ½-week grading period.
4. Nine-week grades take precedence over 4 ½-week grades and Semester grades take precedence over 9-week grades that ends a semester.
5. An ineligible student may practice, but not participate, in the actual activity or sport with the approval of the student's parent(s) and activity coach/sponsor/adviser.

C. Conduct and Participation Rules

1. If you violate any of the rules below you may be restricted from participating in any or all extracurricular activities. This restriction may extend into the following school year:
 - a. Knowingly possessing, using, transmitting, selling or being under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs in or out of school or on or off school grounds. Use of a drug authorized by a licensed physician is not a violation of this code.
 - b. Firing, displaying, or threatening the use of firearms, explosives, or other weapons in or out of school or on or off school premises for any unlawful purposes.
 - c. Deliberately causing damage to property in or out of school or on or off school premises.
 - d. Stealing or knowingly possessing stolen goods at any time and any place.
 - e. Use of abusive language and/or vulgar, indecent language, or gestures which can cause a disruption or interference with an extracurricular activity.
 - f. Participants are expected to have no difficulties with law enforcement agencies, including conviction for a misdemeanor or felony.
 - g. Intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical injury or intentionally behaving in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to any persons in or out of school or on or off school premises. Self defense or reasonable action undertaken to protect some other person does not, however, constitute a violation of this provision.
 - h. Participants are to have no involvement in sexual offenses while in the care and custody of the school, on school premises, or at any school activity.
 - i. Smoking or the use of tobacco products including snuff and chewing tobacco while in or out of school or on or off school grounds.
 - j. Failing to comply with the directions or rules of the coach/adviser/sponsor.
 - k. Refusing to identify him or herself to any teacher, administrator, or other authorized person immediately before, during or after school or at school sponsored events. If an identification card has been issued to a student it shall be produced if requested.
2. All violations of the above rules (except those listed in number 3 below) will be enforced during the season of participation for athletes, regardless of the place of occurrence. For all other extracurricular activities they will be enforced when they occur on school grounds, at a school activity or function, or when the participants are representing the school, such as using tobacco while in a school uniform after the activity is completed.

3. Exceptions to number 2 above: The rules for possession or use of firearms at school, conviction of a felony, selling or using alcohol and drugs, theft and/or vandalism will be in effect during the off-season or summer as well as the season of competition or participation.
4. Students who have criminal law proceedings pending against them, or who are on probation may be suspended from participation in practice and athletic contests during the time of such proceedings, if the extracurricular activities council determines that the offense is serious in nature and there is essentially no doubt that the offense occurred. The participant will be given an opportunity to present reasons why there should not be a suspension.
5. **Additional Rules of Coaches/Sponsors/Advisers:** The coach/sponsor/adviser of each activity may have additional rules and regulations for his/her activity, and should expect participants to meet these reasonable standards. Enforcement of these rules is left to the individual coach/sponsor/adviser. These additional guidelines are to be approved by the activities director and kept on file in his/her office and the principal's office. All participants should receive a copy of these rules and one should be posted. The participant is to obey the specific rules of the coach of their particular sport.
6. Participants who display fits of temper, fight, clown, etc. when things don't go as desired are displaying a lack of maturity. Behavior that is contrary to sportsmanship is a direct reflection on the school, school officials, team, and coaches. This behavior will be dealt with.
7. Participants should be neat, well groomed, with no extremes in appearance.
8. A participant is not to show an inappropriate display of affection while in public places.

D. Practice Regulations

1. **All participants are required to attend all practices and report to practice on time.** If a participant cannot attend a practice, the coach/sponsor/adviser is to be notified of the reason a day in advance. The reason for missing practice must be an extreme emergency or other good reason, such as illness or absence from school.
2. Each coach/sponsor/adviser will set the practice attendance policy for his/her sport. They will have the final say concerning the missing of practices or contests.
3. Students are to obey the specific practice rules of the coach/sponsor/adviser.
4. Practices are to end at a designated time. Practice schedules will be made out and published so the participants will know the time and area of practice each week.
5. Students are only to use the facilities during their organized practices or contests.
6. Serving Disciplinary Penalties for school infractions is not an excused absence from a practice or contest. A student is excluded from any and all participation (practice or game) on the day that a disciplinary action is being served. The student may not be present at any school function on the day in which a penalty is being served.

E. Use of Facilities and Equipment

Keep the area clean and pick up after yourself. If you turn it on, turn it off. There is to be no horseplay.

F. Extra-Curricular Activities Trips

1. It is expected that all concerned will act in an acceptable manner when traveling, and will conduct themselves on the bus in a manner of keeping with bus rules.
2. Participants are to follow the directions of the coaches on trips.
3. Equipment and facilities of the opposing school will be respected and cared for just like personal equipment. Any breaking, defacing, etc., that is purposely done, will result in restitution by that person as well as consequences imposed by the school.
4. When entering restaurants or other public places, the participant should be orderly, and follow accepted rules of etiquette.
5. Activity/team members will be required to ride the bus to and from the activity unless the coach/sponsor/adviser gives approval to do otherwise. The coach/sponsor/adviser may give approval for the participant to ride home with his/her parent/guardian, or another parent if the participant's parent has given the proper permission. A written note from the participant's parent may be required for him/her to ride home with another parent. Participants will not be allowed to ride home with another student or a boy or girl friend,
6. A participant who is not directly involved in the competition may be encouraged to attend and support the competition, but will not be required to do so.
7. Participants and coaches/sponsors/advisers are responsible to see that the bus or van is cleaned up (left in the condition received) after that trip.