

Charleston School for Math & Science Athletic Handbook

General Rule

Do not do anything that is detrimental to you. If it is detrimental to you it will be detrimental to our school, our athletic department, our teams, our community and to your family. *(Detrimental - obviously harmful, damaging)*

A real winning attitude and tradition is about standards of excellence

Rules and Obligations for Participation:

1. A student must furnish the Athletic Department with the following items prior to participation in any athletic event including, but not limited to, open gym, try-outs, camps, clinics.
 - A. **Medical Examination Form**
 - B. **Permission to Participate Agreement Form**
 - C. **Birth Certificate -copy**
 - D. **A signed agreement form found in the Athletic Hand Book**
- i. *If a fine is issued by the SCHSL for the above materials not being supplied to the CCSMS Athletic Department; the parent/guardian of the student-athlete will be responsible for paying the financial fine.(minimum of \$100.00)*

*Students transferring to CCSMS may be asked to participate in other paperwork deemed necessary by the Athletic Department, Athletic Director, coaching staff and or the South Carolina High School League to fulfill eligibility requirements prior to participation.

2. A student who becomes 19 years of age prior to July 1st of the current school year is not eligible to compete in athletic activities (Mandated by SCHSL)
3. A student must be listed on a **Certificate of Eligibility Form** before participation in **ANY** contest for a CCSMS athletic team. *(Organized and completed by athletic department)*
4. A student must be enrolled as a full time continuous student at CCSMS as determined by the guidelines set forth by the State Department of Education.
5. Eligibility to participate on a Riptide team is determined by the semester grades prior to that team's season. (For example - Fall and Winter teams' eligibility is determined by second semester grades the previous year. Spring team members earn their eligibility through first semester of current year.)

- a. To be eligible for first semester; a student must pass a minimum of 5 Carnegie Units applicable toward a high school diploma during the previous year. At least 2 units must have been passed in the second semester. *(A student repeating a course for which he/she has previously received credit cannot count this course as one required for eligibility. This class will be considered a mentoring class.)*
 - b. To be eligible the second semester the student must meet one of the following:
 - If the student met first semester eligibility requirements then he or she must pass the equivalent of four (4) ½ units during first semester.
 - If student did not meet first semester eligibility requirements, then he or she must pass the equivalent of five (5) ½ units during first semester
 - c. Students passing the sixth, seventh and eighth grade by academic promotion (not by social promotion or placement) are considered as having meet the requirements for academic eligibility for first semester. Any student that does not get promoted academically will not be eligible to participate on any Riptide athletic team.
 - d. Credit courses are used for eligibility purposes applicable towards a state high school diploma deemed by the State Education department.
 - e. Please note that a student who is not academically promoted to the next grade will be ineligible to participate in athletics for a full school year.
6. A student must maintain an overall passing grade average of 77% (2.0 GPA) and be promoted to the next grade level to participate in interscholastic competition with any Riptide Athletic Team.

Beginning in the year of 2016 the NCAA will be making changes to their eligibility procedures and moving from a minimum GPA of 2.0 to a 2.5. These adjustments will affect the 2012-13 freshman, sophomore and junior classes. Academic situations will be handled on an individual basis coach, Athletic Director and/or administrator.

All eligibility Rules are in conjunction with the rules set forth and mandated by The South Carolina High School League, The state Education Department and the Administration of the Charleston School for Math & Science.

7. A student athlete may be deemed ineligible to participate with a CCSMS athletic team due to unsatisfactory grades or behavior issues. Each case will be handled on an individual basis and consequences will be determined by the Head Coach, Athletic Director and/or Administrator.
8. A student athlete who decides to try out for a team and makes the team but decides to stop participation will be deemed ineligible to try out for the next playing

season. *For example a student playing basketball quits mid-season will not be allowed to try out for the soccer team in the next season.*

9. If a player is ejected from any contest they will be required by the South Carolina High School League and the Riptide Athletic Department to complete an online Sportsmanship Course. The fee for the course is \$30.00 and MUST be paid by the student-athlete's family. A copy of the certificate of completion must be presented to the Riptide Athletic Department before the student is allowed to compete in another contest or with any other team. Ejections may result in further consequences from the SCHSL as well. Any monetary fine issued to a CCSMS student-athlete is the responsibility of that family. Before returning to any and all team activities, fines and or consequences must be fulfilled.
 - a. *This also pertains to any CCSMS coaching staff member and or fan. The SCHSL states that a coach that is dismissed from any contest will be issued a minimum fine of \$300.00 and a minimum of two contest suspension. On the second occurrence there will be a \$500.00 fine and the coach may be removed from their responsibilities. A volunteer / non-compensated coach that gets ejected from any contest will also endure a \$300.00 fine by the SCHSL and the volunteer coach will not be allowed to coach ANY team for a full calendar year.*
10. ALL Middle School team participants will be asked to pay an estimated fee of \$30.00 to \$60.00 to either the city of Charleston (via the city registration) or to CCSMS Athletic Department. This fee is required and determined by the specific league in which the middle school team will be participating.
11. Inappropriate behavior in practices, games, on school property, or while traveling to and from athletic events **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. This includes behaviors deemed unsportsmanlike, lewd, degrading, and/or disrespectful. Student-athletes should be very conscious of their actions while wearing our school uniform, athletic gear, jersey or any CCSMS logo attire. Whether on or off campus students are a reflection of CCSMS.
12. Student-athletes should be aware of their personal presence on all social media outlets. Violations of rules and regulations on any social media outlet may also result in consequences in participation.

Drugs and Alcohol Rules and Policy

All CCSMS and South Carolina High School League rules and regulations are in conjunction with but not limited to:

*While at the site of a school or league sponsored event or activity neither participants, game officials nor coaches shall use, or be in procession of or be under the influence of alcohol or any other mood altering drug (including but not limited to steroids)

* A student, official or coach in violation of this policy will be prohibited to participate in the specific event and future eligibility (job) status will be subject for review by Charleston School of Math & Science Administration and or the South Carolina High School League.

Any student-athlete behavior that is contrary to the above stated Rules and Regulations may be grounds for suspension and or dismissal from any team/club or program sponsored by CCSMS. Consequences for violations will be determined on individual basis issued by CCSMS Administration and CCSMS Athletic Department.

A player, coach , CCSMS staff member, fan and or parent may be deemed ineligible to participate or take part in any and all competition, contest, as a team member, fan or volunteer if detrimental, obscene, unsafe or unsportsmanlike behavior has been established or reported to Athletic Department, CCSMS administration staff or board members.

Riptide off Campus Practice Procedures

The following policies and procedures have been established for the safety of our students, our staff and our athletic department.

Transportation: Being that our game fields are not on campus student-athletes must be transported to the off-site fields. It is a shared responsibility of the school and families to get players to the fields safely and on time. Arrangements are team specific so please contact the athletic director or the head coach with questions regarding transportation.

A team that is transported by a CCSMS bus route from school to the facility:

We ask that those students take all their belongings with them and that they are picked up by parents / guardians at those fields (*i.e. Park Shores Softball Field/ Park Shores Swimming Pool, St Andrews MS-Ravenal Football Stadium, Jack Adams Tennis Facility, Ponderosa Community Soccer Field etc...*)

Teams that run/jog/ walk to neighboring fields:

Such as Hampton Park, Jack Adams & Corrine Jones should stay together as a team over to the fields as well as back to the school from practice. The older athletes are asked to lead and help supervise the younger athletes. At NO TIME should a student-athlete not be with his or her group!

Athletes, if you are being picked up from a practice field take all of your belongings with you to the field. If will be returning to the school for pick up, you can leave your belongings in the storage room and or bring a lock to leave your things

secured in the locker room. Belongings CANNOT be left in the gym or locker room overnight and must be removed every day.

Parent Transportation:

A parent may pick up their own child up at 3:08 and transport them from school to the practice field. It may be an expectation of team membership to travel together to the practice field. Please communicate to the head coach for particulars of transportation. Parents may not transport any student other than their own. If arrangements have been made between cooperating families the school must have documentation of such arrangement.

At **NO TIME** should a student-athlete be transported by a member of the coaching staff.

Student Driver:

Student-athletes that have license to drive are asked to park at school and join the team for practice activities. Again, if you are being picked up from the respective fields you should take your belongings with you. NO student-athlete should ride with another student to or from the field *without approved* written permission from all parties involved parents (documentation must be provided to the athletic department and coaching staff).

Coaches:

Coaches will be placed in strategic areas along running/walking path. Coaches will be at the school after practice to allow the returning athletes access to belongings. Of course the coaches will be at the practice facilities to oversee skill work and practice times that are allotted. Some coaches have to drive as they need to carry the proper equipment necessary to conduct practice itself.

Parents whether picking up your student at a practice field or at the school, we ask that you be there on time. Our coaches, just like you, have worked all day and have families too and would like to get home in a timely fashion as well.

Thank you for your cooperation, support and understanding of our unique and nontraditional situation. Eventually our hopes are that we will have our own Riptide fields on school grounds. As we wait for that glorious day to happen we need to work together to continue giving our young athletes the opportunity to compete.

General Reminders:

*A physical is required for any and all students that choose to try out for any and all Riptide club or athletic teams. (*Must be completed after April 1st of that school year and be signed dated and stamped by physician*). All other athletic paper work must be completed and on file with CCSMS athletic department prior to any and or all participation.

I have read and understand the expectations, rules and regulations that have been set forth by the Athletic Handbook. I agree to abide by said rules and regulations and responsibly represent the Charleston Charter School for Math & Science Athletic Department at ALL Times.

Parent/ Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/ 20___

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/20___

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OR YOUR HEAD COACH-
THANK YOU**