

2014-2015  
PEACHTREE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES

Participation in interscholastic athletic competitions is a privilege extended to the students by the Board of Education. Students participating in Georgia High School Association (GHSA) extracurricular athletic activities act as representatives of Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) and Peachtree Ridge High School. All students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to meet the highest standards of GCPS and Peachtree Ridge High School at all times.

The Code of Conduct is designed to establish high expectations and standards for all students participating in GHSA sanctioned athletic activities. All students, parents, and coaches understand that the top priority is academic achievement. The Code of Conduct establishes high expectations regarding behavior and consistent consequences when violations occur.

The Code of Conduct goes into effect on the first day a student joins a Peachtree Ridge High School athletic team. The Code remains in effect for the entire calendar year, including time when school is not in session.

The offenses and consequences are in addition to (not in lieu of) any school or criminal consequences associated with the student misconduct.

All consequences listed in this Code of Conduct are minimum standards and have been established with input from faculty, staff, and coaches from Peachtree Ridge High School. The coach has the discretion to set consequences over and above the minimum standards listed below.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

**Violation A: Students given Long-Term (exceeding ten days) Suspension (With or without GIVE option)**

Consequence: Ineligible to attend or participate in any athletic or extracurricular activity during time of suspension

**Violation B: Arrest for, or charged with the commission of any act that is a felony or would constitute a felony if committed by an adult.** (Regardless of location or time of the alleged act; in or out of school)

Consequence: 1. Immediate suspension from all participation until such time as:

- a. School officials determine that the student did not commit the act(s) or other felony conduct, or
- b. Local prosecutors dismiss or drop all pending charges and petitions; or
- c. The student pleads guilty to a misdemeanor charge, in which case refer to Violation D listed in this Code; or
- d. The student is convicted and sentenced to a felony or is adjudicated delinquent in the Juvenile Court of conduct which if committed by an adult could be charged as a felony and serves any and all portions of the sentence including all periods of probation.

For the following violations (C, D and E), the school administration must have valid evidence and/or verification of the violation as defined in the following:

1. Self-admitted involvement by the student
2. Witnessed student involvement by the sponsor, coach, or any staff member
3. Parent admission of their student's involvement in tobacco, alcohol or other drugs
4. Verified by official police report given to the school
5. Evidence of violations through investigation by school officials

**If the offense occurs at school or on school property (at any time), off school grounds, at a school-sponsored activity, function, or event or en route to and from school, the student will be subject to the actions described in the Student Conduct Behavior Code (Policy JCD) and the following consequences for extracurricular activities.**

### **Violation C: Tobacco (any type)**

Consequences: 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Suspension from athletic extracurricular competition for a minimum of 10% of the remainder of the season or 10 hours of community service completed prior to last game of regular season\*

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Suspension from athletic extracurricular competition for a minimum of 20% of the remainder of the season

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Dismissed from team but allowed to try out for subsequent athletic extracurricular activities after that sport/activity has completed its season

\*If community service is not completed as specified, student will not be allowed to play in post season or if not applicable, try out for another sport until hours are completed

### **Violation D: Alcohol/Other Drugs (Possession and/or Use)/Misdemeanor Criminal Law Violations**

Consequences: Coach/Sponsor and Administrator will meet with the student and parent(s) or guardian.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Suspension from athletic extracurricular competition for a minimum of 20% of the remainder of the season or 15 hours of community service completed by the end of the regular season\*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Suspension from athletic extracurricular competition for a minimum of 30% of the remainder of the season
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Suspension from all athletic extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year

\*If community service is not completed as specified, student will not be allowed to play in post season or if not applicable, try out for another sport until hours are completed

### **Violation E: Violations of school rules that result in ISS or OSS**

Consequences: In-School Suspension - Participation may resume when student is released from ISS. Student cannot participate on the day she/he is released from ISS.

Out-of-School Suspension (Short Term – not exceeding 10 days) – Participation May resume after suspension is served – Policy JDD

### **Violation F: Hazing**

Consequences: Coach/Sponsor and Administrator will meet with the student and parent(s) or guardian.

1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Suspension from any athletic extracurricular activity for a minimum of 20% of the remainder of the season

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Suspension from all athletic extracurricular activities for remainder of school year

### **Violation G: Social Media**

Peachtree Ridge student athletes are expected to use social media as an effective tool for communication. Inappropriate material (as deemed by coaches and/or school personnel) that has a negative impact on the school, staff, team, or players will not be acceptable practice. Students will remove information immediately. Following consequences are below.

Consequences: Coach/Sponsor and Administrator will meet with the student and parent(s) or guardian.

1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Suspension from any athletic extracurricular activity for a minimum of 10% of the remainder of the season

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Suspension from athletic extracurricular competition for a minimum of 20% of the remainder of the season

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Dismissed from team but allowed to try out for subsequent athletic extracurricular activities after that sport/activity has completed its season

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**ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

Gwinnett County Public Schools' athletic programs are a great source of pride to our communities. Involvement in athletics helps students develop a better sense of responsibility, cooperation; self-discipline, self-confidence, and sportsmanship that will help serve them long after graduation. The lessons and values learned by participating on athletic teams last a lifetime.

All athletes are expected to abide by the highest standards of fair play and sportsmanship while on the court or field. We also have high expectations regarding behavior when the students are not engaged in athletic competitions. Students participating in Georgia High School Association extracurricular athletic activities act as representatives of Gwinnett County Public Schools. All students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to meet the highest standards of the school system at all times.

The Athletic Code of Conduct is designed to establish high expectations and standards for all students participating in Georgia High School sanctioned athletic activities. The Code of Conduct also provides consistent consequences when violations occur. The consequences listed on the Code of Conduct are minimum standards. The schools can set consequences over and above those listed on the Code of Conduct.

I have read the Gwinnett County Athletic Code of Conduct in the Discipline Handbook and I understand the potential consequences that go along with violating the Athletic Code of Conduct.

**This signature consents to athletic participation, medical authorization, verification of insurance coverage, code of conduct, and permission to use the athletes' picture and/or video on our school web site, and all other forms of media available to Peachtree Ridge High School.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

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Signature of Athlete:

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Print name of Athlete:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_