

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

An athlete participates by choice. In doing so, he or she must choose between the rules of athletics and non-participation.



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The Centerburg High School/Middle School Athletic Code of Conduct establishes standards by which student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves as representatives of Centerburg Schools. Parents are expected to discuss these regulations and consequences with their student-athlete so that informed and appropriate decisions about behavior are made.

Participation in interscholastic athletics at Centerburg Local Schools is a PRIVILEGE, not a right. Students are in a highly visible setting of leadership and/or performance. Therefore, student-athletes will be held to a higher level of accountability of conduct and behavior than a student who chooses not to participate or represent Centerburg Local Schools.

Rule 01: Code of Ethics

All athletes shall comply to a code of ethics which will entitle him or her to the honor and a respect which he or she has rightfully earned through competition. Conduct resulting in dishonor to an athlete reflects not only on himself or herself, but his or her team and school. Any act of unacceptable conduct such as, but not limited to theft, sale of drugs, malicious vandalism, immorality, or destruction of property in or outside of school which makes him or her unqualified to represent the ideals, principles, and standards of this school shall have violated this code of ethics.

Penalty Alleged infractions of this rule shall be considered by the coach, athletic director, and principal. Denial of participation in athletics for one calendar year from the date of the incident.

Rule 02: Drug Testing Program

a. All student athletes are required to participate in the Board of Education approved drug testing program for Centerburg student athletes in order to be eligible for practice and interscholastic competition. During each sport season, an outside drug-testing agency will randomly select 20% of the athletes from each team in season and collect samples for testing.

Penalty Denial of participation in athletics until in compliance with drug testing policy.

b. When a student tests positive for illicit or banned substances, the following procedure will be followed:

- (1) The parent/guardian/custodian will be notified by the principal. A split sample of the original sample can be tested a second time at another drug testing agency, which must be approved by the athletic executive council.
- (2) If the split sample tests negative, the student will be notified and may be required to submit urine specimens, via the vendor, three additional times for one calendar year.
- (3) If the split sample tests positive, the principal will notify the parent/guardian/custodian within 24 hours.

A written notification from the principal will be sent to the parent/guardian/custodian explaining the consequences and options the student athlete has for future participation as an athletic team member. The principal may keep all test results for a period of up to one year.

(4) Confirmed presence of illegal drugs or banned substances from specimens collected following sections

b(1) or b(3) above will be considered a positive result.

Penalty

- a. Denial of participation of interscholastic athletics for one calendar year from the date of enforcement of the violation.
- b. Athletic probation - A student may use his/her one career appeal as defined in the athletic council's Rules of Athletic Participation and enroll in a similar certified chemical dependency program that meets the approval of the athletic executive council. The student must also submit to urine drug testing three additional times during the school year. A denial of participation for the remainder of the sports season will be imposed. The parent /guardian/custodian is responsible for all expenses for the drug recovery program.
- c. Out of season violations will be carried over into the student athlete's next participation season. For example, a positive test during the summer months will preclude the student athlete from participating in a fall sport until the chemical dependency program has been completed and negative test results are received.

- c. Second and subsequent positive results

Penalty Denial of participation in interscholastic athletics for one calendar year from the date of enforcement for the violation.

- d. **SELF REFERRAL*** is designed to provide the opportunity for student athletes to enter a drug recovery program voluntarily. The student athlete will be required to follow the procedures in F(2)(a) of the Student Athlete Drug Testing Program (Administrative Guideline 2431.02).

Penalty The student athlete will be required to follow the procedures in Rule 2b(2), but may continue to be part of the team as a non-participant.

***Self Referral** is defined as an athlete notifying any staff member or coach on a supplemental contract that he or she has participated in illegal drug use within the parameters of the Centerburg Athletic Drug Policy.

- e. **NON-PUNITIVE NATURE OF THE POLICY** No student athlete will be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs or banned substances. The results of drug tests, pursuant to this policy, will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities, absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the Centerburg Local Schools Board of Education will not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the student and the student's parent/guardian/custodian will be notified at least 72 hours before response is made by the Centerburg Local Schools Board of Education, to the extent permitted by such subpoena or legal process.

- f. **ILLICIT AND BANNED SUBSTANCES** For the purpose of this policy, the following drug classes, substances, or their metabolites that can be tested for are considered illicit or banned for Centerburg Local School District student athletes:

Alcohol	Amphetamines	Anabolic Steroids
Barbiturates	Benzodiazepines	Cocaine Metabolites
LSD	Marijuana Metabolites	Methadone
Methaqualone	Nicotine	Opiates
Phencyclidine	Propoxyphene	

Rule 03: Drugs and/or alcoholic beverages

- a. No use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs

Penalty – 1st violation

- (1) Denial of participation for 20% of current or upcoming season in which the athlete participates.
- (2) Completion of a Substance Rehabilitation Counseling program at the expense of the parents of the athlete. (This program must be completed before the athlete can be reinstated.)

Penalty – 2nd offense

- (1) Denial of participation for one (1) calendar year from the time of the incident.
- (2) Complete a full Substance Rehabilitation Program at the expenses of the parents).
- (3) Submit a letter of appeal in month 11 of suspension for reinstatement; if program has been completed.
- (4) Probation for rest of career.

Penalty – 3rd offense

Denial of participation for the remainder of their high school years.

- b. No use or possession of tobacco

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Rule 04: Social Media

The use of email messages, text messages, blogs, websites or other electronic communications to make inflammatory or derogatory comments and/or inappropriate descriptions or pictures regarding another team member, student, coach, another school or team, or staff member is strictly prohibited. A violation of this policy will result in a meeting with the Athletic Director and Principal, and may result in disciplinary actions up to and including suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

Rule 05: Curfews

Curfews will be set and enforced at the discretion of the head coach of each individual team and sport.

Penalty

1st violation Reprimand from coach

2nd violation Suspension from play in the next contest after discovery of the infraction. The athlete will dress for the contest.

Rule 06: Eligibility to try out for another sport after quitting a team

Athletes who quit the team after the first practice may not try out for another sport in the same season unless both coaches mutually agree. If cut from a team it will be at the discretion of the second coach.

Penalty Cannot participate in another sport during that season or until that sport has played its last contest.

Rule 06(a): Multiple sports in the same season

(1) Both coaches must agree

(2) Student-athlete must pick primary sport

(3) Conflict must go to primary sport.

Rule 07: Academic eligibility - grades 9-12

a. In order for a pupil to be eligible during any grading period he or she must have:

(1) been enrolled and attending CHS

(2) not turned age 19 by August 1 of current school year

(3) attended immediate preceding grading period

(4) passed five(5) credits or equivalent of

(5) earned 1.5 GPA in previous grading period

Penalty Denial of participation for the next grading period.

b. Fall Eligibility. At the end of the 4th quarter grading period, a student must have passed the equivalent of 5.0 credit classes and have earned a minimum of 1.5 GPA in order to be eligible for the 1st nine week grading period of the next school year.

Penalty Denial of participation for first quarter grading period

c. Scholastic deficiencies at the end of a grading period

(1) Scholastic deficiencies at the end of grading periods 1, 2 and 3 cannot be removed by night school, tutoring or examinations, other than accorded every other student because of illness certified by a physician and concluded within seven days after the official close of the grading period.

(2) If a student athlete fails to meet the eligibility requirements of the OHSAA he/she is not permitted to make up the deficiency in summer school.

Rule 08: Academic eligibility - middle school

- a. In order for a pupil to be eligible during any grading period he or she must have:
- (1) been enrolled and attending CMS
 - (2) not turned age 15 by August 1 of current school year
 - (3) passed five(5) classes
 - (4) earned 1.5 GPA in previous grading period

Penalty Denial of participation for the next grading period.

- b. O.H.S.A.A. Academic Eligibility Rules For Middle School students
- (1) First grading period of the 7th grade
A student enrolling in the 7th grade for first time will be eligible for the first grading period (six weeks, nine weeks, twelve weeks, semester) regardless of previous academic achievement.
 - (2) All other grading periods of the 7th and 8th grade
Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grades 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period which met five days per week or its equivalent.
- c. O.H.S.A.A. Academic Eligibility: first grading period of the 9th grade
A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period (six weeks, nine weeks, twelve weeks, semester) which met five days per week or its equivalent.

Rule 09: Participation of an ineligible student

- a. At the discretion of the coach, a student who is academically ineligible can participate in practices, team photos and can wear a jersey on game day. They cannot participate in games or scrimmages.
- b. An ineligible student can participate in non-mandatory team camp, open gyms, and practices from June 1- July 31.
- c. An ineligible student whose sport covers more than one nine week grading period who is now eligible may receive a five day opportunity to tryout for that team at the coach's discretion.

Rule 10: Attendance

- a. Must be in attendance at least four periods on the day of a game, and all day following a mid-week contest, unless excused by the principal.
- b. If you miss a practice due to illness or injury, obtain a doctor's release or athletic trainer's release in order to return to practice.
- c. If you are going to miss practice, contact your coach.
- d. If a student is absent the last day of the week and the practice or competition is on a non-school day, the student must give the coach a signed statement from the parent explaining the absence and giving permission to participate.

Penalty Denial of participation of the player for next athletic contest

Rule 11: Personal grooming

- a. Hair will be worn in such a manner as to permit safe participation and appropriate representation of Centerburg Schools.
- b. Individual coaches may have specific hair (including facial hair) guidelines for their sport.

Penalty Denial of participation of all team activities until the athlete complies with the guidelines.

Rule 12: Unauthorized wearing and/or possession of sports equipment

- a. Failure to return issued equipment

Penalty Cannot participate in another sport, or the present sport until the season ends and must pay all replacement costs.

- b. Stealing of school athletic equipment.

Penalty Penalties for Rule a: Ethics Code & General Student Conduct Code for Stealing.

Rule 13: Required athletic eligibility forms

Each student athlete must have the following information on file with the athletic department before athletic eligibility has been established. All requested information must be current and completed properly. All forms can be downloaded from the school website.

Penalty Denial of participation until in compliance.

Rule 14: Electronic devices- Cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, cameras, etc.

- a. The use of any type of camera device is strictly prohibited in locker rooms and buses.
- b. Electronic device use may be restricted at the discretion of the head coach before, during, and after any team functions.
- c. During travel to and from an athletic contest all cell phones must be silenced.
- d. Any music device used during travel must be used with headphones at a low volume and use may be restricted or not permitted by the head coach and/or bus driver.

Penalty Violations will result in confiscation of the device and could result in possible denial of participation.

Rule 15: Parent and athlete requirements

All athletes and parents/guardian/custodian are required to attend an OHSAA mandatory pre-season meeting conducted by the Centerburg Athletic Department and/or the head coach.

Penalty Failure to attend a meeting could result in denial of participation in that sport until a parent attends such a meeting

DENIAL OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Enforcement of Athletic Rules of Participation

- a. These rules apply also to members of the cheerleading squads.
- b. The Rules of Athletic Participation will be enforced when witnessed by or confirmed by a school employee.
 - c. All rules of athletic participation will be enforced during the official school year, beginning with the first practice, and at all times while a student is on school property.
- d. A student athlete is considered to be in that sport season starting on the day of the first official practice.

i.e.: a football player who is planning to participate in basketball, is considered to be in season starting with the first official basketball practice. Therefore, a football player who is planning on participating in basketball will never leave "in season" status.

Written notice

- a. The athlete shall be given written notice by the principal stating the length of the denial of participation.
- b. The reason(s) therefore.
- c. The right of the student to appeal the decision of the principal to the superintendent, Board of Education or their designee.
- d. The student will be notified of the right to be represented at the appeal.

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The Board of Education drug-testing program is a twelve month, total year enforcement.

Varsity letter criteria for each sport

Athlete has met the sport requirements listed below:

- (1) Service to a program: Senior who has participated for a minimum of three years in that sport but has not met the playing time requirements.
- (2) Significant contribution to the success of the team.
- (3) Injury to an athlete before the season ends but was performing at an award earning rate prior to the injury. The athlete continued to attend practices and contests during the injury.
- (4) Any other special situations will be decided by the head coach and athletic director.
- (5) An athlete must complete the season with the team to earn an award.

Managers, statisticians and camera operators

High school students who serve as a manager, statistician or camera operator can earn a letter under the following criteria:

- (1) Attend 90% of practices and contests.
- (2) Contribute significantly to the team.

Awards

Participation	Certificate
1st year letter	Certificate and pin (Varsity C and numerals to vendor)
2nd year letter	Certificate and pin
3rd year letter	White plaque and pin
4th year letter	Red plaque and pin

***OFFICIAL VARSITY JACKET in red body jacket with grey sleeves.

Criteria per sport

Football	Participation in 1/2 of quarters for the season.
Volleyball	Participation in 1/2 of matches played.
Cross Country	Average 7.99 or above for season while running in 1/2 of scheduled events, or finish in top 7 of MBC.
Basketball	Play in 1/2 of quarters played.
Wrestling	Start and wrestle in 1/2 of varsity matches.
Baseball/Softball	Participate in 1/2 of total innings played; if starting pitcher start 1/3 of games played.
Track and Field	Start in 1/2 of meets run or score 35 points for the season.
Cheerleading	Tryout and make the varsity squad and participate all season on that squad

Team awards

Team accomplishments will be awarded to members of that team for the following accomplishments with a patch:

MOAC Championships	Regional Championships
District Championships	Final Four Appearance
State Championships	

Individual awards

Individual accomplishments will be recognized in the following sports:
Boys and Girls Golf, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Track, Boys and Girls Cross Country.

Individuals will be awarded a patch for the following accomplishments:

- MOAC Championship
- District Championship
- Regional Championship
- State Qualifier
- State Championship

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