**SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46**

**EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Purpose:**

School District U-46 intends to develop good citizenship through both academic and extracurricular programs. In particular, athletic and extracurricular programs provide a practical setting for developing leadership, loyalty, judgment, sense of responsibility, self-discipline, and competitiveness. One of the primary tools of the extracurricular program is to provide students and athletes with the lessons and skills necessary for success in all aspects and areas of their lives. Participating in athletics, clubs, and activities is encouraged, but remains a privilege, not a right. Students choosing to participate in these programs bear the responsibility of representing their school within the community at large. As such, students who choose to participate will be held to a higher standard of conduct as a condition of participation.

**Application of the Extracurricular Code:**

Violations of the Extracurricular Code are limited to incidents of misconduct verified by School District U-46 staff, law enforcement agencies, or an admission of guilt by the student. Direct reports from law enforcement agencies of illegal activity will be investigated. An Extracurricular Code of Conduct violation is verified if, by the information available, it appears more likely than not that an Extracurricular Code violation has occurred.

The Extracurricular Code is in effect 24 hours a day, every day of the calendar year. The Extracurricular Code applies to incidents of misconduct on or off school property, whether school is in session or not, and whether a student's sport or activity is in season or not.

**Expectations:**

Student-athletes and activity members will:

1. Attend school, practices, contests, and events.
2. Travel on school-arranged transportation for all events away from school except in unusual circumstances approved by the coach/sponsor and provided that a parent/guardian authorization form is signed by the parent/guardian and provided to the coach/sponsor.
3. Comply with IHSA and School District U46 eligibility standards.
4. Be responsible for all equipment and/or clothing issued for the activity and the return of such equipment at the end of the activity.
5. Adhere to all rules set forth in School District U-46 Student Handbook, Board Policy regarding student discipline, and all other Board Policies. A suspension from school may result in an additional suspension from an athletic or extracurricular program.
6. Display conduct becoming of a School District U-46 representative, including respect for people and property at all times. Administrators, sponsors and coaches prohibit any and all forms of hazing or initiation rights to a club, activity or athletic team. Hazing and bullying activities are strictly forbidden at any time and in any location. Hazing is any humiliating or dangerous activity expected of a student to belong to a team or group, regardless of his or her willingness to participate. (Adapted from the definition of hazing adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations.) Bullying includes cyberbullying and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to place a student in reasonable fear of harm; cause a substantially detrimental effect on a student’s physical or mental health; substantially interfere with a student’s academic performance; or substantially interfere with a student’s ability to participate in or benefit from school services, activities, or privileges. (Adapted from the definition of bullying included in the Board policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.)
7. Abide by activity or team rules as established by the individual sponsors or coaches in consultation with the Athletic and Activities Director.
8. Not use or possess tobacco products of any kind, including vape pens and/or cartridges.
9. Not use or possess any illegal or controlled substance, including marijuana, alcohol, unlawful drugs, "look-alike” drugs, drug paraphernalia, and/or any other substance not prescribed for the student that is used or typically intended to be used to achieve a high or altered mental or physical state as identified in the U-46 Student Code of Conduct.
10. Not attend, host, plan or otherwise participate in parties, gatherings, or ride in automobiles, etc., where students are using or in possession of any illegal or controlled substance, including marijuana, alcohol, unlawful drugs, “look-alike” drugs, drug paraphernalia, and/or any other substance not prescribed for the student that is used or typically intended to be used to achieve a high or altered mental or physical state as identified in the School District U-46 Student Handbook, Board Policy regarding student discipline, and all other Board Policies.
11. Not engage in criminal activity. Criminal activity is defined as any activity that would constitute a violation of any Federal, State or City or Village Ordinance, other than a minor traffic violation. A police citation, arrest, or ticket may be considered a violation of this provision.

**Definitions:**

The following additional definitions will be used in applying this Extracurricular Code:

Possession: Possession includes, but is not limited to, having access to an item in a school locker, personal effects, a vehicle, or other place where the item is located. It is not necessary that a student intends to control the item. A student may acquire knowledge of an item visually, by being told about the item, or through other sensory perceptions. A student's knowledge will be determined based on the surrounding circumstances, not just the student's statements. For example, "forgetting" that an item is in one's locker, personal effects, or vehicle does not constitute a lack of knowledge. Also, for example, coming onto school grounds or to a school-sponsored event in a vehicle that the student knows contains an item constitutes possession of that item, even if the vehicle or the item is not the student's. A police citation, ticket or arrest for possession of any prohibited substance shall constitute possession under this Extracurricular Code. This provision on possession applies to any policy or rule which regulates or prohibits possession of any item, such as weapons or drug paraphernalia, and such substances as tobacco, alcohol, drugs and look-alikes of such items or substances.

Look-alike: A "look-alike” is any substance or item which is not, but reasonably appears to be, or is represented to be, the real substance or item. Examples include: (a) a toy gun which is very difficult to distinguish, except upon close examination, from an actual gun; (b) a green leafy plant material which is not, but is claimed, believed or intended to appear to be, marijuana; and (c) a white powdered substance which is not, but is claimed, believed or intended to appear to be a toxic chemical or biological agent.

Under the Influence: Being under the influence includes, but is not limited to, the emission of the odor of any of these substances, such as having alcohol on the breath, or any impairment of normal functioning, such as slurred speech, inability to walk properly or dilated pupils. A police citation, arrest, or ticket for intoxication shall constitute being under the influence under this Extracurricular Code.

**Procedures for Breach of Extracurricular Code:**

1. When a student is found to be in violation of any section or provision of the Extracurricular Code, a consequence will be assigned by the Athletic and Activities Director and/or the Assistant Principal for Culture and Climate or designee on a case-by-case basis. These consequences may include but are not limited to:
2. Warning
3. Parent/student meeting with coach/sponsor and Athletic and Activities director or the Assistant Principal of Climate and Culture
4. Probation
5. Suspension from team
6. Exclusion from team membership
7. A behavior referral per the District Student Code of Conduct.

Students may also be assigned specific consequences for violations of the Sections of the Extracurricular Code regarding abuse and possession of tobacco, alcohol, and other prohibited substances, as set forth below. During the assigned consequence, the student may be required to practice with the group (unless suspended or expelled from school).

1. In the event a student is found to be in violation of Item H (tobacco use) of the "Expectations" Section above, sanctions include the following:
2. For the first violation of this policy, a student will be suspended from 10% of the scheduled contests/events in which he/she is currently participating. If necessary, the suspension will be carried over from one season/activity to the next or from one year to the next.
3. For the second violation of this policy:
	* 1. If the student enrolls in and successfully completes an approved tobacco cessation program, he/she will be suspended from 20% of the scheduled contests/events in which he/she is currently participating. If necessary, the suspension will be carried over from one season to the next or from one year to the next. If the student does not enroll in or does not successfully complete a smoking cessation program, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and from a percentage of contests/activities next season in which he/she participates to result in a total suspension of one (1) full season or event schedule.
4. For the third offense:
	* 1. If the student enrolls in and successfully completes an approved smoking cessation program, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the current season/event schedule and from a percentage of contests/activities in the next season in which he/she participates to result in a total suspension of one (1) full season or event schedule.
		2. If the student does not enroll in or does not successfully complete a smoking cessation program, he/she will be suspended for twelve (12) consecutive months from all extracurricular programs.
5. For the fourth offense, a student will be removed from all extracurricular programs for the remainder of his/her high school career.
6. In the event a student is found to be in violation of Items I and/or J of the "Expectations” Section above, sanctions include the following:
7. First infraction:
	* 1. If the student enrolls in and successfully completes an approved professional assessment, he/she will be suspended from 20% of the scheduled contests/events in which he/she is currently participating. If necessary, the suspension will be carried over from one season to the next or from one year to the next.
		2. If the student does not enroll in or does not successfully complete an approved professional assessment, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the current season/event schedule and from a percentage of contests in the next season/event schedule in which he/she participates to result in a total suspension of one (1) full season or event schedule.
8. Second infraction:
	* 1. If the student enrolls in and successfully completes an approved assessment program, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the current season/event schedule and for a percentage of scheduled contests/events on the next season/event schedule in which he/she participates to result in a total suspension of one (1) full season or event schedule. If the student does not enroll in or does not successfully complete an approved rehabilitation program, he/she will be suspended for twelve (12) consecutive months from all clubs and teams,

3. Third infraction:

a. The student will be removed from all extracurricular programs for the remainder of his/her high school career. After twelve (12) months, if an approved counselor or substance abuse program is successfully completed, a student may appeal for reinstatement to the Principal or designee. All rehabilitation programs, in order to qualify for purposes of this Extracurricular Code, must have prior approval from the Assistant Principal for Climate and Culture or the Athletic and Activities Director.

D. Scheduled contests/events must be completed in order to satisfy the terms of the

suspension.

E. Students must be participating members of a team/club by the official starting date for

the sport/club. For example, students participating in a winter sport/activity must report for track no more than one (1) week after the completion of their season, as defined by the IHSA, in order to fulfill the participation guidelines.

F. Withdrawal from team membership, prior to completion of an imposed suspension, tolls the suspension period/renders the suspension unsatisfactorily completed.

G. Students who self-report an Extracurricular Code violation to the Athletic and Activities Director, Assistant Principal for Culture and Climate or designee, sponsor, or coach within seventy-two (72) hours of committing the violation may be eligible for a reduction in the consequence.

1. Violations that occur on weekends or other times that school is not in session must

be reported by phone to the appropriate coach/sponsor, Athletic and Activities Director, Assistant Principal for Culture and Climate or designee within the specified time frame.

 2. Violations that result in a police citation, arrest, or ticket may not be eligible to be

included in the self-reporting procedure.

3. Athletic and Activities Director or designee will meet with the student who has self-reported to determine the consequence. Factors that will be considered include: previous disciplinary history, the magnitude of the violation, and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

4. Self-reporting a violation does not guarantee a student-athlete a reduction in

consequence.

5. Self-report a violation to the appropriate building telephone number:

H. Before suspension or dismissal is imposed, the student will be advised of the alleged

breach of the Extracurricular Code and the possible discipline and given an opportunity to respond. A reasonable attempt to contact the parent/guardian will be made within twenty-four (24) hours when imposing a suspension or long-term exclusion from the team. A student and/or his parent(s)/guardian(s) may appeal the suspension or dismissal by submitting a written request for an appeal to the Principal. The Principal shall contact the student and/or parent/guardian to schedule a meeting to hear the appeal within 2 school attendance days of his/her receipt of the request, or as soon as possible. Any suspension or long-term exclusion from the team shall be served pending any appeal unless otherwise specified by the Principal. The Principal shall issue a decision regarding the appeal within 72 hours of the conclusion of the meeting held to discuss such appeal. The decision of the Principal shall be final.

I. Sanctions for any violation that occurs between athletic seasons/event schedules or

during the summer will be enforced during the next season in which the student participates.

J. All students remain subject to the Board’s policies, the District Student Code of Conduct, and the disciplinary measures listed in them.

STUDENT My signature below indicates that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the information in the extracurricular Code. I also understand that the Student Handbook, Board Policy regarding student discipline, and all other Board Policies will remain in effect for one (1) calendar year from the date of signing. This includes winter break, spring break, and the summer months.

PARENT I have read and understand the attached Extracurricular Code, and understand that my student's participation in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular programs while a U46 student are a privilege and not a right, and agree to assist him/her in abiding by these rules, standards, and philosophies.

Students and Parents will be asked to sign this extracurricular Code Agreement prior to each activity or sport in which they participate. Thank you for working together with us in our efforts to make the program(s) successful, educational and enjoyable.

ONLINE ATHLETIC REGISTRATION AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE