

## STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE

### 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### A. PHILOSOPHY

Participation in interscholastic athletics is both a right and a privilege. It is each student's right to be involved in athletics if he/she desires, however, it is also a privilege since it is a co-curricular activity which provides competitive experiences with athletes from other schools and places upon the student the responsibility of representing the school and community. This participation provides experience in skill development, sportsmanship, competitiveness and physical activity. In addition, athletic competition can provide a foundation for school, moral and community support.

- B. The School District of Colfax has adopted an Athletic Policies Handbook, which contains three general categories: General Policies, Coaches Code and Student Athletic Code. Each student will receive only the Student Athletic Code but will be given the remainder of the Policies Handbook upon request.

The policies discussed herein shall apply to all athletes involved in interscholastic athletics, managers, cheerleaders, and Pom Pom personnel in grades seven through twelve.

All members of the above groups shall hereafter be referred to as "athlete" and all persons in charge of coaching or directing a group shall be referred to as "coach". Also all parents or guardians shall be referred to as "parents".

The rules and regulations shall be in effect from the time the athlete and parent sign the agreement (Appendix D), on a continuous basis, for one calendar year. For example: if a girl participates in only volleyball, she will be governed by the Athletic Code through the rest of the school year. Also, if a boy participates in only baseball and signs the code at the beginning of the baseball season, the code shall govern his actions for one calendar year.

The athlete and parent must sign the agreement in Appendix D only once for each school year. This signed agreement must be returned to the athletic director before the athlete can participate in interscholastic athletics in the Colfax Schools.

- C. All students must travel to and from all athletic contests in a vehicle supervised by their coach or designated chaperone. To and from being defined as from the Colfax High School to the opponent's school and back. The school is not responsible for transportation from the home to the school or back from the school to the home. After the athletic contest the students will be returned to the school building from which the students must secure his or her own transportation home.

The only exemption, on occasion, will be if the parent or guardian wishes to give their son or daughter a ride home from the contest. The parent or guardian must give written notification to the coach in advance as well as obtaining prior approval from the office before this regulation will be waived.

### 2. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY AND TRAINING RULES

#### A. Scholastic Eligibility

1. No student may have an "F" in any subject during a grade report period.
2. Any student who received an "F" for any grading period will be ineligible for 15 school days during which time the grades will be reviewed. If the "F" is upgraded, a student will regain eligibility. If the "F" remains the same, the student will remain ineligible.
3. Determination of fall eligibility shall be based on the previous spring term.

## B. Training Rules

1. Athletes shall not use, sell or deliver or have in their possession during the calendar year, item lists below. This regulation has been adopted because of the effect these items have on the athlete and also because of Chapter 161 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

- (a) Intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverages (beer)
- (a) Any form of tobacco
- (b) Illegal drugs or controlled substances as defined by Chapter 161.02 and 161.275 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- (c) Immoral unacceptable conduct, lying and unacceptable behavior.

2. Athletes may not:

- (a) Violate the school's training and grooming rules.
- (b) Commit flagrant violations of game rules.
- (c) Commit acts of vandalism.
- (d) Commit serious and/or continued violations of school regulations.
- (d) Be involved in any immoral, unacceptable conduct, or lying contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and athletic association.

3. Violations

- (a) Violations of Part II B shall be dealt with in the following manner:

**Information pertaining to violations of the rules herein shall be submitted to the Athletic Director or School Authorities in writing. The statement should clearly describe the violation that has occurred, shall be dated and signed by the witness(es). Violations must be reported within twenty school days of the infraction."**

Students who in good faith, refer themselves or parents who refer their son or daughter for help in dealing with Chemical use, will have their penalty reduced as deemed appropriate be the Student's School Counselor and Athletic Director.

1. 1<sup>st</sup>. Offense: Suspension from the team for a minimum of 25% of the total scheduled contests in the sport that he/she is participating and will carry over to the next sport they participate in. The athletic director will reduce this by 50% if the athlete seeks an AODA Assessment from a community agency and follows all recommendations of the assessor.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: (Within one year (twelve months) of the enactment of any previous suspension) the athlete will be suspended for the equivalent of one sport season. (For example: If an athlete is suspended with 40% of a season remaining, then they shall remain suspended 60% of the next season in which they participate). The athletic director may reduce this penalty if the athlete

seeks an AODA assessment from a community agency and follows all of the recommendations of the assessor.

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: (Within 2 years of any pervious suspension) the athlete shall be suspended for one year.

4. The rules and regulations of this code shall apply to a suspended athlete throughout the calendar year.

#### 4. Enactment of Suspension

- (a) If the violation requires suspension, the suspension shall not take effect until due process procedures have been exhausted if desired by the athlete. The athletic director shall determine when the suspension shall take effect.
- (b) Athletes who have committed a violation may not join a sport already in progress in order to serve that penalty.
- (c) If an athlete, under suspension, quits a sport prior to its conclusion, it will be determined that the penalty has not been served.

#### 5. Athletic Council Guidelines

- (a) Any calculations to the number of contests making up a suspension shall be rounded off by normal rounding procedure.

#### 6. Individual Sport Regulations

- (a) These regulations are thus imposed by the individual coaches (e.g. practice attendance, etc.). Each athlete and the Athletic Director shall receive a written copy of these regulations prior to the first scheduled contest.

#### 7. Class Attendance

- (a) The athlete must be in school all day the day of a practice/contest in order to participate. Exceptions, such as medical appointments, etc. may be made in advance and in writing with the high school Principal using normal procedures. Unexcused tardies will count in determining attendance.
- (b) Every effort should be made to attend school the day following a contest if applicable. Repeated failure to do so shall be dealt with by the Principal and the due process guidelines.

### APPENDIX D

Please complete this page and return it to the head coach before the first scheduled practice. The medical information (Part I) is not mandatory. However, you will not be allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition before Part II is completed and returned.

#### PART I

In case of possible injury to my son or daughter please contact the medical persons listed below if possible:

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Dentist \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

PART II

TO BE COMPLETE BY ATHLETE(S):

I have read and understand the rules and regulations as stated in the Colfax high School Athletic Code and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations so stated.

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT:

I have read and understand the rules and regulations as stated in the Colfax High School Athletic Code.

I hereby give my permission to allow a Licensed Athletic Trainer, Family Physician or Orthopedic Surgeon to inform the coaches, physical education teachers and athletic director of the medical condition or injury pertaining to the student athlete.

I also attest to the fact that the above named student(s) has not been hospitalized or suffered any serious illness or injury since the time of their last physical examination. If the above has suffered a hospitalization or serious injury, another physical examination may be required before he/she may compete.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: RETURN THIS PAGE ONLY. YOU SHOULD KEEP THE REMAINDER OF THE ATHLETIC HANDBOOK.**

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## APPENDIX A

The following are criteria for earning a varsity letter at Colfax High School.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Each athlete must participate during the entire season. An athlete who quits will not receive a varsity letter. Special consideration shall be given to an athlete injured during the season and because of that injury does not meet the minimum requirements.

- NOTE:
- (a) Excused absence will be permitted if the coaches notified prior to practice of performance. The coach will determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.
  - (b) The coaching staff reserves the right to award a letter to any individual that displays exceptional dedication and desire but fails to meet the minimum requirements.

### Baseball

1. Must participate in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the varsity games

### Boys Basketball

1. Participate in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total quarters during the season.

### Girls Basketball

1. Participate in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total quarters during the season.

### Cheerleading

1. Must be a varsity cheerleader
2. Must attend 90% of all practice sessions.
3. Must attend all games/matches unless excused by the coach.

### Football

1. An athlete must play in at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the quarters of varsity competition.

### Pom Poms

1. Must complete one full year on the squad.
2. Must attend all required practices unless excused by the coach.
3. Must have participated in all required performances unless excused by the coach.

### Softball

1. Must have completed in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of all varsity games.

### Track

1. Must participate in 70% of all varsity track meets.
2. The athlete must participate in the Conference or Regional meets.
3. The athlete must attend 90% of the practices.
4. Must earn 20 points or more per season.

### Golf

1. Must have competed in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the varsity contests.

### Volleyball

1. The athlete must play in at least one game in half the total matches. For example: if there are 12 matches during the season, the athlete must play in at least 6 games.
2. Attend 90% of the scheduled practices.
3. Coaching staff evaluation for those not meeting the above.

### Cross Country

1. The athlete must participate in 70% of the meet as a varsity runner.
2. The athlete must show improvement as seen by coach.

