

Hillsboro High School

2009-10 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct is adopted by the Board of Education of Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 to apply to students participating in IHSA sports and activities. Other school-sponsored clubs and organizations may, at the discretion of the activity sponsor, elect to follow this Code. This Code applies in addition to other policies concerning student conduct and imposes additional requirements on students. It is intended to promote the health and safety of students and to encourage the development of self-discipline and self-control in students, which are attributes the Board finds to be necessary to make participation in extracurricular activities successful and rewarding for students as well as for the organizations in which the students participate.

The Board finds that students who participate in IHSA sports and activities are perceived by students and the public as representatives of the school and other students. They are provided certain privileges and services not available to other students. The Board determines that it is necessary for the maintenance of discipline, and to promote exemplary conduct, that additional rules apply, unique to these sports and activities.

The Board determines that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. There is no right of students to participate in IHSA sports and activities. If a student fails to comply with the rules and requirements set forth in this policy, the privilege to participate in extracurricular activities may be lost in accordance with this policy.

The rules set forth in this Conduct Code apply to all high school students in grades 9 – 12. Middle school students will assume high school status the day after completion of middle school. The Code applies both in and out of season of the sports or activities in which each student participates, during summers, holidays and vacation, on and off campus, and whether or not misconduct occurs at a school or school-sponsored activity.

Students will not be allowed to participate in IHSA sports or activities unless school officials are provided with an Extracurricular Activity form signed by the parent and student indicating receipt and understanding of this Extracurricular Code of Conduct. Additionally, students must meet the academic eligibility and enrollment and residency requirements established by the Board of Education of Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 and the Illinois High School Association

General Rules for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

Participants shall at all times abide by the rules of their activity or sport. Unsportsmanlike behavior is prohibited.

Participants' conduct in and out of school shall not reflect negatively on their school or create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in the school.

Participants who violate this conduct code are subject to dismissal from the activity at the discretion of the sponsor, coach or building principal. Participants are also subject to such other penalties designated by the rules of the activity sponsor or coach.

1. Students are responsible for the care of uniforms and equipment issued by the school. Students will be billed for the cost of repairing or replacing uniforms or equipment that are damaged or lost. Students who have not returned uniforms or equipment from a sport will not be issued uniforms/equipment in a subsequent sport or activity.
2. Hazing is prohibited and students will be subject to disciplinary action under this Policy and under the school disciplinary policies.
3. Student participants shall conform to rules specified by the sponsor or coach of the activity or sport in which the student participates. Those rules may include rules regarding grooming. Activity sponsors and coaches are authorized to impose discipline with regard to activities or sports at their discretion for violation of school rules or those additional rules imposed by the sponsor or coach.
4. Stealing of athletic, extracurricular or other school equipment or the property of others is prohibited. Extracurricular participants who steal property or equipment may be dismissed from such extracurricular sport or activity and/or subject to school discipline.
5. The building principal, athletic director and/or activity sponsor may impose penalties for violations of rules in this section. Coaches and activity sponsors or coaches may impose penalties for violations of rules established by them. Oral notification of penalty is sufficient, but students shall be permitted to meet with the coach or activity sponsor to discuss the situation prior to the time the penalty is imposed.

Use of Alcohol and/or Tobacco

Use, possession, distribution, purchase, or sale of alcohol or tobacco (smoking or smokeless) at any time during the calendar year is prohibited.

For any infraction involving alcohol or tobacco, a meeting shall be held with the student, the building principal and the athletic director and/or activity sponsor. The student may not attend any practice or event until after the conference has been held. This meeting shall be held as soon as it is reasonably possible. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified of the outcome of the meeting.

- A. First Violation: If it is determined by the administration that the student is guilty of an infraction involving alcohol or tobacco, the student will be suspended for one half of the regularly scheduled contests (to include post season play if the violation occurs in the second half of the season) of the sport or activity season in which the student is currently participating or the next sport or activity season in which the student regularly participates. A student may not join a sport or activity in which he or she has not previously participated in order to serve a suspension during that sport or activity. If less than one-half (50%) of the sport or activity season remains, or the

student is not currently participating in a sport or activity, the suspension will continue into the next sport or activity season. For example, if a student is suspended with twenty-five percent (25%) of a season remaining, he or she will be suspended for the remainder of that season and the first twenty-five percent (25%) of the next sport or activity season in which he or she participates. A penalty imposed hereunder may carry over to the following school year. The student may be required to practice with the group regardless of the violation (unless suspended or expelled from school).

- B. Second Violation: If a student commits a second infraction involving alcohol or tobacco at any time during his or her high school career, the student will be suspended from participation in any sport or activity described herein for a period of one school calendar year.
- C. Third Violation: If a student commits a third infraction involving alcohol or tobacco at any time during his or her high school career, the student will be prohibited from participation in any sport or activity described herein for the remainder of his or her high school career.

Use/Possession/Distribution of Drugs

Use, possession, distribution, purchase, or sale of illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, or drug-related paraphernalia or the illegal use, possession, distribution or sale of prescription drugs at any time during the calendar is prohibited.

For any infraction involving illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, drug-related paraphernalia, or prescription drugs, a meeting shall be held with the student, the building principal and the athletic director and/or activity sponsor. The student may not attend any practice or event until after the conference has been held. This meeting shall be held as soon as is reasonably possible. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified of the outcome of the meeting.

- A. First Violation: If it is determined by the administration that the student is guilty of an infraction involving illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, drug-related paraphernalia, or prescription drugs the student will be suspended from participation in any sport or activity for a period of one school calendar year.
- B. Second Violation: If a student commits a second infraction involving illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, drug-related paraphernalia, or prescription drugs during his or her high school career, the student will be suspended from participation in any sport or activity described herein for the remainder of his or her high school career.

Other Criminal Offenses

If a student commits any other criminal offense, the student will be disciplined under this policy for a period of time in accordance with the schedule below.

- A student who is arrested or charged with a crime may be temporarily suspended from participation in extracurricular activities until the matter has been adjudicated. The length of the temporary suspension shall not exceed the length of suspension for conviction.

- If convicted of a misdemeanor, the student will be restricted from athletics for one-half of the regularly scheduled contests in which the student is currently participating or the next sport or activity season in which the student regularly participates. A student may not join a sport or activity in which he or she has not previously participated in order to serve a suspension during that sport or activity. If less than one-half of the sport or activity season remains, or the student is not currently participating in a sport or activity, the suspension will continue into the next sport or activity season.
- If convicted of a felony, the student will be restricted from athletics for one school calendar year.

Further Procedures

The procedures and rules of conduct set forth above shall apply irrespective of whether at the time of the infraction the student was participating in an IHSA sport or activity. For example, if a student commits an act which would be an infraction under this code in the fall semester, but participates for the first time in a sport or activity in the spring semester, the procedures and penalties shall apply immediately as of the time the student first begins to participate in sports or activities under this extracurricular code of conduct.

If a student self-reports an infraction of the Code involving alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or criminal offenses, a one year or less period of suspension will be reduced by 50%. Infractions that would result in a career suspension will be reduced to a period of one school calendar year. For a suspension to be reduced, report of an infraction must be made to the activity sponsor or coach, the athletic director, or a building administrator within seventy-two (72) hours of the offense or prior to the next athletic competition, whichever occurs first.

Suspension for multiple infractions involving alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or criminal offenses (whether those infractions occur in the same season or subsequent seasons) will be cumulative. Additionally, a student who has committed multiple infractions will be reinstated only after a conference with the parents and only if the student provides proof that he/she has received professional counseling.

Any student participant and/or parent or guardian shall have the right to appeal any action taken pursuant to this policy by contacting the activity sponsor or coach within three days of receiving notice of the imposition of any sanction or penalty. A three member advisory council consisting of the principal, the athletic director, and the coach or sponsor of the activity will review the student's case. A decision of the advisory council may be appealed to the Board of Education.

A decision to suspend a student participant for the remainder of his or her high school career may be reviewed annually for purposes of considering the student's reinstatement.

IHSA Steroid Testing Policy

Any student-athlete who ingests or otherwise uses substance from the IHSA's banned drug classes, without written permission by a licensed physician, to treat a medical condition, violates IHSA By-law 2.170 and its subsections, and is subject to IHSA penalties, including ineligibility from competition.

Athletic Eligibility Rules

To be eligible for interscholastic sports participation, IHSA rules must be followed as minimum standards for all interscholastic competition in any member high school. The principal is responsible for seeing that only eligible students represent the school in interscholastic athletics. Any questions concerning athletic eligibility should be referred to the principal.

School Attendance/Residency

1. A student may represent only the school he/she attends. Furthermore, eligibility is dependent on the location of residence where you live full time with his/her parents, the parent who has been assigned custody by the court, or a court appointed legal guardian.
2. A student must be enrolled and attending classes in his/her high school no later than the beginning of the eleventh day of the semester.
3. If a student attends school for ten or more days during any one semester, it will count as one of the eight semesters of high school attendance during which he/she may possibly have athletic eligibility.
4. If a student has a lapse in school connection for ten or more consecutive school days during a semester, he/she is subject to ineligibility for the rest of the semester. The specific terms of the extended absence must be reviewed by the Executive Director to determine if it is "lapse in school connection".

Scholastic Standing

The HCUSD School Board requires that each student participant in IHSA sports and activities pass twenty credit hours of high school work per week, in addition to passing Physical Education. Generally, twenty credit hours is the equivalent of four "full credit" courses. Additionally, a student must have passed and received credit toward graduation for twenty credit hours of high school work from the previous high school semester to be eligible during the next semester.

Physical Examination

A student must have placed on file with the principal a current certificate of physical fitness, signed by a licensed physician or physician's assistant, in order to practice or participate in interscholastic sports. The student's physical examination is current for only one year from the date of the physical exam.

Proof of Insurance

All participants in interscholastic sports must purchase school accident insurance or provide proof of health and/or accident insurance coverage in order to participate in interscholastic sports. Athletic fees do not pay for insurance.

Consent for Steroid Testing

In accordance with the IHSA steroid testing policies, no student-athlete may participate in IHSA state series competition unless the student and student's parent /guardian consent to random testing.

Hillsboro High School 2009-10 Extracurricular Activity Form

As a parent or guardian, I have received a copy of the Hillsboro High School Student Handbook and the Hillsboro High School Extracurricular Code of Conduct and have read and understood their contents.

Signed: _____ Date _____ X
(parent/guardian)

As a student, I have received a copy of the Hillsboro High School Student Handbook and the Hillsboro High School Extracurricular Code of Conduct and have read and understood their contents. By choosing to participate in an extracurricular activity or sport, I agree to abide by these rules.

Signed: _____ Date _____ X
(student)

Hillsboro High School Verification of Insurance Form

We, as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____, X
(student)

do hereby attest to the fact that we have secured health and/or athletic accident insurance coverage for him/her while a participant in interscholastic sports at Hillsboro High School. This insurance coverage is equal to or better than the school approved athletic accident insurance. For that reason, we do not wish to purchase school approved athletic accident insurance.

(Parent/Guardian) X

Date X

Hillsboro High School Athletic Fees

Hillsboro High School assesses an athletic fee for all students who participate in interscholastic sports. The amount of the athletic fee is \$50. This single fee covers all sports in which a student participates in a given school year. Students will not receive numerals, letters, or bars unless the athletic fee for a given sport has been paid. Students who have applied for and are eligible for free/reduced lunch may ask to have their athletic fees waived.