

## **Hillsboro Junior High School Extracurricular Activities Conduct Code**

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 competitive and performing extracurricular activities in grades 6 – 8. This policy 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 junior high school extracurricular 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 to extracurricular activities, unique to those activities.

The Board determines that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. There is no right of students to participate in athletic competition, or to participate in particular sports or cheerleading activities, or any school governed extracurricular activity. 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 policy apply to the student commencing with entrance into the sixth grade and continue to apply to the student until the completion of his or her junior high school career. The conduct 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. The conduct code applies to a student participating in extracurricular activities for the duration of his or her junior high school career.

The extracurricular organizations governed by this Code include all athletic programs, cheerleading, and academic team. Other school-sponsored clubs and organizations may, in the discretion of the activity sponsor, elect to follow this Code.

Students desiring to participate in any such extracurricular activity are required to have on file in the school office an Extracurricular Activity Form. Such forms shall be provided to students and parents or guardians with the Extracurricular Code of Conduct. Students participating in extracurricular activities and a parent or guardian shall sign the form indicating that they have read and understood this Policy regarding participation in extracurricular activities.

## **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 permitted by the rules of the activity sponsor or coach.

The conduct code applies both in and out of season of the sports or activities in which each student/athlete participates, during summers, holidays and vacations, on and off campus, and whether or not misconduct occurs at a school or school-sponsored event.

Students will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities unless school officials are provided with an Extracurricular Activity form signed by the parent and student, and unless they meet the academic eligibility requirements established by the Board of Education of Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 and the Illinois Elementary School Association.

1. The student shall be responsible for the protection of his/her personal effects. The student's personal property should be properly secured and locked up at all times when the student is not present.
2. Horseplay by extracurricular participants at a school or school-sponsored activity is prohibited.
3. Student participants shall conform to rules specified by the activity sponsor and/or coach of the extracurricular program in which the student participates. Those activity sponsor or coaching rules may include rules regarding grooming. Activity sponsors and coaches are authorized to impose discipline with regard to extracurricular programs, in their discretion, for violation of school rules or those additional rules imposed by the activity 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 will be dismissed from such extracurricular activity.
5. The building principal, athletic director and/or activity sponsor may impose penalties for violations of rules in this section, except coaches and activity sponsors 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.

6. If a student commits a criminal offense at any time during the school calendar year in which the extracurricular activity occurs, the student may be disciplined under this Policy in accordance with the schedule attached.

Conviction for a criminal offense is conclusive evidence that the student committed the offense. Other evidence may also demonstrate that an offense occurred, but mere arrest or charges are insufficient in and of themselves to show that the student participant committed the offense.

#### **Use of Alcohol and/or Tobacco**

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

For any infraction involving alcohol or tobacco, a meeting shall be held with the student, a parent or guardian, 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.

- A. First Violation: If it is determined by the activity sponsor or coach that the student is guilty of an infraction involving alcohol or tobacco, the student will be suspended for a period of time equal to one-half 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 the following school year.
- B. Second Violation: If a student commits a second infraction involving alcohol or tobacco at any time during his or her junior high school career, the student will be suspended from participation in any sport or activity described herein for a period of one calendar year.
- C. Third Violation: If a student commits a third infraction involving alcohol or tobacco at any time during his or her junior high school career, the student will be prohibited from participation in any sport or activity described herein for the remainder of his or her junior high school career.

#### **Use of Illegal Drugs**

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

For any infraction involving illegal drugs or look-alike drugs, or the use possession, distribution, purchase or sale of drug-related paraphernalia, a meeting shall be held with the student, a parent or guardian, 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.

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

#### **Further Procedures**

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

- A. Appeals: 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 sanctions 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. The decision shall be final, unless the Board of Education elects to review the case, in which event the decision of the Board of Education shall be final.
- B. The permanent dismissal of a student will be reviewed annually for purposes of considering the student's reinstatement.

### **Athletic Eligibility Rules**

When you become a member of an interscholastic athletic team, you will find that both your school and the IESA will have rules you must follow in order to be eligible for interscholastic sports participation. IESA rules must be followed as minimum standards for all interscholastic athletic competition in any member junior high school.

The principal of your school is responsible for seeing that only eligible students represent the school in interscholastic athletics. Any questions concerning your athletic eligibility should be referred to your principal, who has a complete copy of all IESA eligibility rules, including the Association's due process procedures.

### **Scholastic Standing**

You must be passing all school subjects per week. An "F" in any given week will result in ineligibility for the following Monday through Saturday.

### **Physical Examination**

You must annually have placed on file with your principal a current certificate of physical fitness, signed by a licensed physician, in order to practice or participate in interscholastic sports. A physical examination is good 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.

## **Hillsboro Junior High School Extracurricular Activity Form**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian)

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(student)

## **Hillsboro Junior High School Verification of Insurance Form**

We, as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(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 Junior 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.

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(Father/Guardian)

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(Mother/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date