

Student Name _____ Date _____

Purpose:

Participation in athletics in Allegany County Public Schools is a privilege. The participant comprises much of the visible student leadership in our schools; therefore, the participant must accept the responsibility of projecting a positive image to younger students and the greater community as a representative of his/her school.

I. Rules of Conduct:

Violations of the following rules of proscribed conduct will result in disciplinary action:

- A. Misconduct on school property or at a school sponsored function which also results in the athlete being charged with a Reportable Offense(s) in accordance with Annotated Code § 7-303 and COMAR 13A.08.01.17.
- B. Possession or use of alcohol
- C. Possession, use or showing evidence of use, sale, or distribution of controlled dangerous substances, including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, look-a-like drugs, and substances represented as controlled substances or drug paraphernalia (unless documentation on file that a student may self carry)
- D. Possession or use of tobacco
- E. Insubordination or use of profanity to any faculty member, school administrator, coach, advisor, or game official
- F. Flagrant misconduct and misbehavior in school
- G. Misbehavior or misconduct in the community
- H. Absences from school, or tardiness to school, announced meetings, activities, practices, etc. in accordance with school and/or team rules

II. Consequences

An athlete who has been suspended or expelled from school shall be prohibited from participating in athletics during the period of suspension or expulsion. Such athlete shall also be prohibited from participating in athletics for remainder of the season in which the infraction occurred if such infraction constitutes a violation of A, B, or C above. If mitigating circumstances exist for A, B, and C above, the administrator may impose disciplinary action ranging from a suspension for 20% of the seasonal remaining games to dismissal from the team. The student will be required to practice when a lesser penalty is applied. If the athlete violates provision C above the athlete must present a negative drug screening to the principal prior to returning to the team.

Violations of rules of conduct D through H will result in disciplinary actions ranging from a conference to a suspension and/or dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season. The principal, in collaboration with the coach/advisor, shall make the decision on the disciplinary action.

III. Minimum Academic Standards

- A. Eligibility for a marking period shall be determined by the student's grades for the most recently completed marking period.
- B. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- C. All new 9th grade students are eligible to participate in the first quarter of 9th grade.

IV. Health and Safety

- A. Documentation of a physical must be on file as a condition of participation. A form can be obtained at www.boe.allconet.org (See Exhibit JJIC-E-1).
- B. Any athlete exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall:
 - 1. Immediately be removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.
 - 2. Seek medical attention from a health care provider experienced in evaluating possible concussions;
 - 3. Submit a return to play form to coach and school.
- C. Any athlete who exhibits signs of skin infections (signs of infection include redness, warmth, swelling, pain and/or drainage) shall:
 - 1. Immediately be removed from practice or contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional.
 - 2. Seek medical attention from a health-care provider experienced in evaluating the infection.
 - 3. Submit a return to play form to coach and school.

Appeal Procedure:

Appeals for reinstatement in athletics may be made to the building principal with a further appeal to the Superintendent of Schools or designee. Students shall remain ineligible from participation in athletics through the conclusion of the due process.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide to the above rules of conduct governing participation in athletics, and have received information regarding concussions and steps to be completed before returning to play, in the Allegany County Public School System.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____