

ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

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It is a privilege to participate in athletics. When representing an Allen Park Public School team in athletic competition, the general appearance, dress, and conduct must be such as to bring credit to the athlete, the team, the school, and the community. The privilege of being on an athletic team carries the responsibilities of setting good examples, on and off campus, including the MHSAA sanctioned season, as well as all off-season programs.

- On the field of competition, your behavior should be beyond reproach at all times.
- In the classroom, a good athlete becomes a good student. A person can't be a classroom laggard and think he/she can be an outstanding athlete.
- The way we act and look in school is of great importance. Athletes should be leaders and positive role models.
- The athlete will refrain from the use of profanity at all times.
- The athlete always works for the betterment and advancement of his/her school.
- The athlete supports other athletic teams and makes every effort to attend other school activities.
- The athlete obeys the specific training and practice rules set down by his/her coach.
- The athlete understands that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal drugs is harmful to the body and hinders maximum effort and performance in the classroom and in athletic competition.

These regulations govern the athlete's behavior and are in addition to sanctions outlined in the Code of Conduct. **Athletes may not participate in a sport until the following items have been completed:**

- A current physical examination completed and forms turned into the athletic office.
- All eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Each student must pass a minimum of 4 classes per semester to remain eligible per the MHSAA. In addition to the MHSAA requirement, if students are currently doing poorly in 2 or more classes (2 E's, 3 D's or a combination), they are ineligible for a minimum of one week or until they raise their grade.
- Athletic Code of Conduct contract is signed by athlete and parent and is on file in the athletic office along with all pay to participate forms and money.

The Allen Park High School Athletic Department recognizes the use of mood-altering chemicals as a significant health problem for many adolescents resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning, and the total development of each individual.

1. A student-athlete shall not use a beverage containing alcohol, use tobacco in any form, or use/consume, have possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance. In the event that the student-athlete chooses to make one of those poor choices, that student will earn the following:
 - First Offense: suspension for 1/3 of the season or sit out 1/9 of the season and successfully complete a substance abuse class, at no expense to the school district. The suspended athlete is expected to continue to practice, accompany the team, and sit on the bench in street clothes.
 - Second Offense: suspension from athletics for one calendar year or immediate suspension from all competition for an equivalent of 1/3 the MHSAA maximum competition dates and completion of a substance abuse assessment/evaluation at no cost to the district.
 - Third Offense: Immediate suspension for one calendar year and successful completion of substance abuse program.

Any student-athlete found in possession or use of illegal drugs, or narcotic substances including steroids will earn:

- First Offense: suspension from athletics for one calendar year or immediate suspension from all contests for 1/3 of the MHSAA maximum competition dates and completion of a substance abuse assessment/evaluation.
 - Second Offense: Immediate suspension for one calendar year and successful completion of a substance abuse treatment program.
 - Third Offense: Immediate and permanent expulsion from all athletic competitions for the remainder of the athlete's public school career.
2. An athlete will be present in school at least half of the school day to be eligible to participate in practice and/or game that day.
 3. An athlete will not use profanity, obscenities, gestures, or display any acts of gross disrespect or insubordination in or out of uniform.
 4. Athletes are expected to ride to and from an athletic contest on school supplied transportation Monday – Friday. The district will not provide transportation on the weekends. Athletes can return home from a contest with their parents/guardian (only) provided they have made prior arrangements with an administrator.
 5. Players will dress in the prescribed manner set by the coach to all road contests.
 6. The student-athlete that has earned a suspension from athletics for one calendar year or more as a result of his/her poor choice has the right to appeal the decision in writing within 24 hours of the discipline being given. The athletic director will then have the responsibility to notify the Educational Athletic Committee who will conduct the hearing within 3 school days of the notice. The members of the Educational Athletic Committee will consist of:
 - High School Principal or Assistant Principal
 - Middle School Athletic Director
 - Parent of the student-athlete's choice
 - 1) All members will have the power to cast one vote on any and all business brought before the board. A simple majority will be necessary to pass or defeat any supported motion placed before the Committee.
 - 2) As soon as a decision has been reached, the chairperson of the Committee will inform all parties.
 - 3) The Committee's decision is final with no further appeal.
 - Disciplines shall be accumulative. Penalties shall begin with the athlete's participation on a Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity Team and will carry over from one sport to another until completed.

As a member of an Allen Park High School team, I fully understand and agree to abide by the above code.