



## CODE OF CONDUCT AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES OF CLARKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. It is a privilege, not a right, to participate on an interscholastic team. Therefore, this privilege can be revoked for improper conduct of a student at school or in the community. Any appeal of the revocation of this privilege may be made through the Athletic Director's office.
2. The student-athlete shall be a regular bona-fide student in good standing of the school, which he/she represents.
3. A student-athlete who is apprehended by a school official for having on their person smoking, dipping, and/or chewing tobacco products will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season. This includes e-cigarettes and other similar devices.
4. On the student-athlete's first offense, a student-athlete who is caught stealing will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the athletic season.
5. It is understood that being found in possession of drugs/alcohol and testing positive on the drug test are different events and carry different penalties or conditions.
  - *THE CODE OF VIRGINIA STATES THAT POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS MAY RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL. ANY STUDENT FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE TEAM. THAT STUDENT MUST MEET WITH THE PRINCIPAL AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR BEFORE THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY ANOTHER SPORT. ANY STUDENT INVOLVED IN THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT A SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS UP TO AND INCLUDING EXPULSION.*
6. In order to be eligible to try out for or to participate in any school-sponsored interscholastic athletic program, the student-athlete must agree to submit to a physical examination and random drug analysis. The physical exam must be conducted after May 1 for participation in athletics for the upcoming school year and must be completed before the student will be allowed to participate in any manner. All student-athletes must agree to the random drug testing throughout the season; a parent or guardian must also signify agreement with this policy in writing.
7. Every student-athlete will be encouraged to maintain a grade letter of "C" or better in every class during the season.
8. A student-athlete who is suspended to site (F&M Building) will receive the following consequences:
  - First Offense – A conference with the parent/guardian, coach and athletic director. The student-athlete will also receive a one game suspension upon return to the high school.
  - Second Offense – The student-athlete will be dismissed from the team. In order for the student-athlete to be eligible for another sport he/she must have a conference with the athletic director.
9. Student-athletes must obey all team rules as well as policies and regulations of both the school and school division, including local, state and federal law. Student-athletes are accountable for their actions during contests, at school or away from school, 7 days per week, 24 hours per day, while in their athletic season.
10. If a student-athlete is ejected from a contest by an official, the player will not participate in the next contest unless successfully appealed. Then the situation will be reviewed by the coach, the player, the athletic director, and the school administration prior to final action being taken by the administration. Action could range from no additional restrictions to suspension for the rest of the season.
11. Social-Media: Student athletes are held to the student use policy and rules of good sportsmanship regarding other teams, schools, officials, etc. as it applies to all social media postings. Those that do not adhere to the rule may face team and/or school consequences.
12. Attendance criteria: It is expected that student athletes be in attendance at school the ENTIRE school day to be eligible to participate in practice and/or athletic contests; the only exception is a doctor and/or court note, and must be approved by administration.
- 13. NO STUDENT-ATHLETE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRY OUT FOR A TEAM UNTIL OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS ARE MET AND REQUIRED ATHLETIC FORMS ARE COMPLETED (CODE OF CONDUCT, DRUG TESTING, PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM, INSURANCE RELEASE, AND EMERGENCY RELEASE.)**

My signature verifies that I have read all relevant athletic policies of Clarke County Public Schools. I understand and accept the above criteria and the Code of Conduct for Athletes of Clarke County Schools as prerequisites to being allowed to participate on an athletic squad. If I am unclear about any policies, it is my responsibility to contact my coach or athletic director.

PARENT SIGNATURE/DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE/DATE \_\_\_\_\_