

Steubenville City School District  
Athletic Code of Conduct

The Steubenville City Schools Board of Education recognizes that participation in athletics is a **Privilege, not a right**, and that those students involved in athletic competition participate voluntarily under certain obligations and restrictions required of all team members. The Board of Education believes that due to high visibility, student-athletes have a strong influence on members of the student body as well as the community. A student-athlete's conduct while representing a team, traveling to or from an event, as well as in the community, is seen as a direct reflection upon the athletic program and the standards of Steubenville City Schools. **This Code of Conduct applies at all times to all Steubenville City School student-athletes, whether in or out of school.**

To allow that each student-athlete reaches his or her potential, a degree of self-discipline is required of each participant. Self-discipline involves compliance with rules and regulations regarding personal behavior. Rules promote order and safety and assist participants to achieve maximum performance potential.

The nature of competitive athletics demands that each participant attain and maintain his or her best possible physical and mental condition. Student-athletes involved in the athletics program shall not possess, use, sell, offer to sell, deliver, conceal, consume, or be under the influence of any drugs of abuse; alcohol, tobacco, tobacco-related products, illegal drugs, controlled narcotics, intoxicants, steroids, or other performance-enhancing drugs, or any substance that is directly or indirectly represented to be a drug of abuse (or look-alike). Use of drugs authorized by a medical prescription for the student-athlete from a licensed physician shall not be considered a violation of this policy.

In a case where the student-athlete possesses, uses, is under the influence of, sells or distributes drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any chemical either on or off school property or at a school related activity, the **student-athlete may be, but is not limited to** being, suspended or expelled from school, denied the privilege to participate in athletics according to the handbook, counseled in school, referred to an outside counseling agency and reported to the law enforcement authorities. The specific course of action will be determined after the consideration of all factors in the case by the coach, athletic director, or principal.

Student-athletes who are under the Athletic Code of Conduct are representatives of Steubenville City Schools and are expected to behave as model students and citizens in and out of school. **Student-athletes may be denied participation** for display of behavior which reflects negatively on the student, team, or school. Denial will be determined by the high school administration and or coach according to the severity of the infraction.

This regulation shall be posted in a central location in each school building, and each student-athlete shall receive and acknowledge receipt of this regulation before commencement of the season of the sport being played.

**The Steubenville City School District Athletic Code of Conduct is approved by the Board of Education as a part of Steubenville High School Student Handbook and exists as guidelines. The Superintendent and/or designee reserve the right to amend and/or deviate from these guidelines as they deem appropriate.**

## Athletic Waivers/Participation

Athletic waivers will be granted in accordance with OHSAA rules and regulations. Open enrollment students who wish to participate in City school athletic programs will also follow OHSAA rules and regulations. All eligibility guidelines will follow the rules of eligibility standards set by the OHSAA

## Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy

### IN SEASON

#### ALCOHOL

- 1st offense** Student will be suspended for a minimum of 10% of games. Principal, athletic director, coach, guidance, counselor and parents will set up an alcohol awareness program for student to adhere to.
- 2nd offense** Student will be suspended for the remainder of season. Student can return the following year upon consent to random testing.
- 3rd offense** Student may not participate in athletics for the remainder of the year.

#### Drugs

- 1st offense** Student will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season. Meet with principal, athletic director, coach, guidance counselor and parents to set up drug awareness program.
- 2nd offense** Student suspended for remainder of school year, to return the following year only after agreeing to random drug testing for the remainder of high school provided by the parents.
- 3rd offense** Student may not participate in athletics during high school.

#### TOBACCO

- 1st offense** will contact parent to meet with coach and athletic director.
- 2nd offense** contact parent and be suspended for 10% of contests.
- 3rd offense** will be removed from team.

### OUT OF SEASON (DRUG & ALCOHOL)

- 1st offense** will contact parents and meet with athletic director & coach.
- 2nd offense** will contact parents and meet with the athletic director and coach to set up a drug and alcohol awareness program.
- 3rd offense** suspended from athletics for the remainder of year.

## Grooming

Hair-No alternative styles and length must be kept neat and presentable.  
Earrings-Not accepted in school or any school activities.

## Citizenship

Student-athletes who are under the Athletic Code of Conduct are representatives of Steubenville City Schools and are expected to behave as role models for other students in and out of school. Student-athletes may be denied participation for displays of behavior which reflect negatively on the student, team, or school. Failure of good citizenship may result in loss of eligibility and/or participation privileges in all levels of athletic activity.

Good citizenship is demonstrated by

1. Respect for others regardless of race, sex, age, disability, nationality, religion, or other personal characteristics protected by law from discriminatory treatment.
2. Refusal to engage in conduct intended to intimidate, harass, or cause emotional distress in others, including any form of hazing or hazing-like activities, and including communications made through social media or other electronic means.
3. Being supportive of other in your school, on your team, and in your community, and putting the success of others above your own personal success or achievement.
4. Adherence to the law, school rules, and the rules of your team.

## Conviction of a Crime

1. Conviction of a crime (other than a minor traffic offense) or adjudication of delinquency for the commission of any act which would constitute a felony offense if committed by an adult will render a student ineligible for participation in athletics at any level for a period of one (1) year (12 calendar months) following the student's release from incarceration. Conviction or adjudication of lesser offenses may result in ineligibility for participation in athletics at any level for such lesser period of time as the Superintendent and/or Athletic Director may deem appropriate.
2. Upon an arrest or charge, an athlete will be suspended from his or her team until a final determination has made as to guilt. If proceedings result in a conviction or adjudication of delinquency, further participation in athletics will be determined under the preceding paragraph. If there is no determination of guilt on any charge, the student may resume participation, subject to all other provisions of this Policy and the Student Code of Conduct.

**Steubenville City Schools**  
**Athletic Code of Conduct and Expectations**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**As A Student:**

I understand and agree that participation in athletics in the Steubenville City School District is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of the Steubenville Athletic Code. I have read the Athletic Code and thoroughly understand the consequences that I will face if I do not honor my commitment to the Athletic Code. I also understand this code applies at all times whether in or out of school and lasting the entire time I am a student-athlete in the Steubenville City School District.

I have read the Eligibility Checklist that appears in my packet and certify that I meet all criteria listed.

**As a Parent/Guardian/Custodian:**

I have read the Athletic Code and thoroughly understand the responsibilities of my son/daughter as a participant in athletic activities in the Steubenville City School District. I also understand this code applies at all times whether in or out of school and lasting the entire time my son/daughter is a student-athlete in the Steubenville City School District.

I have read the Eligibility Checklist that appears in my packet and certify my son/daughter meets all criteria listed.

I understand that Steubenville City School District does not have insurance coverage on individual athletes and that the costs of any injury my son/daughter may suffer will be my responsibility.

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Parent/Guardian/ Custodian Signature

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Parent/Guardian/Custodian (print)

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Date

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Student Signature

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Student Name (print)

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Date