

ARCHBOLD AREA SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

Participating in athletics at Archbold Area School is a privilege, not a right. All students are expected to behave appropriately at all times, year round. Their behavior is a reflection on themselves, their families, their activity, their school and their community. If students engage in conduct on or off school property that is felt to be demeaning to their role as participants in the athletic program, they may be denied the right to participate in the activity. This policy is an effort to promote a drug-free athletic program, however, it is not 100% foolproof.

1. No selling, supplying, or transmitting of intoxicants, illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, or tobacco in any form.
2. No possession or use of any intoxicants, illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, or tobacco in any form.
3. An alleged violation of federal, state or local law/ordinance, including felony or misdemeanor acts other than minor traffic offenses may result in a penalty as provided in the penalties section. Conviction of said act is not necessary to establish a violation of the policy, but will be determined through an independent school investigation.
4. These rules are in effect year round. Consequences are cumulative over a student's four years in high school. Offenses will be calculated one calendar year from the date of discovery.
5. Athletes will have the opportunity to voice their version of the violation with the AD, and if necessary, with the principal.

DEFINITIONS and EXPLANATIONS

Self referral

- 1] Athlete or Parent of athlete turns self in to school personnel (Coach, AD, Principal) before being confronted by school personnel.
- 2] The self referral option is only available to athletes on the first(1st) violation.
- 3] Any police/law enforcement involvement in a situation negates the self referral option.

Non-Self referral

- 1] Matter of public record. Police log or report.
- 2] School personnel with first hand knowledge reports violation to any coach, athletic director, or principal and is willing to have his name attached to the accusation.
- 3] Confronted by coach or school personnel and admission results.

Assessment

- a) For any first(1st) violation, the athlete will meet with the local support coordinator for assessment/education sessions. On any subsequent violation, the athlete will contact a licensed/certified assessment group for treatment.
- b) An athlete has 1 week from the date of discovery to contact the assessment group to set up sessions.
- c) The assessment group/school support coordinator must notify the athletic director that the athlete has satisfactorily completed all sessions.
- d) All costs associated with the assessment/education will be the responsibility of the athlete/family.

Special Circumstances

- a) An athlete who doubles will be denied participation in the % amount of scheduled contests(1st or 2nd offense) in both sports.

b) An athlete who floats from the Varsity to JV will be denied the % amount of scheduled varsity contests(1st or 2nd offense).

Practices

a) An athlete must practice in all scheduled practices during the time of the denied contests and also will travel with the team.

Denied Participation

a) Denied participation may carry over into another sport's season. If the # of contests remaining in the season is less than the % of contests to be denied, the penalty is carried over into the athlete's next season.

EXAMPLE: Offense occurs after game 9 of the football season-20% of scheduled contests in football is 2 games. The athlete would sit out maximum of 2 football games if in the playoffs, or if not in playoffs-1 football game. The athlete would then sit out 10% of his next sport season-basketball(2 games) or wrestling(2 points). If the athlete plays no winter sport, he would sit out 10% of his spring schedule-baseball, track, or tennis.

b) The athlete can't go out for a new sport to avoid the penalty being assessed in the athlete's previous sport. It must be a sport in which the athlete has participated in within the past 12 months prior to the offense.

c) Due to the nature of spring sports, with inclement weather and cancellations, denied participation will be based on an average of games/contests played. [Baseball/Softball-25 games, Track-10 meets, Tennis-20 matches]. **The athlete will sit out the % number of contests actually played, not scheduled.**

EXAMPLE: Offense occurs during winter-1st offense-Non-self referral-20% of contests played. Baseball is based on 25 games-20% of this is 5 games. The athlete will sit out the first 5(five) games actually played by the team-not just the first 5(five)scheduled games.

d) In computing denied participation-fractions will be rounded up.

PENALTIES

_____ *Lying*

- 1) An athlete will be denied an additional 10% of scheduled contests if caught lying about their own code of conduct violation.
- 2) An athlete will be denied 10% of scheduled contests if caught lying when confronted about another athlete's code of conduct violation.

FIRST OFFENSE:

- 1] Self-referral(1st offense only)
 - a) After self-referring to school personnel, an athlete voluntarily seeks assistance for dealing with an alcohol or other drug situation, there shall be no denial of participation from any contests (**PROVIDED**)
 - b) the athlete agrees to participate in an educational program/assessment developed by the local school coordinator.

- 2] Non-self referral
 - a) Denied participation for one calendar year and forfeiture of all awards, effective the date of discovery.(OR)
 - b) Athlete will be denied participation in 20% of scheduled contests if the athlete agrees to:
 - 1) attend local school support sessions(length to be determined by school support coordinator.)

- 3] **FIRST OFFENSE GOES ON RECORD KEPT IN ATHLETIC OFFICE**

SECOND OFFENSE:

- 1] Denied participation for one calendar year and forfeiture of all awards, effective the date of discovery.(OR)
 - a) Athlete will be denied participation in 40% of scheduled contests if the athlete agrees to:
 - 1) completion of an assessment and any follow-up treatment as recommended by a licensed/certified chemical dependency group.

- 2] **SECOND OFFENSE GOES ON RECORD KEPT IN ATHLETIC OFFICE**

THIRD OFFENSE:

- 1] Denial of Participation for One(1) calendar year from date of discovery.
- 2] **THIRD OFFENSE GOES ON RECORD KEPT IN ATHLETIC OFFICE**

FOURTH OFFENSE:

- 1] Denial of Participation for remainder of high school career.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING RULES:

All coaches/teams will follow the above guidelines regarding code of conduct issues and administer them accordingly. Additional training rules(other than for code of conduct issues) may be listed by each individual coach for his/her sport (i.e. curfew violations, dress, school conduct, etc.). All additional rules will be subject to the approval of the athletic director and high school principal. These rules will be placed in writing and given to the athlete/cheerleader and parent for signature as to the knowledge of their existence.

Violations Procedure:

When a violation is reported/known, the athlete(s) will be interviewed as soon as possible by the AD/Principal and the head coach(2 staff members shall be involved in the meeting). Also, parents will be notified regarding the situation. The athlete(s) will fill out the code of conduct questionnaire regarding the situation and then respond to questioning. If denial of participation is placed in force, the student-athlete may appeal the decision to the next level. The chain of command is from the Coach to the Athletic Director, to the Principal and ultimately to the Superintendent. During any appeal process the student-athlete has the right to representation of their choice to attend/represent them.

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INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

AS A STUDENT:

- I understand and agree that participation in athletic activities is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct.

- I have read the Code of Conduct and thoroughly understand the consequences that I will face if I do not honor my commitment to the Code of Conduct.

- I agree to assume full responsibility for all equipment issued to me, and to confine the use of that equipment to practice, games or meets.

- I further agree to pay for any and all equipment that I may lose, misplace or damage through carelessness or intent.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

AS A PARENT/GAURADIAN:

- I have read the Code of Conduct and understand the responsibility of my son/daughter as a participant in athletic activities in Archbold Local Schools.

- I understand and realize that there is a risk of injury to my student in participating in athletic activities.

- Grant permission to the Juvenile Court Judge to release any alcohol/drug related offense to school officials.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

This agreement must be signed and on file in the Archbold High School Athletic Office before a student may participate in athletic events for the Archbold Area Schools.

