

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM CONDUCT AGREEMENT FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

Participation in athletic activities is a **privilege** in schools and **not a property right**. It is to be understood by all students, parents/guardians, and coaches that the top priority is academic progress. Everyone involved in these activities will make every effort not to interfere with that ultimate goal. The purpose of this Athlete Conduct Agreement is to establish minimum standards of behavior. Therefore, **coaches and/or administrators may establish rules and consequences that are more severe than those stated below**. Team rules must be approved by the administration of each school. As a precondition to participate in GHSA governed athletics, the student and his/her parent/guardian agree that the following rules will apply:

**VIOLATIONS and CONSEQUENCES**  
(Violations are cumulative throughout a student's 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade educational career)

	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>CONSEQUENCES</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Violation of school rules resulting in In-School Suspension (ISS) or Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) during the season.</b>	The student may resume participation when: 1. The student is released from ISS; or 2. The student returns to school on the next school day upon completion of OSS.
<b>B.</b>	<b>Violation of school rules resulting in assignment to alternative school</b>	Dismissed from athletics while attending alternative school.
<b>C.</b>	<b>Student has been criminally charged with a misdemeanor, regardless of location or time, so long as such charges are pending or conviction is had. *</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b> – School administration and the coach will meet with the student and parent/guardian and discuss consequences determined by the school, which may include suspension from athletic participation. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b> – Suspension from athletic participation for 25 calendar days and a minimum of 10% of competition dates beginning with the date of the charges. <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</b> – Suspension of 1 calendar year from athletic participation beginning with the date of the charges. <b>4<sup>th</sup> Offense</b> – Permanent suspension from athletic participation
<b>D.</b>	<b>Student found to have been in possession of, or criminally charged with, the use/possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, unauthorized use/possession of prescription drugs or other behavior altering substances.*</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b> – Suspension from athletic participation for 25 calendar days and a minimum of 10% of competition dates beginning with the date student is found to be in possession or charged. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b> – Suspension of 1 calendar year from athletic participation beginning with the date student is found to be in possession or charged. <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</b> – Permanent suspension from athletic participation.
<b>E.</b>	<b>Student has unresolved felony charges or felony conviction.*</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b> – Suspension for 1 calendar year from athletic participation beginning with the date of arrest. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b> – Permanent suspension from athletic participation.
<b>F.</b>	<b>A student who commits any of the following offenses may be suspended or permanently dismissed from a team: missing practice unless excused, truancy or skipping classes, acting in an unsportsmanlike manner when representing the school, any act at school or away from school which results in any discipline by school administration, or any act at school or away from school which in the opinion of the Principal reflects in a negative manner on the school or athletic program.</b>	

\* If out of season, consequences will begin on the GHSA start date for the next season with which the student is affiliated

*NOTE: Parent/guardian must report any criminal charge or arrest of the student and related details to school athletic director or coach within 1 week of the charge or arrest, even during school breaks. Failure to do so may result in the student being suspended from athletic participation for (1) calendar year.*

**APPEAL PROCEDURE-** Any student and/or parent/guardian wishing to appeal an athletic suspension must submit in writing through the Principal to the County Assistant Director-Student Support/Athletics the reason(s) why he/she should not be disciplined. This request will then be forwarded to the members of the review committee for their consideration. The review committee will consist of the Douglas County School System Assistant Director-Student Support/Athletics and two (2) system level administrators. Parent/guardian will be given a written statement on the decision of the committee.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_