

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

GUIDELINES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

- I. All N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. rules shall be followed. Additional rules determined by our league affiliation shall also be followed. Coaches shall explain all aspects of these rules to team members at the start of the season. Emphasis should be placed on amateur status and loss of eligibility. (A copy of the Eligibility Booklet will be available to all candidates).
- II. All players must have a physical examination and be determined fit to compete prior to their first practice session. Copies of all such medical lists shall be given to the coach involved and the Director of Athletics. Students failing the examination who wish to still compete must request and receive waiver approval from the Board of Education. Students who are out of school for five consecutive days or out of practice sessions for five days, due to illness or injury must be re-examined before they can return to the activity. Such releases must be filed in the student's health records.
- III. Smoking, drinking or the use or possession of non-prescription drugs or narcotics at any time by an athlete will not be tolerated.
 - A. If it is determined by school officials that a player has violated the preceding, the player will be immediately suspended from the squad and a conference scheduled. The conference may include all of the following as appropriate:
 1. The parent or guardian involved
 2. The student
 3. The Director of Athletics
 4. An appropriate administrator
 5. The coach of the activity
 - B. The minimum suspension from the squad will be one-eighth of the sport season. At the conference the situation will be reviewed and within five school days of the conference, a final decision regarding further action will be determined and forwarded in writing to the parent or guardian. Said further action (above the minimum suspension) if any, will be determined by the respective principal, coach and athletic director. Further penalties may include:
 1. A longer suspension period
 2. Dismissal from the squad
 3. The player being declared ineligible for subsequent sports seasons
 4. Other appropriate disciplinary measures

- IV. All athletes are expected to be neat and well groomed, whether in school or on a team trip. Cleanliness is mandatory and attire should conform to standards of safety and morality outlined by the State Education Department. All athletes are expected to exhibit proper behavior and respect for others as representatives of Whitesboro Central School.
- V. Unless excused, players are expected to attend all practice sessions. Excuses for absences due to medical reasons or death in the family will be accepted. Players shall obtain prior approval from the coach for absences other than emergencies. It shall be the policy of our School District that Sunday practices or contests shall be scheduled only under extenuating circumstances and with administrative approval.
- VI. Players, in order to compete in a scheduled contest or practice, must be in school the entire day of the game or contest unless excused by school authorities. Saturday contests are the exception to the rule.
- VII. Cases which involve misconduct of an athlete in the legal sense will be reviewed by the respective principal, coach and athletic director. Appropriate measures (where applicable) will be determined.
- VIII. All players are expected to adhere to the District's Code of Conduct. If, after admittance to a sport, an athlete's school disciplinary record (truancy, improper conduct, insubordination, tardiness, etc.) shows more than one violation of school rules during that sport season, the appropriate administrator will indicate same to the athletic director. The coach, respective principal and athletic director will determine appropriate disciplinary action as applicable. Serious violations will result in a review by the above upon the first violation.
- IX. Any player who, after being selected as a team member, quits a squad or is dismissed by the coach may be declared ineligible for the squad. The respective parent/guardian will be informed via written communication that the student has quit or has been dismissed from the squad and the applicable reason(s). The parent/guardian may request a review of the situation, such review to include the parent/guardian, the respective coach, the athletic director and the respective principal. Upon conclusion of the review, a determination as to ineligibility will be made and the applicable period of such ineligibility. A student may be declared ineligible for the next sport season in which the student participates.
- X. The athletic director, coach, and respective principal shall rule on any infractions not covered heretofore.
- XI. Letters to parents concerning these policies shall be sent home at the beginning of the season. Participants shall have given a signed parental permission slip to the coach before the first practice session.

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Adopted:

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