

Franklinville Central School

Athletic Code of Conduct

I. Purpose:

Present an overview of general philosophy, policies of interscholastic athletics and responsibilities of students/athletes and parents involved in the Interscholastic Athletic Program.

II. Objectives:

A. Operate within principles, objectives, rules and regulations of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Section VI Athletic Council, Board of Education and all athletic conferences with which we are affiliated.

B. Instill good sportsmanship, respect for rules and authority, establish leadership, develop team pride, work and discipline, develop self-discipline and emotional maturity, moral and ethical standards with physical and mental growth, respect for the rights of others, self-control, and good human relationships.

C. It shall be the philosophy of the high school Interscholastic Athletic Program that athletes shall enjoy as many sports seasons as the student athlete and his/her parent want him/her to participate in without influence from any coach to specialize in one sport. All coaches shall encourage participation in other sports.

D. Provide to the public a quality program with competitive teams.

III. Student Responsibilities:

A. It is a distinct privilege and not a right to represent Franklinville Central School in interscholastic athletic competition and it must be earned by promise and continuing performance. To this end, one's conduct, both within and outside of the school district's jurisdiction, is to meet an acceptable norm.

B. Signify acceptance of N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., Section VI Athletic Council, Board of Education, all athletic conferences and coaching rules and regulations through participation in the athletic programs.

C. Requirements for participation

1. Physical Examination – required yearly

a. Health History update form

b. Emergency medical authorization form

2. Parent/guardian and student acknowledgement of Athletic Policies (BOE Policy #7420).

3. Parent/guardian and student acknowledgement of realization of risk of injury from minor to severe (death).

4. Financial obligation – to replace any issued equipment that is lost or damaged through mistreatment.

IV. Statement of Policy on Training Rules

A. Alcohol – Drugs – Tobacco Products

1. Definitions – A student/athlete who has consumed ANY amount of a controlled substance, alcohol, or tobacco products including e-cigarettes, is automatically termed to be “under the influence.”

2. Sports Seasons Definitions:

- a. begins in accordance with N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., and Section VI calendar dates
- b. ends when all equipment returned to coach after team’s last contest

Regulation – 1st Offense

Any student/athlete apprehended with a controlled substance or who is apprehended with alcohol and/or under the influence of alcohol or who is apprehended with a tobacco product, including e-cigarettes, shall lose athletic eligibility for 20% of his/her team’s season contests (consecutive contests).

The student/athlete will continue to attend practices and be present at contests in street clothes until the 20% suspension is completed.

It may be recommended that the student/athlete participate in and complete a rehabilitation program agreed to by parent/guardian, athletic directors, administration, and substance abuse officials if deemed necessary.

(20% rule carries over to next sports season if suspension cannot be completed during current season)

Regulation – 2nd Offense

The student/athlete will be suspended from athletic eligibility for thirty (30) school days or the balance of the sports season, whichever is longer.

The student/athlete will participate in and complete a rehabilitation program agreed to by parents, athletic directors, administration, and substance abuse officials before re-entering the athletic program.

(20%/30-days rule carries over to next sports season if suspension cannot be completed during current season)

Regulation – 3rd Offense

The student/athlete will be suspended from athletic eligibility for ninety (90) school days or the balance of the sports season, whichever is longer.

The student athlete will participate in and complete a rehabilitation program agreed to by parents, athletic directors, administration, and substance abuse officials before re-entering the athletic program. (All offenses are cumulative throughout an athlete’s career at TBA/FCS)

(90-days rule carries over to next sports season if suspension cannot be completed during current season)

V. Basic Athletic Department Policies:

A. Participation: An athlete may participate in only one sport per season, unless mutually agreed upon by coaches of both sports/activities.

B. Dropping or Transferring Sports: Quitting is an intolerable habit to acquire. A student athlete who quits may lose the privilege of participating in athletics. On occasion; however, an athlete may find it necessary to drop a sport for a good reason. If this is the case, the following procedure must be followed:

1. Consult with your immediate coach, then the head coach.
2. Report your situation to the athletic director.
3. Check in all equipment issued to you.

If an athlete wishes to change sports during a season, he/she shall consult with both the coaches concerned and the athletic director – this procedure assures a smooth transfer, which is in the best interest of the coach and the student.

C. Equipment: School equipment checked out by the student/athlete is his/her responsibility – he/she is expected to keep it clean and in good condition. Replacement of any lost equipment will be at the athlete's expense. All equipment and/or obligations to the team must be returned and/or satisfied before starting a new sports season.

D. Missing Practice: An athlete should always consult with his/her coach before missing practice.

E. Travel: All athletes must travel to and from out-of-town athletic contests in transportation provided by the athletic department, unless previous arrangements are made by the parent, for exceptional situations.

1. Athletes will remain with their squad and under the supervision of the coach when attending any contest.
2. Athletes who miss the bus will not be allowed to participate in the contest unless there are extenuating circumstances.
3. All regular school bus rules will be followed.
4. Dress appropriately and in good taste.

F. College Recruitment Policy: College recruitment NCAA standards are available

from your coach. In the event an athlete is contacted personally by a college recruiter, it is recommended that he/she work through his/her coach and the athletic department.

G. Conflicts in Extra-Curricular Activities: An individual student who attempts to participate in several extra-curricular activities will undoubtedly be in a position of conflict of obligations.

The athletic department recognizes that each student shall have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extra-curricular activities, and to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts.

Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid continuous conflict. This would include being cautious about participating in too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means immediately notifying the faculty advisors/coaches involved when a conflict does arise.

When a conflict arises, the advisors/coaches will work out a solution so the student is not “caught in the middle.” If a solution cannot be found, the athletic director/principal will make the decision based on the following criteria:

1. The relative importance of each event
2. The importance of each event to the student
3. The relative contribution the student can make
4. How long each event has been scheduled
5. A conversation with the parents

Once the decision has been made and the student has followed that decision, he/she will not be penalized in any way by either the advisor or the coach. If it becomes obvious that a student cannot fulfill the obligation of a school activity, he/she should withdraw from the activity.

H. Attendance: In order for students to participate in athletics, it is necessary that students attend classes for at least 4 hours of the school day. Legal excused absences other than illness will be accepted. Excessive tardiness or absences from school may result in ineligibility in athletics. The athlete will receive a warning prior to a suspension from activities.

I. Release from Class: It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform his/her teacher(s) the day before that a class will be missed because of an athletic contest. All work shall be made up at the convenience of the teacher.

J. Grooming and Dress Policy: A member of an athletic team is expected to be well groomed. Appearance, expression, and action always influence people’s opinion of athletes, the team, and the school.

K. Vacation Policy: Vacations by athletic team members during a sports season are discouraged. Parents/athletes contemplating vacations during a sports season may wish to reassess their commitment to athletics. In the event that an absence due to a vacation is unavoidable, an athlete must:

1. Contact the head coach prior to vacation
2. Be willing to assume the consequences related to his/her status on that squad as a starter, 2nd string, 3rd string, etc.

L. Squad Selection: In accordance with the District’s philosophy of athletics and its desire to see as many students as possible participate in the athletic program, it encourages coaches to keep as many students as they can without affecting the integrity of their sport. Time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference, and other factors will influence appropriate squad size for any particular sport.

M. Cutting Policies: Choosing the members of athletic squads is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those squads. Prior to a student trying out, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

1. Extent of try-out period
2. Criteria used to select the team
3. Number of athletes to be selected

4. Practice
5. Game commitment

N. Reporting of Injury: All injuries that occur while participating in athletics must be reported to the coach. If the injury requires medical attention by a doctor, it will be necessary to have an injury report form completed. Once an athlete is treated by a physician, the athlete must obtain the physician's permission to return to the activity. The school physician must approve all returns, as well.

O. Violation of Athletic Department Rules:

1. Penalty – determined by the Board of Education N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., Athletic Conference, and the athletic department.

P. Social Ineligibility:

1. Serious infractions and/or repeated violations of the General Rules for Students will result in a student being placed on social ineligibility by the high school principal and/or the superintendent of schools.

2. Students assigned social ineligibility are not only prohibited from participation, but also attendance at extra-curricular activities.

Q. In-School Suspension (ISS) and Out-Of-School Suspension (OSS): On days in which students are assigned ISS/OSS, they will be deemed ineligible for the day.

- Ineligible students may not participate in extracurricular activities and events.
- Ineligible students may not attend extracurricular activities and events as a spectator.
- Ineligible students who are involved in sports may NOT practice or compete.
- The building principal shall have discretion over all discipline matters.

R. Appeals Procedure:

1. Appeal to the coach

a. A student/athlete who has a grievance may take the grievance to the coach under whom he/she plays, or to the head coach.

b. A conference will be held between the coach and the student/athlete. If the grievance is not resolved, the student will proceed to step 2.

2. Appeal to the athletic director

a. The student/athlete will present to the athletic director, in writing, the nature of the grievance and why step 1 was not satisfactory.

b. A conference will be held with the student/athlete, coach, and athletic director. If the grievance is not resolved, the student will proceed to step 3.

3. Appeal to the high school principal

a. The student/athlete will present to the high school principal, in writing, the nature of the grievance and why step 2 was not satisfactory.

b. A conference will be held with the student/athlete, coach, athletic director, and high school principal. If the grievance is not resolved, the student will proceed to step 4.

4. Appeal to the superintendent

a. The student/athlete and/or coach will present to the superintendent, in writing, the nature of the grievance and why step 3 was not satisfactory.

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