

COLUMBIA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE

Introduction

Every student who commits himself/herself to an activity at Columbia Junior High School will learn valuable lessons about how to be successful in meeting the challenges of the competitive society of their future.

To lead a successful life, a person needs to be both mentally and physically alert. A person must approach life positively with a sincere desire to realize his/her own dignity and self-worth, as well as that of his/her fellow man. A person must learn to work industriously for not only his/her own well-being, but for the well being of people with whom he/she is associated.

Students and staff in the Columbia Junior High School Activities Program are constantly representing Columbia Junior High School at public performances. This exposure places them in a position that requires they assume a greater amount of responsibility for their conduct. Conduct in and out of school will directly reflect on fellow students, coaches/advisors, and Columbia Junior High School.

For all of the above reasons, an Activity Code of Conduct has been established. The Columbia Junior High School administration, the athletic director, and the coach/advisor will administer this code. They will be responsible for all decisions relating to disciplinary action resulting from violations of the code.

Objectives

1. To develop good citizenship and respect for rules and authority.
 - 1.1 by experiencing the principles of justice, fair play, and good sportsmanship
 - 1.2 by providing the opportunity for the student to adjust his/her attitude to the concept of team or group goals.
2. To promote and contribute to the goals of the total education program.
 - 2.1 through the realization that a healthy body combined with structured practice increases the probability of effective learning.
 - 2.2 by providing a strong program that attracts student body interest and motivates a positive learning atmosphere.
3. To promote community interest and involvement in school activities.
 - 3.1 by providing enjoyable experiences for participants and spectators.
 - 3.2 by establishing rules and setting high standards for activity participation that reflect the Rules and Regulations that follow.

Rules and Regulations

1. Contract

The rules and regulations of the Activity Code will be regarded as a contract between the student and his/her coach or advisor.

It is the student's and parent's responsibility to know and abide by the contents of this code.

2. Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, Vulgarity, Stealing and Misconduct

The use, consumption, possession, transmitting or sale of alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco is prohibited.

3. Meetings, Practice Sessions and Games

Students are expected to attend all scheduled meetings, practice sessions, performances and games whether school is in session or not. If a student needs to miss practice or meetings prior arrangements must be made with the coach or advisor.

4. Season

All rules apply to all students during the entire athletic season, which begins with the student's initial athletic clearance of the year and extends through the final spring championship meet of the spring.

5. Appearance

Students, while representing the Columbia Junior High School, are required to be neat, clean and well groomed. **The entire uniform, as required by state, league, and school rules shall be worn at all times. Bandanas are not to be included, at any time, as part of the student's uniform.**

6. Equipment

School-owned equipment checked out to a student is his/her responsibility. Loss or misuse of this equipment will be the student's financial obligation.

School-owned equipment may be worn only for practices or scheduled performances or activities.

Athletes may be held out of contests during the next sport season unless all the gear that was checked out to them, from the previous sport or activity, has been returned or paid for.

7. Insurance

All student athletes are required to provide proof of insurance coverage before being cleared to participate in extra-curricular athletics.

8. Additional Rules

In addition to the rules stated herein, coaches or advisors may require adherence to additional rules needed to regulate their activities.

9. School Attendance

There is no partial-day attendance rule. A student absent from school any part of the day on which his/her co-curricular activity is scheduled will not be allowed to participate in that scheduled activity. Exceptions will be made for verified doctor or dental appointments or other cases prearranged through a building administrator. Further, students who are truant are automatically withheld from the next scheduled contest.

10. Grades

Students are expected to pass all classes throughout the course of their participation in an extra curricular activity. The first grade check will be at the midquarter grading period with additional grade checks each week after until the end of the season. Students will be held to the fact that failing a class in the quarter or semester prior to starting an extra-curricular activity may prohibit them from turning out for a sport.

II. Risks of Participation

Some, if not all, co-curricular activities involve possible risks to the participating individuals. Some of these (i.e. tackle football) are dangerous activities involving **MANY RISKS OF INJURY**. We expect the students and parents to be aware of these risks and the serious nature of the injuries that may possibly occur. The participant should recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding techniques, training and other team rules, etc. and to agree to obey such instructions.

Associated Student Body and Class Officers

Students who hold A.S.B. elective positions are unique. The ongoing nature of their roles, and the prestige and recognition accorded them by their peers and the community makes administering the long term provisions of this activity code impossible; and would result in certain injustice to those who would have to assume the responsibilities during an extended absence.

For these reasons, A.S.B. elective officers who because of their misconduct would be subject to the long term provisions of the activity code and/or grade deficiency will be removed from their office for the balance of the school year.

The ASB elective positions are covered by the code from their date of candidacy through the end of that year, during summer camp week, and during the subsequent year starting with the first day of fall athletic practice and ending with the conclusion of their season or term of office.

Music Department Performing Groups

The co-curricular performances of musical groups are an integral part of the music curriculum. They are a required activity and are considered in determining a final course grade.

Music students involved in violations of the activity code will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the performing group. Additionally, students involved in violations of school rules will be subject to the normal school disciplinary procedures.

13. Disciplinary Action

Situations involving violations of the activity code will be dealt with fairly and consistently. Participants who do not comply with the requirements of the Activity Code will face action resulting in discipline or dismissal from participation in the activity. Students disciplined or dismissed from an activity will not be eligible for consideration in the voting for special awards related to the sports season in question. Disciplinary action is cumulative over the course of the calendar year and must be followed both **in and out of season (begins with the student's initial athletic clearance of the year and extends through the final spring championship meet of the spring.)**

It is the intention of this policy to provide guidance and assistance to students in need. Honesty and cooperation are the main objectives of the discipline policy. Further, students who seek immediate attention for an alcohol or drug-related problem will not be denied the opportunity to continue participation in extra curricular activities at Columbia Junior High School. An assessment will be included as part of this process.

Students who willingly stay at a location in which drugs or alcohol are being consumed are subject to a one-game suspension, to occur at the next regularly scheduled contest.

Alcohol/Drugs – students who use, possess, or are under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any and all school functions will be subject to Columbia Junior High School Athletic/Activity Code disciplinary actions as well as Columbia Junior High School Student Handbook sanctions.

1st Offense: suspension from at least 20% of the current season and assessment

2nd Offense: suspension from participation for 365 continuous days (1 year) with the opportunity to appeal the suspension to the school principal

3rd Offense: expulsion from athletics for the remainder of the student's career

Tobacco – students who use or possess tobacco products at school will be subject to Columbia Junior High School Athletic/Activity Code disciplinary actions as well as Columbia Junior High School Student Handbook sanctions.

1st Offense: suspension from the next scheduled game or contest

2nd Offense: suspension from at least 20% of the current season

3rd Offense: suspension from the remainder of the current season

Anabolic Steroids – students who use, possess, attempt to sell, or are under the influence of anabolic steroids or other illegal performance enhancing substances will be subject to Columbia Junior High School Student Handbook sanctions. Below are listed the sanctions for use of these items, as outlined by the WIAA.

1st Offense: suspension for remainder of the current sports season

2nd Offense: suspension from participation for 365 continuous days (1 year)

3rd Offense: expulsion from athletics for the remainder of the student's career.

Athletes who knowingly remain at functions where there are alcohol/drugs or other inappropriate activities will be suspended for the next scheduled contest.

14. Dismissal:

This action will be taken in cases where students are involved in serious criminal activity; repeated violations of the activity code, or in flagrant violations of the code during school sponsored activities.

15. Appeal

Any student who is alleged to have violated the Activity Code is entitled to due process procedures as established by the Fife School District Board of Directors. The principal should be contacted in writing to initiate this procedure.