

# SCHENECTADY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Students who participate in athletics should recognize they have an obligation to themselves, their teammates and coaches, their school, and their community to strive for excellence. Participation in athletics also demands a commitment which implies sacrifices and dedication to physical fitness and conditioning. Respect for one's health and physical development must be an integral part of daily living. Significant findings in health research have pointed out the undesirability of using tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other controlled substances especially at the teenage level. Our district endorses these findings.

Therefore, the following regulations apply to managers, athletes, and cheerleaders.

## *1. Training*

Possession of alcohol, tobacco in any form, marijuana or other controlled substances will result in the following:

- First Offense-Suspension for 20% of the total sports season (must report to all practices and be recommended for and attend substance abuse counseling).
- Second Offense-Dismissal for the remainder of that sports season. (Recommendation for and attendance at counseling).
- Third Offense-Removal from any interscholastic sports for the rest of the year.

## *2. Citizenship*

Every athlete must be a good school and community citizen. Athletes who violate the law or the rules of conduct for Schenectady City Schools will be subject to the consequences.

- An athlete may be suspended from the team for improper attitude toward the community, school, administration, staff, coaches, or fellow students. That suspension will end only after a hearing among concerned participants including the player, coach, athletic director and principal.
- Any identifiable, photo or video which establishes that a student-athlete is acting inappropriately on cyber space may result in suspension from the team.
- Hazing in any form is strictly forbidden by NYS law. Participation in or failure to report any hazing will result in disciplinary review and possible suspension and/or dismissal from the team.
- Any student who violates criminal law (arrest) will be suspended from practice and competition pending a hearing on this matter between the principal and athletic director.
- An athlete must be in school the day of the game by 10:00am and must be in full attendance the day following a midweek game unless he/she is excused by the school. If they are not, they will not be allowed to play in the next contest.
- No student will be allowed to quit a team without first talking to his or her coach, giving the reason for leaving the team. Any player who violates this requirement will be unable to join another sport or intramurals until the next sport season begins.

## *3. Definitions*

- Sport Season-The sport season begins with the first regularly scheduled practice. That season ends at the awards get together following the last game. To be eligible for awards, an athlete must finish the season in good standings and attend the awards assembly unless he/she is excused by the coach.
- Athlete-An athlete is a Schenectady City School student who agrees to follow the athletic training rules in order to participate on a team within the school year.
- Probation-Probation is a period of time during which an athlete must redeem himself or herself. A student who violates the code of behavior during probation is subject to suspension from the athletic program

## *4. Reservation Clause*

The administrators and coaches reserve the right to rule on any infractions not covered above.

## INSURANCE

Insurance-Schenectady schools provide student accident insurance to assist parents in paying medical bills associated with injuries incurred while the student is participating in school supervised activities. It is a non-duplication type of insurance policy which requires the parent to submit all medical and hospital bills to his own medical insurance first for payment. The student accident insurance is excess insurance. Therefore, you must submit all bills to your own insurance carrier first for payment. Any charges paid must be forwarded along with a copy of the bill and statement of benefits paid or denial from your insurance carrier. No bill can be processed without these statements.

If you have any questions regarding this insurance claim, please call Sue Romano at 370-8100 ext. 150, the Athletic Department at 881-3515 or contact the Claim Department at Commercial Travelers (315)797-5200 or (800)422-6200 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm.

## STUDENT/PARENT CONSENT

*I have read the above rules and regulations and grant my son\daughter permission to participate in athletics. I assume responsibility for any injuries sustained, understanding that the school officials will use all ordinary precaution to safe guard his/her health. Also, I realize there is a possibility that a child may suffer severe injury, including permanent paralysis or death as a result of participating in athletic activities.*

*I give my permission for the school nurse to share pertinent medical information needed for my child's safe participation in sports with his/her coach.*

*I also agree that the Schenectady High School Athletic Trainer may discuss any sports related injury with his/her coach.*

**I fully understand the rules and regulations and I agree to abide by said rules and regulations.**

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male**  **Female**

**PARENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPORT** \_\_\_\_\_ **SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_