



CRESWELL HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENT ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Creswell School District Board of Directors and Creswell High School believe extracurricular activities are necessary to supplement the curriculum of the school, and to provide meaningful and educational experiences for each student. The School District also believes that student-athletes are a representation of our schools and district and that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Participation in extracurricular activities is voluntary and all groups or organizations must exist with a framework of certain policies, rules, and regulations, the Athletic Department has developed the following practices:

- **Once signed, the contract is effective for the student's entire high school participation in athletics/activities and will carry over from school year to school year, even in off season times during the school year. This contract will NOT be enforced between the last day of the school year and the beginning of the OSAA calendar, except during sanctioned school activities.**
- Student athletes are expected to comply with the athletic "code of conduct," which prohibits the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, disciplinary issues at school, and inappropriate action in the community that is not considered to be safe, respectful or responsible behavior. Failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in a loss of the privilege of participation in the athletic program.
- Any participant who in any way conducts himself/herself in such a manner as to bring disgrace to himself/herself, to his/her team or group, or to Creswell School District may be immediately excluded temporarily from the activity or sport by the athletic director. The athletic director shall then communicate as soon as reasonably possible with the building principal for review of the matter pending continuing or additional consequences.
- All athletes must abide by all regular school policies, the athletic department's Code of Conduct, Oregon School's Activities Association regulations, and the Mountain Valley Conference constitution and standard operating procedures.
- All athletes must adhere to these policies during the full duration of their season, including all conditioning sessions and post-season competitions.
- Appropriate care must be taken of all equipment, school facilities, and properties. Athletes shall be held financially responsible for the replacement cost from any damages or losses resulting from their negligence. All equipment shall be cleaned and returned within one week of the end of any athletic season. Failure to do so may result in removal or denial from participation in current and/or future athletic programs until the above conditions are met.
- All athletes shall report any injuries or illness to their respective coaches immediately upon occurrence.
- Cell phone and camera use is forbidden in locker room and bathroom areas for privacy reasons. Cell phone and/or camera use in locker room or bathroom areas may result in removal from athletic participation and/or disciplinary action by CHS administration.

- Before athletes are permitted to engage in any practice, they must have on file with the athletic director the following:
 - Emergency medical release forms
 - Completed physical examination form (on OSAA form only)
 - Proof of Insurance, or proof of school insurance purchase
 - Record of fees paid with the financial secretary (This fee is non-refundable once your child has competed in a game, contest, or meet)
 - Personal Information form and parent permission for participation
 - Concussion base line test for all 9th, 11th, and new CHS athletes.
- The athlete shall be expected to attend all required practices, meetings, and contests. The appropriate coach shall be notified of an absence. Each season is considered ended when all contests, state-sponsored tournaments, or the team or individuals have completed meets. Refusal to participate through the end of the season shall result in the loss of any awards or recognition, denial of participation in another sport during the same season unless leaving the sport on good terms, and forfeiture of fees paid for participation.
- Students who play two sports in the same season will be charged \$50 for the second sport.
- Athletes ending or quitting a sport must clear all responsibilities and obligations with the coach of that sport before participation in another sport. Prior to beginning another sport in the same season, the student-athlete must meet with the AD and head coach of the sport wishing to join.
- Athletes who are under any type of medication shall have a note describing the medicine (and any effects taking the medication may have on the athletes performance) from the athlete's parent/guardian or doctor, on file with the Creswell High School Office, and their Head Coach (or athletic director).
- Athletes who visit a doctor due to injury must notify their coach and bring a note from the doctor stating that they are cleared to participate.
- All athletes shall abide by all regular school policies and by the code on student suspensions, expulsions, and removals that was adapted by the CSD Board of Directors. Student athletes shall understand that suspension from school may result in suspension from participation, while expulsion from school will result in forfeiture of the student's right to participate in athletics while expelled.
- All athletes assigned to an after-school detention, are expected to attend on the date they were assigned. This may result in absence from participation in games or practices, which may have additional consequences at the team level.

Academic Eligibility:

The objective of the academic eligibility rule, "Pass to Play," is to complement CHS school curriculum programs in recognition of the fact that interscholastic activity programs are an extension of the classroom. Academic standards help ensure a balance between activities and academic performance, promote the objective of graduation from high school, ensure that student

participants are truly representing the academic mission of the institution, and allow the use of interscholastic participation as a motivator for academic excellence.

End of Quarter Reporting Periods

At the conclusion of each quarter, report cards shall be issued to students. For these reporting periods, athletes must be enrolled in school, attending regularly, and be passing all classes. In addition, athletes must be on track for graduation and meet OSAA requirements for graduation.

Weekly Progress Reports

In order to maintain eligibility in season, athletes must meet the "Pass to Play" requirements on a bi-weekly basis, and athletes must be passing ALL of their classes. Grade reports will be run each Thursday. If a student does not meet the academic standard set forth, they will be placed on probation for the following week. During probation the student will have one week to raise their grade(s), or they will be ineligible the following week. If a student becomes ineligible they cannot compete or travel with the team during the instructional day.

Any time a student athlete on probation does meet the academic standard listed above, they will remain ineligible until the grade is raised and viewable in Home Access.

Athletes who have a failing grade must attend after school tutoring for 30 minutes each day 3:20-3:50. If students do not attend the after school tutoring it will count as an unexcused absence and they will not be able to practice that day and will become ineligible. Tutoring will no longer be required once the student is passing all classes.

Eligibility periods will be from Monday through Sunday. The grade reports run on Thursday, and the eligibility report will come out on Monday morning. Every coach and administrator will receive an eligibility report on a weekly basis.

After School Tutoring

When a student is placed on academic probation they must attend 30 minutes a day of after school tutoring in the library. The purpose of this assistance is not only to raise the grade to encourage athletic eligibility but keep students eligible. If the student is tardy to an after school tutoring it may not be counted for attendance.

Attendance Requirement:

- Athletes are expected to be in attendance for all class periods each day.
- A student must be in attendance within the first 15 minutes of class to be counted as eligible for practice/competition that day.
- Excused absences will be allowed **only** under the following circumstances:
 - a. Medical/dental appointments. Confirmation of appointments is be required by the medical office
 - b. Other reasons deemed appropriate by the school administration when satisfactory arrangements have been made in advance of the absence.

Please understand that not all planned absences are excused by law. For example, family vacations or leisure/social activities are not considered excused absences. Any absence not cleared within 24 hours will remain unexcused. The 24 hours begin on the day the student returns from his or her absence.

- Unexcused absences are those that don't meet the State specifications above for being excused. The attendance secretary will have a list of the student-athletes that have unexcused absences for the day. The Dean of Students, Athletic Director and Head Coach will get a copy of the attendance each day. The students with unexcused absences will not be allowed to participate. Coaches shall assist in this process by making the expectation clear to their athletes that attendance in all classes is mandatory.

Drug and Alcohol Use:

It is the policy of the athletic department to prohibit the use or possession by students, on or off school property, of any tobacco products, alcoholic product, hallucinogenic compound, illegal drug, or drugs not prescribed by a physician.

Student-athletes choosing to participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited from knowingly attending or remaining at events where individuals are engaged in breaking the law by possessing, using, delivering, and/or selling real or imitation alcohol, marijuana, and/or other illegal substances. These events include, but are not limited to, parties and group gatherings. It is the student's responsibility to immediately remove himself/herself from the party or group gathering as soon as the student-athlete becomes aware that alcohol, marijuana, and/or other illegal substances are being possessed, used, delivered or sold. The student-athlete is required to self-report the incident to a coach or administrator in person, by telephone, voicemail, text and/or e-mail within 12 hours of the gathering.

- The district recognizes a student-athlete cannot be responsible for the misbehavior of other individuals, however; it is the student-athlete's responsibility to avoid associating with individuals engaging in illegal activities. Student-athletes found guilty of knowingly attending or remaining at such an event will be suspended by the director or coach for 30 calendar days from the date of finding. During this exclusion, the student-athlete must attend every practice, and exhibit excellent work ethic and behavior. The student-athlete will dress in street clothes during home competitions and will be allowed to travel with the team to away games.

A violation of the Code of Conduct will be established by using one or more of the following criteria:

- **Self admission**
- **Police Report**
- **Coach, teacher, staff observation**
- **Preponderance of evidence (witness reports, social media posts, etc)**

For any violation of the aforementioned substances, the following consequence(s) will be assessed:

First Offense

- Notify student and parent/guardian,
- Consequences for first offense include:
 - **The student will be suspended from participation in games/ contests/ meets for 14 calendar days of the sport season and the suspension will begin on the first available contest date set by OSAA.**
 - In the event there are not enough games/contests/meets left in the current season for the student to serve their suspension, the suspension will carry over into the next sport in which the student participates.

- This suspension policy applies to all sports a student may be participating in, even if the student is playing multiple sports at one time.
- **The two-week suspension for an offense that occurs outside of the athlete's sport season, will be served beginning on the date of the first regularly schedule contest of their next season.**
- **Athletes who voluntarily request assistance from school officials with regard to an alcohol/tobacco/drug use problem and who have not previously committed such an offense shall receive no discipline provided that:**
 - **The athlete meets with an appropriate professional person (counselor of drug addiction) and follows his/her recommendations**
 - **There are no subsequent incidents of either alcohol/tobacco/drug use**
- **CHS suggests a drug and alcohol assessment be completed after the first offense. If the student voluntarily agrees to this assessment their suspension will be expunged and the student would start at a first offense for any additional incidents**

Second Offense

- Notify student and parent/guardian,
- The student and/or parent will have the opportunity to choose one of the following options;
 - **A 6 week suspension** from participation in Creswell High School athletic programs.
–OR:
 - Reducing the six week suspension to a 30-day calendar day season suspension. To exercise this option the student must:
 - Provide official documentation of a completed, state recognized, substance rehabilitation program consistent with the substance abused,
 - Begin serving the **6 week suspension** until the rehabilitation documentation is provided and verified by the high school administration,
 - Upon verification of the completion of the rehabilitation program, the student's suspension will be made consistent with "first offense" as listed above,

Third Offense and beyond

- Notify student and parent/guardian.
- The student will be suspended for a full calendar year without the ability to reduce the suspension.
- All additional offenses will be given a full calendar year suspension.

Due Process

- A student-athlete will be given the opportunity to respond to allegations that he/she has violated a rule in the code of conduct. When a school administrator has reasonable suspicion that a student may have violated a rule, the administrator is responsible for investigating the allegations.

Any questions or concerns regarding any information contained in this code of conduct should be directed to the athletic director and/or the principal.