

**BOARD POLICY**  
**Cambridge City Schools Athletic Policy**

To insure consistency in our teams and in all sports, the following **rules** have been established by the Board of Education for all athletes at all times. The coach for your particular sport may have rules in addition to these, which he wishes you to follow, but these rules apply to all athletes at **all** times. This policy is in effect year around. Violations in the substance abuse section are cumulative for the junior high/middle school career and, again, for the four-year high school career. Junior high/middle school athletic career is defined as 1<sup>st</sup> day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade practice and last day of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The high school athletic career is defined as the 1<sup>st</sup> day after the last day of eighth grade. Violations not covered in the substance abuse section will be dealt with on a “per year” basis

**1. VIOLATIONS LEADING TO DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Alcohol, tobacco, and illegal and inappropriately used drugs harm an athlete’s most valuable assets—mind and body. Not only do these violations hurt athletes personally, but they also have a very important influence on those younger athletes who may be modeling themselves after your style of play and conduct, both at and away from school. The possession, distribution, concealment, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and/or illegal and inappropriately used drugs will result in:

**First Offense:** The student athlete will be denied the right to participate in his/her scheduled contests as follows: football players will be denied participation in 1 contest; all members of all other sporting teams will be denied in (2) consecutive contests. Additional punishment may be administered by the head coach of that sport. The student athlete must also successfully complete 1 hour of substance abuse counseling prior to resuming participation. If less than (1) or (2) contests remain, depending on the sport, the suspension will carryover to next sports season the student participates.

**Second Offense:** The student athlete will be denied the right to participate in that teams regularly scheduled contests as follows: football 2, all other 4. The athlete must also complete an additional 2 hours of substance-abuse counseling. If less than (2) or (4) contests remain, the suspension will carryover to next sports season the student participates.

**Third Offense:** The student athlete will be denied the right to participate in any athletic contests for 1 full calendar year. In order to participate in any future athletic contests after the 1 full calendar year the student must first successfully complete an approved self-help program. The self-help program referred to above must be a minimum of 6 hours of substance-abuse counseling.

**Fourth Offense:** The student athlete shall be automatically excluded from all sports participation for the duration of his/her career at Cambridge High School.

**II. BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS AT SCHOOLS**

Good school citizenship is essential to being a good student/athlete. Behavior problems at school call into question the athlete’s desire to cooperate in the learning environment of the public school. Behavior problems include any conduct which violates the student code of conduct as defined in the student handbook.

School behavior problems, punishable by Saturday school, suspension, or expulsion as set forth in the student handbook will lead to the athlete being denied the right to participate in athletic activities for a time to be determined by using the chart below.

**Suspension (in school)**

**First Suspension** (in school) : Participation denied for day of assignment to in school suspension.

**Second Suspension** (in school): Loss of 1 football contest of regular season and 2 contests of each sports season participated in.

**Third Suspension** (in school): Loss of 1 football contest of regular season and 2 contests of each sports season participated in.

**Fourth Suspension and Each Subsequent:** (in school): Loss of 2 football contests of regular season and 4 contests of each sports season participated in.

**Saturday School**

**First Saturday School:** 1 football contest/2 all other sports contests.

**Second Saturday School:** 1 football contest/2 all other sports contests.

**Third Saturday School:** Loss of 2 football contests and 4 of all other sports participated in.

**Fourth Saturday School and Each Subsequent:** Loss of additional 2 football contests of the regular season and 4 contests of other sports season participated in.

**Suspension (out of school)**

**First Suspension** (out of school): Loss of 1 football contest of regular season / 2 contests of all other sports.

**Second Suspension** (out of school): Loss of 1 additional football contest of regular season and 2 additional contests of each sports season participated in for one calendar year.

**Third Suspension** (out of school): Loss of 2 football contests of regular season and 4 contests of each sports season participated in.

**Fourth Suspension** (out of school): Right to participate denied for one calendar year.

**Expulsion**

**Expulsion:** Permanent suspension from all athletic contests for 1 calendar year.

**III. BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

Misdemeanors: Upon conviction or admission of guilt, the athlete will lose participation privileges equaling 2 football contests, 4 contests of all other sports and carryover applies. Conviction of a minor misdemeanor under Chapter 4507 or Chapter 4511 (traffic violations) of the Ohio Revised Code, or a substantially similar local ordinance, will normally not result in discipline under this Policy.

Felonies: Upon conviction or admission of guilt, the student athlete will be denied the privilege to participate for the entire career at Cambridge City Schools.

**IV. BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS: THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL AND THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF THEM WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE HEAD COACH/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/BUILDING PRINCIPAL AND ANY PUNISHMENT ADMINISTERED UNDER SECTION 4 IS NOT APPEALABLE.**

1. No profanity.
2. Curfew
3. Be punctual at practice and scheduled events
4. Be a dependable student with personable qualities, abiding by school policies and procedures.
5. Be a leader. Set a good example for others.
6. An athlete must be well groomed, neatly dressed, and hair must be neat well trimmed as determined by each head coach.
7. Players are responsible for all equipment issued to them. The cost of any equipment not returned will be charged to the athlete. Grade cards can and will be held until the obligations are fulfilled.
8. All coaches have the right to make written rules and regulations beyond those stated rules. Student-athletes who violate the Board of Education athletic policy, or the rules and regulations established by the coach may be denied the privilege of participation or practice and may be assigned extra duties by the coach.

**V. ATTENDANCE**

Students **MUST** be in attendance in regularly scheduled classroom at least half of the school day in order to be able to participate in any athletic activity that day. Exceptions will be made for physician's appointments, funerals, and any extenuating circumstances as approved by the building principal. This provision is not appealable.

**DEFINITIONS**

Regular Season includes regularly scheduled contests and post season play but does not include scrimmages, previews, open gyms, etc.

**VI. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

1. An athlete may not change sports after the first contest has been played in either sport without the permission of BOTH head coaches and the athletic director.
2. The coaches, faculty, advisors, administration, and the Board of Education are in no way liable for injuries that may occur to an athlete during participation in or travel to and from an athletic contest. Parents are here informed that their son/daughter is subject to inherent risk of injury by participation in athletic events (i.e. paralysis even death).
3. Athletes, cheerleaders, managers, trainers, etc. may sign out and ride home from away athletic contests only with their own parent or guardian. The parent or guardian **MUST** fill out a "SIGN OUT LIST" provided by the coaching staff immediately following the away event. At **NO** time can athletes, cheerleaders, managers, or trainers ride home with anyone other than their own parents. Special circumstances must be brought in writing to the attention of the coach and athletic director before the event. Upon signing out your child, the coaches and school district assume no further responsibility for your child getting home. Any parent or guardian taking their child without signing them out or not following sign out policy procedures will lose their privileges of being able to sign out their athlete.

## **VII. APPEAL PROCEDURES (EXCLUDING ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS)**

1. If a student athlete violates sections I, II, and/or III of this policy, the student athlete shall be informed of the resulting discipline in writing by the athletic director and/or the building administrator.
2. The student athlete shall be given the right to appeal the written decision of the athletic director and/or building administrator.
3. The appeal board shall consist of the High School Principal, Assistant High School Principal, Athletic Director, and two high school faculty members.
4. The appeal may be requested within (3) three days of the written notice (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays).
5. The appeal board shall hold the appeal hearing, as the designee of the Board of Education, within (3) three days (including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) of the request of the student athlete.

## **VIII. PROOF**

For the purpose of this policy, the following categories of individuals will be acceptable sources of evidence:

1. Self-admission
2. Law enforcement officials
3. Teachers, administrators, other staff
4. Coaches
5. Parent/Guardian of athlete who's signature appears below

## **IX. ELIGIBILITY**

Parents please take an active role in the academic course of your son or daughter. According to O.H.S.A.A.'s guidelines, a high school student must pass at least 5 credits per grading period (9 weeks) prior to and during the sport of participation and a junior high student must pass 75% of their subjects per grading period (9 weeks) prior to and during the sport of participation. All students involved in athletics will be required to maintain a 1.5 grade point average with the athletes and follow the established O.H.S.A.A. athletic guidelines stated above.

## **X. EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES**

The District reserves the right to lengthen an athletic suspension, or to impose a suspension in circumstances not addressed by this Policy, such as where a student's conduct is egregious, malicious, reckless, or repeated, or where the consequences of the student's conduct are severe.

THIS POLICY WILL BE A "YEAR ROUND" POLICY AND IN EFFECT AT ALL TIMES.

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**PLEASE SIGN BOTH SIDES AND  
RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR COACH**

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

We have received and read the Cambridge City Schools Board of Education athletic policies set forth in policy 5805.01A.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This participation agreement shall be in effect the entire duration of the student athlete's career.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE**

It is the policy of the Cambridge City School District that the parents are responsible for any coverage of insurance for a student involved in interscholastic athletes. With this in mind the school district provides the opportunity for the student to purchase school insurance. We realize that some parents already carry insurance that would cover athlete's injuries and do not need the insurance made available by the school district.

Before practice begins at Cambridge High School or Cambridge Jr. High/Middle School we need the proper statement below checked, signed, and returned. This must be completed before participation occurs.

I understand the coaches; faculty, advisors, administration, and the Board of Education are in no way liable for injuries that may occur to an athlete during participation in or travel to and from an athletic contest. Parents are here informed that their son/daughter is subject to inherent risk of injury by participation in athletic events (i.e. paralysis, even death).

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not want the insurance because we have our own coverage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we do wish to purchase the insurance offered by the school.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE SITUATION CHANGES, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TO ASSIST YOU. PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

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**CAMBRIDGE CITY SCHOOLS**  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND APPROVAL**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent to the above named student participating in the interscholastic athletic programs of the Cambridge City Schools. This consent includes travel to and from athletic contests and practice sessions.

I understand that the coaches, faculty, advisors, administration, and the Board of Education are in no way liable for injuries that may occur to an athlete during participation in or travel to and from an athletic contest. Parents are here informed that their son/daughter is subject to inherent risk of injury by participation in athletic events (i.e. paralysis, even death). I further consent and give the school authorities the right to transport the above named student to any hospital or physician's office, to care for and to get any treatment deemed necessary by any physician designated by school authorities for any illness or injury resulting from his/her athletic participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any student's allergies to medication or food

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Present medications (List any medication presently being taken)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Family Dentist \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_