

PRESCOTT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

The Interscholastic Athletic program Prescott High School facilitates the personal growth and education of students through their participation in a comprehensive program of sports. As an integral part of the educational experience, the Athletic programs actively promotes fair competition, fosters the pursuit of academic and athletic excellence, and provides community enrichment.

Prescott High School is proud of the high caliber of its student-athletes. The Athletic program is committed to the guiding principles of honesty, integrity, respect, ethical conduct, teamwork, and hard work in support of student-athletes in their roles as scholars, athletes, campus leaders, and community members.

Prescott High School expects its student-athletes to train and strive for their highest degree of athletic excellence and sportsmanship; to demonstrate academic integrity and accomplishment; and to conduct themselves responsibly as members of the campus and larger community.

Students are expected to meet all requirements of the Athletic Department, including roles and expectations established by a coach for a team. Coaches have discretion to take reasonable action and to impose sanctions for conduct that demonstrates a student-athlete is unable to participate effectively as a member of a team, but which conduct is not a violation of this Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

I. Standards of Conduct

It is a privilege and not a right to be a student-athlete and every student-athlete is expected to conduct him or herself in a manner that exhibits honor and respect to the team, department, school and community for the duration of his or her tenure as a student-athlete. As a member of the student body at Prescott High School, each student-athlete must act in accordance with the Student Handbook as published by Prescott High School. In addition, student-athletes are accountable to the following authorities (hereafter referenced as “governing authorities”):

- Municipal ordinances, and State and federal laws, both civil and criminal (“laws”);
- National Federation of High Schools (NFHS);
- Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA);
- Prescott High School;
- Athletic Department;
- Team Rules

For clarification of the governing authorities, student-athletes should consult with a member of the coaching staff or administration. Violation of any of the standards of conduct encompassed in these authorities may result in discipline as described in Section IV below, as well as civil and/or criminal liability.

Reporting Obligation. Every student-athlete is obligated to report his or her violations of this Code of Conduct to his or her Head Coach or to the Director of Athletics within 24 hours of such violation. This obligation is in effect year-round, including semester and summer breaks.

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS USE – Use of alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, including anabolic steroids.

FIRST VIOLATION Immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current sport for the remainder of the season.

SECOND VIOLATION Ineligible and prohibited from participating in any AIA sport program for a period of one calendar year from date of second violation.

THIRD VIOLATION permanently prohibited from participation in any AIA athletic program.

DRUGS cont. Being in possession of, attending a party or gathering where illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia are knowingly being used. (Note: Student athletes are expected to leave immediately)

FIRST VIOLATION Suspension for 10 days from athletic participation. Effective immediately
SECOND VIOLATION Suspension for the duration of the season in progress.
THIRD VIOLATION Expulsion from all athletics for the remainder of the current school year

ALCOHOL cont. being in possession of, attending a party or gathering where alcohol is being illegally dispensed. (Note: Student athletes are expected to leave immediately. The intent of “attendance at a party or gathering” is not to deny participation with adult family members at gatherings such as weddings or other family gatherings.)

FIRST VIOLATION Suspension for 5 days from athletic participation. Effective immediately
SECOND VIOLATION Suspension for the duration of the season in progress
THIRD VIOLATION Expulsion from all athletics for the remainder of the current school year

TOBACCO – Use and/or being in possession of tobacco or tobacco products (Examples: Cigarettes, Vaping, and Chewing Tobacco)

FIRST VIOLATION Suspension for 3 school days effective immediately
SECOND VIOLATION Suspension for 5 school days
THIRD VIOLATION Suspension for 10 school days

SCHOOL SUSPENSION-Any violation of the Student Handbook that reflects a consequence of 10 days, long term suspension or expulsion.

FIRST VIOLATION Immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current sport for the remainder of the season.
SECOND VIOLATION Ineligible and prohibited from participating in any AIA sport program for a period of one calendar year from date of second violation.
THIRD VIOLATION permanently prohibited from participation in any AIA athletic program.

SUSPENSION cont. – Suspension from school less than long term suspension or expulsion (see above)

FIRST VIOLATION Suspension for the period of the school suspension and after the return from the suspension, unable to participate in the next contest
SECOND VIOLATION Suspension for up to 10 school days effective immediately and automatic probation (five day minimum). Upon return from suspension, unable to participate in the next two contests.
THIRD VIOLATION Suspension for a minimum of ten days and up to the remainder of the current season

SCHOOL RULES – Not obeying school rules and regulations (including regular school attendance). An athlete may not have ANY truancy/unauthorized absences including single period, portion of school day, all day, etc. (must attend a minimum of 4 periods to be eligible for competition)

FIRST VIOLATION Conference with administration, unable to participate in the next contest for any violation of truancy or unauthorized absences.
SECOND VIOLATION Unable to participate in two contests for a second violation of truancy or unauthorized absence
THIRD VIOLATION Suspension for current season

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In addition to the requirements and consequences set forth in the Prescott High School Code of Conduct and the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) regulations, all student athletes are responsible for adhering to the rules of conduct listed below. These rules apply on or off campus and could result in consequences.

Student Conduct: An athlete must be a positive representative of the school at all times, must be courteous to teachers, students, fellow athletes and adults. Athletes will not be disruptive, insubordinate or disrespectful to staff, students, parents or officials.

FELONY – Any student convicted of a felony crime will not be allowed to participate in athletic competition for one full year or until the sentence is completed.

REVIEW SOCIAL MEDIA – On-line social media: Any student of any age who exhibits unacceptable conduct in or out of school or competition or through any on-line social network (including but not limited to: Buying, selling, possessing or using alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or steroids; fighting, threatening, stealing, lying, possessing false identification, forgery, cheating, vandalizing; violating school rules; trouble with law enforcement; sending inappropriate messages or pictures; or any other illegal activity or unacceptable conduct) will be reviewed by the Principal and Athletic Director and may result in disciplinary action. Police and the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) may also be contacted.

OUT OF SEASON VIOLATIONS – Out-of- season sports violations including the following violations, are considered to be extremely serious and are considered to be a reflection of the athlete and the school athletic program:

- Organizing, hosting or having gatherings where use of alcohol and/or controlled substances takes place;
- Selling, providing or distributing controlled substances;
- Using steroids;
- Carrying a dangerous or concealed weapon;
- Being convicted of a felony.

Any student who commits any of these violations will be suspended immediately from the current or next season of sport in which the student chooses to participate and may be suspended up to three seasons pending an administrative review. If any person in possession of alcohol or controlled substances (invited or uninvited) arrive at a gathering being hosted by a student athlete, that student athlete is responsible under this policy for the immediate removal of those persons and all alcohol or controlled substances from the premises. A responsible adult or the police should be contacted without delay if those persons refuse to leave. Code restrictions are in effect and enforced on a year-round basis and violations are cumulative over the course of a student's high school career.

Behavior and Attitude: An athlete may be dropped from the team at any time the coach believes his/her attitude and/or behavior is detrimental to the team. Prior to any athlete being dismissed from the team the coach shall attempt to correct the problem(s) with specific alternatives. These alternatives may include involving counselors, teachers and parents. A meeting would be convened to discuss the student's concern(s) or the specific issue(s) that was problematic. The results of the alternatives must be documented. The dismissal is subject to review and approval of the school's Principal and Athletic Director.

Theft: The theft infraction includes but is not limited to: Taking articles from any school, restaurants, hotels or locker rooms. This will include the wearing or having possession of unauthorized school equipment or uniforms.

Fighting: Whether on or off campus, includes two or more persons engaged in any violent or physically hostile behavior directed toward each other.

Travel: Students must go to and return from athletic contests or off campus practices by school supplied or designated travel. If a student must travel to or return from a contest or practice with his/her parents, he/she must have his/her parent sign the alternate transportation form. A copy of this form can be obtained in the front office. When the request is approved, the student may travel to or from a contest or practice with their parent or guardian. Once at the site of the contest or practice, the athlete is not to leave the site without permission of the coach. Students may not sit next to the opposite sex while being transported to or from athletic/extracurricular activities.

Bullying/Harassment: Bullying and or harassment of students is prohibited. Bullying and harassment mean physical or psychological abuse of another student by means of verbal or physical threats, intimidation, insults or other aggressive behavior and includes abuse based upon race, ethnicity, gender, religion or disability. If a student believes that he or she has been harassed or bullied, the student should report the behavior to a teacher, counselor, and school nurse or school administrator. Students who engage in harassment or bullying will be subject to disciplinary and criminal sanctions.

Intimidation: These include a broad range of negative acts that are intended to inflict physical, sexual or psychological harm on another person. The district will neither allow nor tolerate retaliation in any form by any employee, student or others against any complaining employee, student or corroborating witness. Likewise, students who knowingly submit false reports of intimidation will face consequences.

Hazing: Hazing means forcing a student to risk or suffer physical or mental harm or degradation to join, participate or remain on a school affiliated organization. This includes any intentional or reckless act committed by an individual or group of students, against other students where both the following apply:

- The act was in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with or membership of a school sponsored athletic team or group;
- The act causes, contributes to, or poses a substantial risk of physical or mental injury or degradation. There shall be no hazing, solicitation to engage in hazing, or aiding and abetting another who is engaged in hazing of any person enrolled, accepted for or promoted to enrollment, or intending to enroll or be promoted to schools within twelve (12) calendar months.

For purposes of this policy a person as specified above shall be considered a “student” until graduation, transfer, promotion or withdrawal from the school. “Hazing” means any intentional, knowing or reckless act committed by a student, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student and in which both of the following apply: The act was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with or the maintenance of membership in any organization that is affiliated with an educational institution. The act contributes to a substantial risk of potential physical injury, mental harm or degradation, or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.

“Organization” means an athletic team, association, order, society, corps, cooperative, club, or similar group that is affiliated with an education institution and whose membership consists primarily of students enrolled at that educational institution. It is no defense to a violation of this policy if the victim consented or acquiesced to hazing. In accord with statute, violations of this policy do not include either of the following: Customary athletic events, contests or competitions that are sponsored by an education institution or; An activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate extracurricular program or a legitimate military training program.

Nutritional or Dietary Supplements: Many nutritional/dietary supplements contain substances banned by the NFHS and AIA. In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration does not strictly regulate the supplement industry; therefore, the purity and safety of nutritional/dietary supplements cannot be guaranteed. To avoid violation of this standard, student-athletes and parents should contact the team physician or athletic trainer with questions and/or consult the list of NCAA banned drugs.

Disrespect: At all times, student-athletes are required to comport themselves in a manner respectful of themselves, their team, Prescott High School and its Athletic Department, game officials, opponents, and property. Student-athletes are to refrain from disrespectful conduct such as unsportsmanlike conduct; profane, abusive, demeaning, harassing, threatening or obscene expression; or deliberate damage to equipment or other property. Disrespectful conduct will be reviewed by the Head Coach and Director of Athletics and may result in disciplinary action.

Poor Sportsmanship: Student-athletes at Prescott High School are held accountable to a high standard of ethical conduct in all activities affecting the athletics program, whether as a participant or as a spectator. Unsportsmanlike conduct, as defined by the NFHS, AIA or Prescott High School, will be reviewed by the Director of Athletics and may result in disciplinary action.

Failure to Meet Team Obligations: Student-athletes must complete training requirements; arrive promptly for team practices, meetings, and departures for away contests and other team events; attend team functions; and otherwise fulfill their responsibilities as team members. Absences must be excused in advance by the Head Coach.

Conduct Unbecoming a PHS Student-Athlete: At all times PHS student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves responsibly within the Athletic Department, campus, and community. Behavior which reflects negatively on themselves, their team, the Athletic Department, or Prescott High School may be grounds for disciplinary action.

III. DUE PROCESS

1. All athletes will have access to the Athletic Code of Conduct and accompanying regulations and penalties by accessing it at <http://www.prescottschools.com/phs/athletics/>. The Athletic Code of Conduct and Parental Consent Form is to be signed by the parent/guardian and the student athlete as part of the registration process. A copy of the signed Consent Form will be kept on file with the athletic department office and may also be accessible through the Register My Athlete portal.
2. Upon receipt of information regarding a violation of the athletic code, the discipline procedures of the district, district board rules, AIA regulations or a violation of the law and the school official will discuss the matter with the athlete within two school days of the reporting of the incident.
 - a. The coach will gather additional information as necessary to make a determination about whether or not a violation has occurred.
 - b. If the coach determines a violation has occurred, he/she will:
 - a. Notify the athletic director of the exact nature of the violation.
 - b. Notify the athlete of the determination of the violation.
 - c. Notify the parent/guardian of the athlete, giving the exact nature of the violation and the length and conditions of the disciplinary action before it takes effect.
 - c. If the athlete and/or his/her parents feel that:
 - a. The athlete was not afforded due process or;
 - b. The consequences are not consistent with the discipline procedures of the district or the athletic code; they can appeal in writing within five days to the high school athletic director. The high school athletic director will refer the matter to the Athletic Council for disposition. At the conclusion of the meeting of the Athletic Council, the athletic director must write a summary of the meeting and the resolution. A copy of the summary and resolution shall be given to the coach and parent within two workdays of the meeting. The athletic director will also forward a copy to the principal.
3. The Athletic Council is composed of the head coach from each sport within the school population. The high school athletic director will preside over the Athletic Council. The Athletic Council will:
 - a. Administer the rules and regulations of the Prescott High School Athletic Department.
 - b. Each individual on the athletic council will be entitled to one vote. Proxy votes will be respected.
 - c. The high school athletic director will vote only in case of a tie.
4. The parent may appeal the athletic director's decision to the site principal. The principal will then convene a meeting of the parent, coach and athletic director within five days of the parental appeal. The principal will make the final determination on athletic eligibility.

ATHLETE'S NAME: _____

PLEASE PRINT

- X I have read the Prescott High School Athletic Code and Parent/Athlete Handbook. The link to the handbook can be accessed at <http://www.prescottschools.com/phs/athletics/>.
- I understand their contents and agree to abide by the regulations outlined.
 - I affirm that I have not violated the Prescott High School Athletic Code. If it is found that I have violated the Prescott High School Athletic prior to signing it, I agree to serve the suspensions outlined.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE DATE