

A.C. Flora High School

Athletic Code of Conduct

A.C. Flora High School believes that a student should consider participation in athletics as both a **privilege** and a **responsibility**. The **privilege** is the opportunity to take part in the athletics program provided by the school, and this privilege may be revoked when the student fails or refuses to comply with the rules. The **responsibility** is found in representing the school, which involves maintaining academic eligibility, high standards of citizenship at all times, sportsmanship and playing the game to the best of his/her ability. Respect for and compliance with the school's Student-Athlete Code of Conduct is expected of every student who participates.

Academic Eligibility

All student-athletes must meet both SCHSL and RCSD1 Academic eligibility standards in order to participate in athletics. Students who are in danger of not meeting such guidelines will be required to attend tutoring. Students with a grade of 65 or below at the end of the previous QTR will be required to attend tutoring at a minimum until the next progress report and continuing until the grade reaches 65. Students with a final grade of 65 or below from the previous school year will begin the year in tutoring until reassessed at the midterm. If a student receives a grade of 65 or below at the progress report, they will be required to attend tutoring until the grade surpasses 65. Failure to comply will result in the following consequences:

First Offense- Warning to Head Coach- Sport level punishment.

Second Offense- Suspension of one half of the next game/contest.

Third Offense- Suspension of the next game/contest in its entirety.

Fourth Offense- Suspended from athletics indefinitely.

Participation/Lettering

Students are expected to complete the entirety of the season in which they begin. Students who quit or are removed from a team are ineligible from participating for another team until the previous season has ended (including postseason). All students who are members of varsity teams for 50% or more of the varsity season and finish the season in good standing will be awarded a letter. Students are expected to notify their head coach if participating in an outside sports team concurrently with their ACF sport season. Students **MAY** participate in two sports simultaneously at ACF with the Athletic Director and Head Coaches' permission.

Transportation

All student-athletes are required to be transported to and from athletic events with the team. Sub-varsity athletes traveling with varsity teams are expected to stay until the conclusion of the varsity

event. If extenuating circumstances arise, parents may request a waiver in writing through the Head Varsity Coach, to be approved by both the Head Coach and AD. This request must be done a minimum of 6 hours before departure. Students will be required to be signed out by the parent at the appropriate time at the conclusion of the event. Failure to comply will result in an indefinite suspension from athletics to be resolved by the Athletic Director.

Attendance

In order to be eligible to participate in after school athletic events to include practice, conditioning, contests, etc. students are required to be present for at least half of the current school day. All athletes are expected to attend all practices, team meetings, and organized team activities. Failure to do so could lead to athletes losing playing time, game suspensions, and ultimately removal from a team.

Equipment

Athletes may be required to provide certain personal equipment items per sport. These are required for participation and vary per sport. The school/team will also provide team used equipment, uniforms, and other items. All team issued equipment and uniforms are to be returned no later than 5 school days after the conclusion of the season without damage other than normal wear and tear. Failure to do so will result in a fee applied to the students account. Students may not participate in other sports until all athletic fees have been resolved.

Financial

There is a \$30 (\$50 family maximum) insurance fee that is required to be paid before an athlete can begin competition. This fee is required by RSD1 and is only paid once per school year. Families qualifying for the \$50 family maximum must request an adjustment to their online fee prior to payment. Requests must be made in writing to the Athletic Director. There are no refunds for inaccurate payments.

Students and families may be asked to participate in fundraising activities for their teams and certain sports may collect funds for pre or postgame meals. Participation is highly encouraged, but not required.

Social Media/Internet/Digital

Student-Athletes are expected to represent themselves, the school, and their team appropriately with their social media/internet/digital presence. If the student-athlete's use of the such media causes a disruption within the school, athletic department, or team, the student may face athletic discipline in addition to school discipline at the discretion of the Head Coach or Administration.

Alcohol/Drugs/Steroids

All student-athletes are expected to refrain from using alcohol, drugs or steroids. Any athlete witnessed, caught, or found to be in use off campus will be face the following:

1st Offense- suspended for the equivalent of 25% of the regular season game schedule.

2nd Offense- suspended for the remainder of the current season to extend into the following season until a minimum of 50% of a season is served.

Any athlete witnessed, caught, or found to be in use on campus or at a school event will be face the following:

1st Offense- suspended for the remainder of the current season to extend into the following season until a minimum of 50% of a season is served.

2nd Offense- suspended from all athletics for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

School Discipline

Any student-athlete receiving out of school suspension will be suspended from competition for the same number of days of OSS received once returned to school. For example, if a student received 3 days of OSS, they would be suspended from competitions (not practices) for 3 additional days upon their return. If a student is recommended for expulsion but returned to school, that student is to be suspended for the remainder of the current season to extend into the following season until a minimum of 50% of a season is served. For example, if a student is recommended for expulsion with only 20% of a season left, they will also be suspended for 30% of the next season to reach the 50% minimum.

Appeals/Administration Discretion

Any athlete or family wishing to appeal any enforcement or interpretation of the rules above must do so in writing to the Athletic Director within 2 school days of initial ruling. Appeals will be ruled upon as soon as reasonably possible by athletic and/or school administration.

Athletic and School administration reserves the right to alter or modify interpretation or enforcement of the above rules when extenuating circumstances require so.

Definitions/Interpretations

Suspension- Suspended athletes are not allowed to be present with the team during the suspended time. They may not travel with, nor attend games, practices, or other team functions. Student-athletes with lengthy suspensions may be allowed to practice prior to their completing their suspension at the discretion of the Athletic Director.

Percentage of Season- Percentage of season is defined by using the total number of allowed contests as the total season, not the number of actually scheduled games. These figures are set by the SCHSL and can be found under the SCHSL rules and regulations. For example- Golf is allowed 16 matches at the varsity level, and 12 at the JV level. A 25% suspension will equal 4 matches at the varsity level and 3 at the JV level regardless of the actual schedule. Any game cancellations/postponements, etc will be interpreted by the Athletic Director.

Scrimmages/Jamborees- These games do not count as games for suspension. Participation in these events will be left to the interpretation of the athletic/school administration.