

## SOUTH KNOX MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

A student's participation in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities makes that student an ambassador for South Knox Middle-High School and for the entire South Knox community. Therefore, in accordance with IHSAA by-laws, it is necessary to expect a higher level of conduct by our athletes and participants in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. These students representing South Knox are not only expected to adhere to the basic behavior standards set forth in the student handbook, but are also required to live up to a higher set of expectations outlined in this code.

**Scholarship:** Students participating in extra-curricular activities are highly encouraged to make academics a matter of high priority. Students at South Knox Middle-High School must be enrolled in at least five classes and must have passing grades in all subjects at the end of each grading period in order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities.

The use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, unlawful use or possession of prescription drugs, and any illegal or criminal activity is incompatible with the goals and standards of the South Knox School Corporation and will be subject to the penalties outlined below.

Under this code there are four circumstances under which a student can be subjected to the penalties established in this code:

1. Notification by a verified police report or court action
2. Determination of a positive result from a saliva, urine, breathalyzer, or blood test
3. Direct observation of a violation by a member of the school staff
4. Any other method of proof deemed reliable by the school administrators

Penalty totals will be expunged at the beginning of the student athlete's 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade years.

**First Violation:** Suspension from three (3) contest or events and successful completion of a substance abuse program that is approved by school administrators, at the parent's expense. School administrators will determine level of play that suspension is served.

\* Second Tobacco offense will result in an additional suspension of four (4) contests.

**Second Violation:** Suspension from all contest or events for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

**Third Violation:** Suspension for the remainder of the middle school or high school athletic eligibility of the student.

Any offense resulting in suspension or expulsion will carry an automatic suspension from extra-curricular and co-curricular activities for at least the duration of the suspension or expulsion.

If an athlete chooses to participate in a sport that they did not participate in the previous school year, while fulfilling a suspension, he/she will be required to complete that sport season in good standing. **If he/she does not finish that sports season in good standing, he/she will be required to serve the suspension in the next sport he/she choose to participate.**

We recognize that each violation of this code has a unique set of circumstances. These administrative guidelines, along with the judgment of the administrative team, will be used to determine the specific consequences in each case. This form must be signed by the student and parent in order to be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular or co-curricular activities. This code, once signed, will remain in effect until graduation.