



Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25

STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The Pocatello/Chubbuck School District's student athletes are expected to adhere to standards which encourage good citizenship and assure a favorable school and district reputation. **Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right.** Student athletes are held to the highest standards of personal, moral, and ethical behavior. Failure to meet those standards may result in the student being declared ineligible for competition and being removed from the team. Any student participating in athletics in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District will abide by the following Student Athletic Code of Conduct. The Student Athletic Code of Conduct will be enforced at school, at school functions, and in the community at large.

1. Academic Eligibility

Academic eligibility for middle/high school student participation in the athletic program is in accordance with the guidelines established by the IHSAA regulations. Student/athletes must be passing 5 of 6 core classes at the end of the semester to be eligible for participation in the next semester. Student athletes must maintain an overall C average (2.0 G.P.A.). Incoming 9th graders must pass, during second semester of 8th grade, all classes with a G.P.A. of at least 2.0. An attainable plan must be developed and implemented for those who do not have a 2.0 G.P.A.

To determine ongoing eligibility, student athletes' grades will be checked every six weeks. A student athlete must have a 2.0 G.P.A. with no Fs or WFs, or the student athlete will be placed on a two-week probation and will be considered an at-risk participant. Student athletes will be allowed to practice during the probationary time. To be eligible to play, student athletes must raise their grades to a C average during the 2 week probationary period **and have no F's.** Student athletes who are on academic probation will not be allowed to dress in team uniform or participate in competition. Student athletes who have not attained a C average during the two-week probationary period will be suspended from participating until a C average has been attained, will remain at-risk and will have weekly grade and attendance checks throughout the season by the athletic director.

2. School Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are important aspects of education. Student athletes are expected to be in school the entire day of a contest in order to participate in the activity that day. **Unverified absences on the day of a game will be considered as truant and could result in the administration prohibiting the athlete from participation in the game, competition or performance.** The building principal or athletic director has the authority to prearrange exceptions to the attendance regulation. Exceptions include, but are not limited to, court appearances, death in the family, funeral arrangements, and student

activities. Excessive absences and tardies could result in the administration placing student athletes on a contract.

3. Behavior/Equipment/Fees

A student's behavior is expected to conform to School District No. 25 rules and policies while in school, on any school district grounds or sponsored activities, whether at home or away, and in route to and from activities.

Any behavior that is disruptive to the learning process and/or safe environment or interferes with the rights of others shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Policy 8210.

Participation in interscholastic activities and IHSAA activities such as athletics, drill team, cheerleading, band, choir, student government, graduation ceremonies, other co-curricular and extracurricular activities is a privilege. Students must exhibit standards of excellence in academics and citizenship to represent School District No. 25 in competitions, contests, clubs, teams or as officers.

All equipment must be turned in from the previous season before the athlete is allowed to participate in the next activity. All fees and fines must be paid and/or payment arrangements must be made with the administration before a student may participate in any co-curricular or extracurricular activity.

4. Sportsmanship

Any student athlete who is ejected from a game or competition for unsportsmanlike conduct falls under the IHSAA policy governing ejections. That policy states that if a student athlete is ejected from the game he/she is ineligible to participate in the next regularly scheduled competition. A student athlete who is ejected for a second time during the season will be declared ineligible to participate for two regularly scheduled competitions. A student athlete who is ejected for a third time during the season will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season. If any of these penalties are imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over to that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior student, the penalty will continue to the next IHSAA sponsored sport.

5. Use, Possession or Being Under the Influence of Alcohol, Tobacco, or Any Other Illegal Substance/Paraphernalia, or Misuse of Prescription/Over the Counter Drugs

The Pocatello/Chubbuck School District will not condone the using, possessing or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, any other illegal substance/paraphernalia, or misuse of prescription/over the counter drugs.

Any student athlete using, possessing or being under the influence of illegal substance/paraphernalia or misusing prescription/over the counter drugs while at school or any school sponsored activity will be disciplined as per the District Student Discipline Handbook.

Any student athlete found to be using, possessing or under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, any other illegal substance/paraphernalia or misusing prescription/over the counter drugs during the sports season in which he/she is participating will be suspended from play according to the following:

- A. A first offense will result in suspension from play according to the chart below.

Suspension Chart

Football: next game	Volleyball: next 2 contests
Cross Country: next meet	Soccer: next 2 games
Basketball: next 2 games	Wrestling: next 2 contests
Baseball: next 2 games	Track: next meet
Softball: next 2 games	Golf: next match
Tennis: next 2 contests	Debate/Speech: next contest
Cheer/Dance: next 2 contests	Band/Choir: See music participation procedure

- B. While suspended from play, the student athlete will be required to attend all practice sessions, and may be required by the coach to accompany the team to competitions and sit with the team on the bench. The student athlete will be prohibited from dressing in team uniform if required to attend the competition. The student athlete will be placed on probation for one calendar year from the date of the first day of suspension. Student athletes who have violated the Code of Conduct will be administered a substance abuse assessment (SASSI) and may be required to enroll and complete a substance abuse educational/treatment program. The student athlete will also be subject to random drug/alcohol testing
- C. A second offense during the probationary period will result in dismissal from the team. The student athlete will be ineligible to participate in athletics for the remainder of the year.
- D. A student athlete who adheres to the terms of the probation will have his/her record cleared upon completion of the probation.

6. Proximity Rule

Attendance at an activity where there is illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, any other illegal substance/paraphernalia or misuse of prescription/over the counter drugs will not be tolerated. Any student known to be present where there is illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, any other illegal substance/paraphernalia or misuse of prescription/over the counter drugs shall be subject to disciplinary action. If a student finds himself/herself in such a situation he/she should immediately leave the premises where the illegal activity is occurring and shall self-report to administration in a timely manner.

7. Citizenship

Student athletes who participate in any activity that violates Federal, State, or local laws, other than minor traffic offenses and those activities outlined in Section 4 above will be considered as violating

the Student Athletic Code of Conduct and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Student athletes who violate Federal, State or local laws, which if committed by an adult would be a misdemeanor, receive a citation or a JVR (Juvenile Violation Report), may be subject to suspension from competition according to the following chart:

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Football: next game	Volleyball: next 2 contests
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Tennis: next 2 contests	Debate/Speech: next contest
Cheer/Dance: next 2 contests	Band/Choir: See music participation procedure

Student athletes who commit a second such offense will be subject to removal from the team for the remainder of the sport season. Student athletes who violate Federal, State or local laws, which if committed by an adult would be a felony, may be subject to removal from the team for the remainder of the sport season.

Given this situation, should the violation constitute a violent crime or a threat to the health, safety and welfare of others, student athletes may be declared ineligible for participation in all athletics for a period of 365 days from the date of suspension. The District Discipline Review Committee shall then determine yearlong ineligibility.

8. General

Student athletes shall adhere to the Athletic Code of Conduct from the time a student signs up for and participates in the first practice for a sport and shall be in effect throughout that sport season. Student athletes are subject to the terms of the Code of Conduct in and out of school throughout the specific sport season.

The standard of proof for all allegations of wrongdoing shall be that of "reasonable belief." Conviction and/or court action is not required, and the principle of reasonable doubt will not apply.

This Code of Conduct applies to all students involved in Middle School and IHSAA activities.