Student Activity Code of Conduct

Participation in athletics and activities is a privilege, not a right.

This Code is in effect on a year-round (12-month) basis and applies to both on and off campus conduct. Students and their parents/guardians are required to sign and submit the Athletic Code of Conduct and Participation Contract as a precondition to the student’s participation in extracurricular activities and/or athletics. By signing the Participation Contract, the student and his/her parents/guardians acknowledge and agree to the eligibility requirements set forth in the Athletic Handbook, as well as RRPS Board Policies, the Student Code of Conduct for the school in which the student is enrolled, the NMAA rules and regulations, and other state and local laws and regulations.

In addition to the consequences imposed by this Code, students may be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct for the school the student attends if the prohibited activity takes place at school or in connection with the student’s participation in a school-sponsored activity. If the student’s conduct violates state or federal law, the student may additionally be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.

Conduct which violates this Code includes, but is not limited to, conduct or behavior in which the student:

1. Possesses, uses, consumes or distributes any tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or other controlled substances (collectively referred to as “Prohibited Substances”). (Reference Policy #311 and Policy #336).

2. Engages in any Prohibited Activities; such as alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription drugs and/or steroids.

3. Engages or participates in conduct or behavior which may result in the arrest or conviction of a misdemeanor or felony. The failure of the legal system to arrest or prosecute a misdemeanor or felony does not preclude disciplinary consequences imposed pursuant to this Code; and

4. Engages in any other conduct or behavior which the student’s coach or sponsor, Athletic Director, or Superintendent deems to be in violation of this Code or the spirit of interscholastic competition.
Violation Discovery

Conduct violating this contract may be investigated on receipt of a notice from any one or more of the following:

- Drug test results
- Police arrest or report
- Identification of the violation by school district personnel
- Self-admission or parent notification of the child’s violation
- School investigation based on other reliable source

All violations have consequences that will be imposed. Examples of consequences are on pages 15 and 16.

Prohibited Conduct

The types of prohibited conduct and consequences described herein are merely examples and described in order to provide guidance regarding the types of conduct which are prohibited and the types of discipline which may be imposed. Depending on the circumstances, coaches, sponsors, and administrators may impose additional consequences.

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| Level 2: | Knowingly attending or remaining at parties or events where Prohibited Substances, as defined in this Code, are being consumed. This provision does not apply to a student’s mere attendance at family gatherings or social events where the student is under direct supervision of his/her parent or guardian. However, if it is determined that the student has consumed Prohibited Substances, the student will be subject to consequences based on the substance consumed and the provision of the Code. |

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### First Offense

In-season infraction begins upon verification of the infraction. Out-of-season infraction begins on the Monday of the first competition. Twelve (12) consecutive activity day* suspension from extracurricular activities beginning on the week of the first competition. If the violation occurs during off-season, the student will be dismissed from the next sport. At the discretion of the coach or sponsor, students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.

### Second Offense

In-season infraction begins upon verification of the infraction. Out-of-season infraction begins on the Monday of the first competition. Forty-five (45) consecutive activity day* suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning on the week of the first competition AND dismissal from the in-season team. If the violation occurs during off-season, the student will be dismissed from the next sport. If the full 45 days is not served in the current season, it will carry over to the next sport the athlete participates in. At the discretion of the coach or sponsor, students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.

### Third Offense

One Calendar year suspension from all extracurricular activities (practices and competitions), beginning from the date sanctions are imposed.

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**Level 3:**

1. Possession, use, consumption or distribution of Prohibited Substances outside of school and not connected to a school-sponsored activity.

2. Engaging in conduct which would constitute a misdemeanor. However, actual arrest, prosecution, or conviction of the student is not necessary in order for the student to be subject to discipline under this Code.

### First Offense

In-season infraction begins upon verification of the infraction. Out-of-season infraction begins on the Monday of the first competition. Twenty-four (24) consecutive activity days* of suspension from extracurricular activities which will begin the Monday of the first competition. At the discretion of the coach or sponsor, students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.

### Second Offense

In-season infraction begins upon verification of the infraction. Out-of-season infraction begins on the Monday of the first competition. Forty-five (45) consecutive activity days* suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning on the Monday of the first competition AND dismissal from the in-season team. If the violation occurs during off-season, the student will be dismissed from the next sport. If the full 45 days is not served in the current season, it will carry over to the next sport the athlete participates in.
### Third Offense
Permanent suspension from all extracurricular activities or sports. For students in grades 7-8, coaches and sponsors have discretion to modify this consequence after one full year of suspension, starting from the date on which the student was suspended, if the student and parent/guardian can demonstrate that the student has changed his/her behavior and can participate successfully in the sport or activity.

### Level 4:
1. Driving while intoxicated as defined under state law
2. Possession, use, consumption, or distribution of Prohibited Substances at school or in connection with a school-sponsored activity
3. Weapons possession as defined by federal law and RRPS Policy #347
4. Engaging in conduct which would constitute a felony, as defined by federal or state law. However, actual arrest, prosecution, or conviction of the student is not necessary in order for the student to be subject to discipline under this Code.

### First Offense
In-season infraction begins upon verification of the infraction. Off season infraction begins on the Monday of the first competition. Forty-five (45) consecutive activity days* minimum suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning on the week of the first competition AND dismissal from the in-season team. At the discretion of the coach or sponsor, students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.

### Second Offense
One calendar year suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning from the date sanctions are imposed.

### Third Offense
Permanent suspension from all extracurricular activities or sports. For students in grades 7-8, coaches and sponsors have discretion to modify this consequence after one full year of suspension, starting from the date on which the student was suspended, if the student and parent/guardian can demonstrate that the student has changed his/her behavior and can participate successfully in the sport or activity.

*An activity day is a day on which a student is scheduled to participate in practices, rehearsals, meetings, games, performances, competitions, or other events connected to his/her participation in the extracurricular activity.

If there is not a sufficient amount of time remaining in the scheduled season to fulfill the terms of the disciplinary consequence imposed, the penalty carries over to the next sport in which the student would otherwise participate. If a student engages in prohibited conduct when school is not in session, or if the student is not currently participating in an extracurricular activity or sport at

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the time that a student’s violation of Prohibited Conduct is determined to have occurred, the 
disciplinary consequences will be carried over and apply to the next sport in which the student 
would otherwise participate. Any student athlete on athletic suspension must finish their season 
in good standing. **It is the student’s sole responsibility to notify his/her coach that the violation 
occurred prior to the start of the season or when school is not in session.**

If a student is disciplined by RRPS for reasons other than conduct that is covered by this Code, the 
student shall be suspended from his/her extracurricular activity or sport for the same duration as 
the discipline imposed by the RRPS authority.

**The consequences described herein represent the MINIMUM disciplinary consequences 
imposed by RRPS. Greater disciplinary consequence may be imposed by the athletic 
coordinator or principal, including expulsion from the extracurricular activity or sport, 
based upon the severity of the student’s violation.**

**Code of Conduct Appeal**

Once an investigation is completed, the athletic coordinator will meet with the student. The student 
will be allowed to provide an explanation of his/her conduct. If the athletic coordinator concludes 
the explanation is not satisfactory, the student shall be suspended from the privilege of 
participating in extracurricular activities. The student and parents will receive written notification.

A student, or student’s parent, may appeal a suspension under this policy to the RRPS Executive 
Director of Athletics by submitting a written request within five (5) calendar days of the infraction. 
The student will remain suspended from their sport pending an appeal. The Executive Director of 
Athletics shall conduct an investigation to determine whether or not the original finding and 
suspension of the student athlete were justified. The Executive Director shall have a written 
decision to uphold, modify or revoke within five (5) school days.