

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR CONDON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletics are an important part of the educational process. These activities are offered to students to keep them involved in their education and to help them to become successful. In order to demonstrate the ideals of good leadership and sportsmanship and respect for rules and authority; in order to establish team and school pride, teamwork, and team discipline; in order to eliminate disruptive influences both in and out of school; and in order to provide conditions which promote health and safety for all participating athletes, the following rules and regulations are established.

For purposes of this policy, students involved in athletic activities shall hereafter be referred to as student, participant, athlete, or student athlete.

This policy applies specifically to the following Middle School athletic activities:

Cross Country (B&G), Football, Volleyball, Basketball (B&G), Track (B&G)

This policy must be read and signed by parents and the student before the student may participate in an athletic contest!

Sportsmanship

It is the responsibility of student-athletes to practice and exhibit good sportsmanship. Participants will demonstrate the following behavior:

1. treat opponents with the respect that is due them.
2. do not use profanity during practices or contests.
3. exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them.
4. respect the judgment and rule interpretations of officials, never argue or make gestures indicating disagreement of an official's decision.
5. accept victory and defeat with pride and compassion, never being boastful or bitter.
6. congratulate the opponents sincerely following either victory or defeat.
7. accept the responsibility and privilege of representing the school and the community.

Conduct Expectations

Students who participate in athletics are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which reflects the high standards and ideals of their team, school, and community. High personal standards of conduct are expected at all times so that teams and individuals can attain maximum achievement. All athletes must be good citizens who demonstrate good conduct at school and in the community before being allowed to represent Condon Schools at any home or away competition. Violations of conduct, which are unbecoming of an athlete, may lead to disciplinary action that could include suspension or removal from the team by the head coach and the athletic director. Each head coach will be responsible for determining and communicating general training and behavior standards of their activity, except as specified in this policy.

School Guidelines

1. Issues of academic eligibility, inappropriate conduct/behavior, substance abuse, or other illegal activities are subject to this policy from the first day of the school year to the final day of the school year.
2. To have on file in the school office an up-to-date physical examination (on the official OSAA form) by a licensed health-care provider prior to participation.
 - a. all 5th and 7th grade students are required by district policy to get a physical exam.
 - b. any student participating in athletics for the first time in the Condon School District must get a physical exam.
 - c. any student who has experienced a recent serious illness or injury must get a physical.
3. To have on file in the school office proof of insurance prior to the first practice.
4. Have paid an athletic participation fee to the school office. Also, school registration fees must be paid.
5. An authorization form acknowledging this policy and its content must be signed by the parent and the athlete and be on file in the office.
6. Attendance at school all day is a prerequisite for both practice and competition except as follows:
 - a. prearranged absences for medical reasons (doctor appointments or emergencies, etc.)
 - b. late arrival of school busses (due to bad weather or circumstances beyond students control)
 - c. special circumstances or absences with parental permission approved by the principal.
7. Academic Eligibility:

All 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grade students must maintain a 2.0 GPA, keep up with their school assignments, and be passing all of their classes per quarter in order to participate in athletic activities. A weekly check will be made with the teachers. A student who has dropped below a 2.0 GPA, failing a class, or who is missing more than three assignments in any class will be placed on academic probation and be given one week to achieve this requirement. After the next grade check, if a student is no longer failing any class, their GPA is above a 2.0, and they have turned in all of their missing assignments then they remain eligible to participate. If a student is still failing a class, their GPA is below 2.0, and/or they still have more than three assignments missing then they will be ineligible to participate in athletic activities. A student may become eligible once they have brought their GPA up to 2.0, and grades are all above an F, and have turned in all of their missing assignment per quarter.
8. The following are behavioral violations of the athletic participation policy:
 - a. any suspension (in-school or out-of-school) which occurs during the sport season.
 - b. any act of vandalism in the school and/or community.
 - c. any act that brings discredit to the school or team.

d. possession, use, or under the influence of tobacco products (including inhalants), alcohol, narcotics, or other mood altering drugs (with the exception of drugs prescribed by a doctor) while at school, during a school sponsored activity, or during the sport season.

e. being cited for failure to comply with any law regulating the actions of minors during the school year or during the sport season, or violating probation mandated by the justice system regardless of when the original offense took place.

Consequences of violations

I. A student found in violation of the policy due to behavioral reasons will lose the privilege of participating in athletic contests for two weeks. They must practice but may not dress for or participate in an athletic competition. They must attend practices and be present at all contests to become eligible after the penalty period as expired.

II. A student who has a second violation due to behavioral reasons will lose the privilege of participation for four weeks. They must abide by the conditions as stated in regard to the first violation.

III. A third violation due to behavioral reasons will result in a student losing the privilege of athletic participation for the remainder of the school year. This period of time may extend into the next school year if the third violation occurs near the end of a school year during the spring sport season.

Miscellaneous

9. Non-participation in the next scheduled competition will result in the following cases:

- a. upon the third tardiness to practice.
- b. after one unexcused absence from practice.
- c. upon violation of a coach's rules

10. To receive a letter for participation in middle school athletics, an athlete must

- a. adhere to district policy and this athletic policy.
- b. have no in-school (full day) or out-of-school suspensions for disciplinary reasons.
- c. have no unexcused absences from practice.
- d. not get ejected, removed, or thrown out of any athletic competition for unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior.
- e. meet any additional criteria/requirements for lettering set by the coach.

11. Practice

- a. practice time and place will be set by the coach.
- b. during emergency closure of the school, legal holidays, and school vacations practice will not be held.

12. Miscellaneous

a. students are representatives of their community and their school when competing at home and away, and must dress and act in a manner that shows pride and respect for themselves and their school and community. Also, they must follow the coach's rules and requirements.

b. students must ride school provided transportation to and from competition held at other schools unless

1. an Alternate Form of Transportation slip is filled out, signed, and approved in advance by the principal or the athletic director.

2. a custodial parent/legal guardian signs their student off of the bus after the game.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

I hereby authorize any peace officer and/or juvenile authorities to notify the school administrator, athletic director, and my coach of any citation and the particulars thereof in the event that I am cited for any one of the aforementioned violations.

Parent and student signatures on this form indicate that both student and parent have read this policy and understand the guidelines, rules, and regulations stated and will comply with them. After signing this policy, please return to either the Condon Grade School office or the Condon High School office.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____