



## 2023 – 2024 CODE of CONDUCT for ATHLETICS and ACTIVITIES

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Student participation in athletics and activity programs are governed by the regulations developed and administered by the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), the Mid-Willamette Conference, and the Corvallis School District. The code of conduct is in effect for the entire school year to include fall athletic and activity program practice in August and any school-sponsored events, regardless of the time of year.

Instructions for securing the privilege of representing Corvallis High School or Crescent Valley High School are:

- ☐ Read the Code of Conduct for each year you participate in a sport;
- ☐ Complete Physical and Impact Testing (Every 2 years and must be on file);
- ☒ Payment of fees – **Effective July 1, 2022**, the district will no longer require students to pay a fee to participate in athletic extracurricular activities.
- ☐ Return your washed uniform within one week at the end of your season.

### 1. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

**A. OSAA Standard:** The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) requires students to be enrolled in and passing the equivalent of at least **2.5** credits of work every semester. OSAA also requires students to make progress toward graduation at the rate of having **4.5** credits before their sophomore year, **10** credits before their junior year, and **17** credits before their senior year. Failure to meet the enrollment and passing criteria of 2.5 credits or failure to make progress towards graduation will result in an Academic Suspension resulting in a semester suspension.

1. **Academic Suspension:** Academic suspension begins at the conclusion of the semester grading period. Students are not allowed to participate in the athletic or activity program until the next official grading period begins.

**B. CSD Standard:** The Corvallis School District requires that all students pass all classes and receive a 2.0 GPA at each grading period to be eligible for participation in competitive athletic and activity programs. Students who do not meet the Corvallis School District academic standard but do meet the OSAA standard will be placed on Academic Probation.

1. **Academic Probation:** Academic Probation will begin at the start of each athletic or activity program season and end after five weeks, or the last Saturday of September for the fall season.
  - a. Students placed on Academic Probation may practice and play in scheduled games, matches, or events.
  - b. During the Academic Probation period, students are required to submit a Weekly Grade Check Form to the Athletic Director at the end of each week. Forms may be obtained from the Athletic Director. Failure to do so will result in suspension from games, matches, or events for the following week.
  - c. Students on Academic Probation are required to develop a plan of action, with help from the head coach and Athletic Director, that will allow them to meet or exceed the CSD academic standards.
  - d. At the end of the Academic Probation period the student's GPA will be calculated based on the last Weekly Grade Check Form for the Academic Probation period. Students who meet the CSD academic standard will be removed from Academic Probation. Students who do not meet the CSD academic standards will not be allowed to participate in games, matches, or events but will continue to practice and submit a Weekly Grade Check Form to the Athletic Director until such time that the student meets the CSD academic standards. When the student meets these standards, they may return to full athletic or activity program eligibility.



## 2. CHARACTER EXPECTATIONS

Being involved in Corvallis School District Athletics and Activity Programs is a privilege. As a member of a school team, your behavior on campus, in the community, and at other schools, reflects not only on yourself but your program and the school as well. To maintain this privilege, students must be in regular school attendance, maintain their academic eligibility, obey the training rules, and follow all school and District policies and rules. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in athletic or activity program probation, temporary suspension or removal from the program. Criminal acts, violence, and intimidation or discrimination, whether at school, in the community or online will not be tolerated and may be cause for immediate suspension from the program. A student who is found to be the individual causing harm in a Racial Bias Incident will be suspended for 3 weeks from competition and practice.

## 3. ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Any student participating in District Athletics and Activity Programs shall be expected to attend and participate in all classes on the day of a scheduled game, match or event. On any school day, students must be in attendance at least one half day to participate in practice. In the case of weekday scheduled activities, attendance in all classes the following day shall also be expected. In the case of weekend scheduled activities, attendance in all classes the previous Friday shall be expected. Failure to comply with these attendance regulations may result in a student being declared ineligible and not allowed to participate in the next scheduled activity. If a student misses a period in the day without an excuse, consequences will be as follows:

1. **First offense** – Meeting with the Athletic Director
2. **Second offense** – Student ineligible for (1) practice, game, match or event
3. **Third offense and beyond** – Student ineligible for (1) additional practice, game, match or event

Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Building Administrator, Athletic Director or designee.

## 4. TRAINING RULES

The following rules have been established for students who plan to participate in, and represent Corvallis School District Athletics and Activity Programs. These rules are in effect from the first day a student begins participation in a high school athletic or activity program throughout the remainder of the school year and all subsequent years of the student's attendance in the Corvallis School District. These rules are in effect 24 hours a day. Violations of the training rules will be cumulative during the student's high school career.

**A.** Any student involved an athletic or activity program shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco (including vaping), performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substances of any kind during a school year.

**B.** Any student who finds themselves in the company of persons who illegally possess, use, transmit, or are under the influence of alcohol, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substance (i.e., frequenting of areas, places, or sites where drugs and/or alcohol are present), is expected to leave within a reasonable period of time. Failure to do so will result in discipline as if they were in violation of this rule.

**C.** Prior to being investigated or apprehended for an offense involving the use of alcohol, tobacco of any kind (including vape), performance enhancing drugs, or a controlled substance, a student may voluntarily request assistance from school officials. In this event, there may be no disciplinary consequences imposed upon the student provided that:

1. The student meets with an appropriate specialist or counselor and follows their recommendations;  
and
2. There are no subsequent incidents of either alcohol, all forms of tobacco, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substance use.



**D.** A student who transfers from one Mid-Willamette Conference school to another will maintain their accumulative offense status regarding the training rules.

**E.** Due process shall be given to all students with regard to the administration of the training rules. Any appeals of the first and second offense consequences shall be made in writing to the Building Administrator. Appeals on the consequences of a third offense will be made to the Mid-Willamette Conference Hardship Committee.

If it is determined that a student has violated the training rules above, the student will face the following consequences **in addition** to normal school disciplinary procedures:

1. **First offense:** Twenty-one day suspension from participation in interscholastic athletic or activity program competition and 10 hours of community service. The student must attend all practice sessions for the entire season(s). The successful completion of the consequences will be evaluated and approved by the Athletic Director. (For example, if a fall athlete started serving the three weeks of “no competition” for a first offense during the last week of the fall season, the remaining two weeks of “no competition” would carry over to the next sport in which the athlete participates.)
2. **Second offense:** Forty-two day suspension from participation in interscholastic athletic or activity program competition and 20 hours of community service. The student must attend all practice sessions for the entire season(s), mandatory meeting(s) with a substance abuse counselor or other appropriate specialist, and show a demonstrated willingness to follow their recommendations. Reinstatement of the student in the athletic or activity program is contingent upon the student complying with written recommendations made by the substance abuse counselor or other appropriate professional person and their approval for reinstatement. The student will be required to comply with the recommendations following the second offense or they will be disciplined as though a third offense has been committed. The successful completion of the consequences will be evaluated and approved by the Athletic Director.
3. **Third offense:** Full suspension from all athletic and activity programs for the remainder of the student's high school career.

## 5. CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT LETTERING POLICY

To obtain a varsity athletic or activity program letter and be nominated for all-conference honors in the current season, the student will need to finish the entire season, and meet all lettering requirements as determined by the Head Coach. Possible exceptions to the above policy include: students suffering an injury or disability, and or foreign exchange students.

## 6. INSURANCE AGREEMENT

My son/daughter is covered by medical insurance carried by the Parent/Guardian, and the school will not be liable for any injury that occurs during participation in athletic or activity programs except for injury resulting from the sole negligence of the school district.

The Corvallis School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, citizenship, color, disability, gender expression, gender identity, national origin, parental or marital status, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities, and provides equal access to designated youth groups.

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding discrimination:

Rynda Gregory, Human Resources Administrator and Title IX Coordinator: rynda.gregory@corvallis.k12.or.us, 971-217-6309;

Melissa Harder, Assistant Superintendent and Title II Coordinator: melissa.harder@corvallis.k12.or.us;

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