

SUMMARY — ATHLETIC CODE

POLICY 5145-7 Adopted July 2, 1991; Amended September 7, 1999/June 17, 2002

This is a summary of the Athletic Code. A complete copy of this code is available in the middle and high schools and the Education Service Center, 1415 Beechtree Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

TRAINING RULES: Are in effect on a year-round basis. Once a student submits an Athletic Code for any school-affiliated athletic experience (grades 7-12), they are obligated to abide by all stated policies until graduation from high school.

Following is a brief summary of the Athletic Code:

1. Use, possession, concealment, distribution, or sale of:
 - a. Any alcoholic beverage.
 - b. Any drug or other controlled substance (including without limitation, any of the various steroids).
 - c. Any tobacco product.
2. Violation of federal, state or local laws or ordinances.
3. Theft or destruction of property.
4. Violation of District's "Student Code of Conduct." (Policy #5145.6).
5. Any cumulative or gross misconduct.

NOTE: Drug testing: may occur, subject to **individualized reasonable suspicion**. A committee of the Athletic Director, Principal and the athlete's coach will evaluate evidence and determine appropriate action. A consent form for drug testing must be signed by the athlete and parents/guardian before participation on any G.H.A.P.S. athletic team will be allowed.

Application of the Code during the summer session is for violations that are recorded in a written police report received by the District and/or supported by compelling and credible evidence of an egregious violation of the Code.

PENALTIES FOR RULE VIOLATION: Violations of the Athletic Code accumulate throughout the athlete's career. An athlete who violates the above rules shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

1. Drug and alcohol offenses:
 - a. A first offense, ineligibility to compete in any contest for up to six (6) months for all sports, beginning with athlete's next season of competition.
For the first offense, this consequence may be reduced to ¼ of the regularly scheduled contests if a Crossroads Family Center (CFC or similar center) assessment is administered. OR The option to reduce ineligibility for 1/8th of the regularly scheduled contests exists if the CFC assessment is administered and 20 hours community service as approved by the Principal and Athletic Director is completed. Community service must be completed prior to any participation in athletic events.
NOTE: First offense – senior year violations will preclude the student athlete from winning any senior award voted upon by the coaches.
 - b. A second or subsequent offense up to twelve (12) months for all sports, beginning with athlete's next season of competition.
2. Other offenses:
 - a. A first offense: shall be subject to a penalty of ineligibility to compete in any contest for up to six (6) months, beginning with athlete's next season of competition.
 - b. A second or subsequent offense: shall be subject to a penalty of ineligibility to compete in any interscholastic athletic contest for a period of not less than one quarter (1/4) of the regularly scheduled contests for the sport involved and not more than twelve (12) months, beginning with athlete's next season of competition.
 - c. An athlete may be disciplined by his/her coach for other reasons (e.g., attitude, sportsmanship, attendance, etc.) when such discipline is believed to be in the athlete's or team's best interest. Such discipline shall not exceed 2a above.
3. An athlete with a violation of the Athletic Code is ineligible for a senior athletic award and may be precluded from Wall of Fame recognition.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL PROBATION: If an athlete violates this Code during the 7th or 8th grades, the athlete will be placed on probation during the 9th grade. If the athlete has no violations of this Code during the 9th grade, then the athlete will be removed from probation and any subsequent violation will be treated beginning with the first offense step. If the athlete commits another violation during the 9th grade, it will be treated as a second or subsequent offense.

ATHLETIC CODE — (POLICY #5145.7)



ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

We, the undersigned student and his/her custodial parent(s) or guardian(s), acknowledge that we have read the Grand Haven Area Public Schools' ATHLETIC CODE SUMMARY (Policy No. 5145.7); that we understand, accept, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions, including without limitation the drug testing provisions; that we understand the validity of the student and his/her custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) consent is for one (1) year (i.e. 12 consecutive months) or renewed when the student and custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) sign another Code form in a new school year, whichever comes first; and that we consent to the below named student's participation in the District's Interscholastic athletic program in accordance with the provisions of said Code.

Student's Name _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

I grant permission for my picture and/or name to be used on the ghaps.org web site and G.H.A.P.S. publications.

SIGNED: _____ DATED: _____
(Student's Signature) 20__

(Custodial Parent's or Guardian's Signature(s)) 20__



INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) Read the District's Athletic Code (Policy No. 5145.7);
- (2) Complete, date and fully sign the above Acknowledgment and Consent (Exhibit A);
- (3) Cause the physical examination form (accompanying the Code as Exhibit B) to be fully completed, dated and signed; and
- (4) Submit: (a) the fully completed and signed Acknowledgment and Consent (Exhibit A) and (b) the fully completed and signed physical examination form (Exhibit B) to the District's Athletic Director.
- (5) You may keep the Athletic Code if you wish. If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Director.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES: An athlete desiring to quit one squad and join another is strongly discouraged. Once "cuts" or team selection is done, no special tryouts or allowing to join after that date is allowed; exception may be made for injured athletes and newly enrolled students. Being "cut" from one squad and then going out for another is permissible with coaches' and athletic director's approval.

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