

City-Wide Athletic Code of Conduct

All athletes must comply with all current rules as established by the following groups:

- A. Department of Public Instruction
- B. The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA)
- C. The Milwaukee City Conference and Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS)
- D. The individual school

Athletes are expected to obey in-season training rules as established by their coaches. Coaches will notify athletes in writing of training rules and disciplinary measures to be used for rules infractions prior to the season opening.

Being charged in court of any act in violation of, or subject to, penalty under Wisconsin State Statutes, will result in suspension from athletics for 25% of the season. If a student is not in a sports season at the time of the violation, or if the remainder of the season is not adequate to complete the suspension, the suspension will extend to the next sport the student successfully competes. A second offense will result in a suspension of 50% of the season. A third offense will result in a suspension of one calendar year. Excludes minor traffic violations. Appeals for suspensions can be made through the Commissioner of Athletics who will present to the Appeals Committee.

Athletes are expected to obey in-season-training rules as established by their coaches. Discipline should be firm, fair, and help the athlete to learn how to comply with training rules. The form of discipline will generally involve suspension from athletic participation for a specific period of time. A serious violation of training rules that may result in an athlete being suspended for the season is to be discussed with the principal. Coaches will notify athletes in writing of training rules and disciplinary measures to be used for rules infractions prior to the season opening.

- A student who is administratively transferred, is ineligible for 90 days or must follow WIAA and MPS rules, whichever is greater.

Athletic Code of Conduct

1. Falsification of Records –
 - a. A violation, resulting from a student or parent (guardian) falsifying records or information furnished a school, will cause that student to be ineligible in all sports for one calendar year from the date of last game or meet in which student participated.
 - b. If a violation, resulting from a student or parent (guardian) falsifying records or information furnished a school, occurs prior to a student actually participating in a meet, it will cause that student to be ineligible for the season for which the infraction occurs.
2. Verbal abuse - The use of profane language will not be tolerated on the part of athletes. Penalties for infractions occurring outside contests should be determined by the coach and stated in writing. Penalties for infractions occurring during contests require a minimum of removal and benching for the remainder of that period (quarter, inning, etc.). During individual sports, minimum penalty is disqualification from the next scheduled event.
3. Hazing is prohibited for all interscholastic athletic activities. Participation in or unreported knowledge of hazing activities will result in one year ineligibility from date of incident.
4. Tobacco - Athletes must refrain **AT ALL TIMES** from the use of tobacco. A violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action by the individual school according to the following guidelines:

1st Offense: Suspension from athletics for six (6) school days to include at least one (1) athletic contest in the present season or in the athlete's next sport season.

2nd Offense: Suspension from athletics for forty-five (45) school days to include at least two (2) athletic contests in the present season or in the athlete's next sport season.

3rd Offense: Suspension from athletics for ninety (90) school days.

5. Intoxicating beverages/illegal drugs - Athletes must refrain **AT ALL TIMES** from using, possessing, buying, and/or selling intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs. This includes the use at anabolic-androgenic steroids and other performance enhancing substances (PES) listed in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association pamphlet called "Performance- Enhancing and Banned Substances". (A copy of the flyer is located in the Student Handbook) A violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action by the individual school according to the following guidelines:

6. A violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action by the individual school according to the following guidelines:

1st Offense:

a. Suspension from athletics for fifteen (15) school days to include at least one (1) athletic contest in the present season or in the athlete's next sport season.

2nd Offense:

a. Suspension from athletics for forty-five (45) school days.

7. If any student engages in any other serious activity necessitating disciplinary action, the school will determine the appropriate sanction.
8. Sportsmanship – A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet).
9. Athletes may wear their athletic uniforms only while participating in sanctioned athletic contests. Exceptions to this rule may be made only by the Athletic Director.

Process for determining student violation(s) of eligibility rules

1. All rules infractions are reviewed by coaches, athletic directors, and administrative staff.
2. Disciplinary decisions made by coaches may be appealed to the athletic director of the school.
3. Disciplinary decisions made by coaches and athletic directors may be appealed to the principal of the school.
4. Administrative decisions at the school level may be appealed to the Commissioner of Interscholastic Athletics.

MPS is committed to equal opportunity, non-discrimination, and an environment free of harassment (including sexual) for all individuals regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, sexual orientation, or status as a disabled or Vietnam veteran.