

POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

Pottsville Area School District has a long standing tradition of competitive, strong and respectful varsity sports and extra-curricular programs. Students who choose to represent their school on the sports field, stage or other arena, will conduct themselves in a respectful and honorable manner. These programs provide students with the opportunity to compete mentally, emotionally and physically with other young adults.

This code of conduct must be read and signed by all students who choose to represent the Pottsville Area School District, along with his/her parent or guardian before participating in any extra-curricular activity. Students who choose to participate in extra-curricular activities will also be held to the same standard of behavior and discipline that is reserved for students who do not participate in extra-curricular activities.

A coach and/or advisor may also distribute a separate policy for each activity, which must also be acknowledged by your signature. The coach's policies must meet the minimum standards contained here.

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- I. Academic Eligibility:
 - A. To be eligible for interscholastic competition, a Pottsville Area School District student must meet the following criteria:
 - 1. On a weekly basis, must be passing four (4) major subjects, however, cannot be failing three (3) or more.
 - 2. At the end of each grading period and semester, must be passing four (4) major subjects, however, cannot be failing two (2) or more.

- II. Attendance:
 - A. To participate in any activity, a student must be in attendance at school before 9:00am.
 - a. Exception to the rule would be a doctor's appointment, a family or medical emergency, or extenuating circumstances. These exceptions would require a note from the student's parent/guardian and would be reviewed by the Building Administrator and Athletic Director.
 - b. Not be absent more than twenty (20) school days during the previous semester.

- III. Discipline Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities:
 - A. All participants are subject to the Pottsville Area School District Code of Conduct, as stated in the student handbook, and the Athletic Training Code of Conduct when involved in activities and/or athletic programs.
 - B. All students will show proper decorum and courtesy to fellow participants, good sportsmanship to coaches, referees and members of the opposing teams.
 - C. A student is required to abide by the rules of the Pottsville Area School District Discipline Code. Any infraction by the student while participating in an athletic event or school activity will be treated the same as if it occurred during the school day and in school – it will be handled by the coach and administration.
 - D. If the violation involves an exclusion from school (suspension), In-school suspension (ISS) or Out-of-School suspension (OSS), the student will be suspended from athletic activities for the same calendar days. Students who receive In-School Suspension will be scheduled the first available day. Scheduled events do not take precedent over assignment of suspension. Students, who have In-School Suspension, may not attend any school activities that evening.
 - E. If the student has detention they must report directly to the coach and inform them of the date that the detention will be served.

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- F. A student who represents PASD must be a team player and avoid any actions that would be detrimental to the unity of those involved with him/her in any sports or activities.

IV. The Pottsville Area Athletic Training Code:

- A. Ejection for misconduct during an athletic contest:
 - a. 1st offense – coach’s discretion
 - b. 2nd offense – one game suspension
 - c. 3rd offense – administrative review
- B. Use of Profanity is prohibited. All offenses will be addressed by the coach. The coach must contact the Building Administrators and inform them in a timely manner to enact a disciplinary consequence.
- C. Conduct unbecoming a student representing PASD during an activity will be addressed by the coach and may result in:
 - a. 1st offense – 1 game suspension
 - b. 2nd offense – 2 game suspension
 - c. 3rd offense – suspension from the team
- D. Tobacco
 - a. During the athletic season no student/athlete shall use, possess or distribute tobacco or tobacco products.
 - b. If the offense takes place on school property, the administration shall enforce the Code of Student Conduct Rights and Responsibilities.
- E. Alcohol and other Drugs

These regulations have been developed in order to discourage our student athletes from using harmful drugs and alcohol and to foster the good health and welfare of all our student athletes.

 - a. No student/athlete shall use, possess, or distribute alcohol, drugs, steroids, controlled substances, look-alikes, or possess drug related paraphernalia on or off school property.
 - b. If the offense takes place on school property or during a school sponsored activity, the following apply:
 - 1) 1st Offense
 - 1) Suspension of a number of pre-determined contests by sport –see listing.
 - 2) 3-10 days of ISS/OSS according the PASD Code of Conduct and situation
 - 3) Referral to SAP
 - 4) If appropriate, referral to Law Enforcement Officials.
 - 2) 2nd Offense

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- 1) Dismissal from team for the remainder of the season
 - 2) 3-10 days of ISS/OSS according to the PASD Code of Conduct and situation
 - 3) Referral to Student Assistance Program (SAP)
 - 4) Referral to the proper Law Enforcement Officials
 - 5) Possible recommendation for expulsion
- c. Distribution of alcohol, drugs, steroids, controlled substances, look-alikes or drug related paraphernalia.
- 1) 1st Offense
 - 1) Suspension of a pre-determined number of sports contest(s).
 - 2) 3-10 days of ISS/OSS as per the PASD Code of Conduct and situation
 - 3) Referral to Student Assistance Program
 - 4) Law Enforcement Notification
 - 2) 2nd Offense
 - 1) Dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.
 - 2) 3-10 days of ISS/OSS as per the PASD Code of Conduct and the situation
 - 3) Referral to SAP
 - 4) Law Enforcement Notification
 - 5) Possible recommendation for expulsion.
- d. Any Student/Athlete who has been charged as an adult or juvenile with a crime committed off school property which constitutes a misdemeanor or felony related to the use, possession or distribution of alcohol, drugs, controlled substances, look-alikes and drug paraphernalia:
- 1) Upon conviction, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, the student/athlete will be:
 - 1st Offense
 1. Suspended from a predetermined number of contests by sport.
 2. Referral to Student Assistance Program
 - 2nd Offense
 1. Dismissal from team for remainder of season.
 2. Referral to Student Assistance Program
- e. Except as otherwise provided under section E, for all incidents occurring off school property where there exists a reasonable suspicion that inappropriate behavior as defined in this Athletic

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Code has occurred, the coach and District/Building Administration may take one or more of the following steps:

1) Parent Conference with student, Athletic Director, District/Building Administration and coach/advisor

2) Possible referral to Student Assistance Program

3) Notify District/Building Administration

f. If the student/athlete does not follow the procedure and recommendation in either section A,B or C, he/she will not be permitted to participate in any future Pottsville Area extra-curricular programs until the student/athlete comes into compliance.

g. A student/athlete with a drug and alcohol problem may voluntarily come forward to request assistance without consequence. He/she will receive a referral to Student Assistance Program.

V. Transportation:

A. All members of a Pottsville Area sports program/club/activity will ride Pottsville Area School District provided transportation to and from away competitions. Exceptions may be made with written parental permission and the approval of the principal and/or Athletic Director in advance of the athletic competition/program.

VI. Parental Involvement:

A. All Parents and guardians will be expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and regard while attending programs, events, practices at both home and away games and/or competitions.

B. All parents and guardians are expected to respect the decisions made by game officials.

C. All parents and guardians are expected to respect the decisions made by the coaching staff/advisor regarding your son(s)/daughter(s) role(s) in extra-curricular activities/sports.

D. All parents and guardians are expected to resolve potential misunderstandings and disagreements with coaches and/or administration as follows:

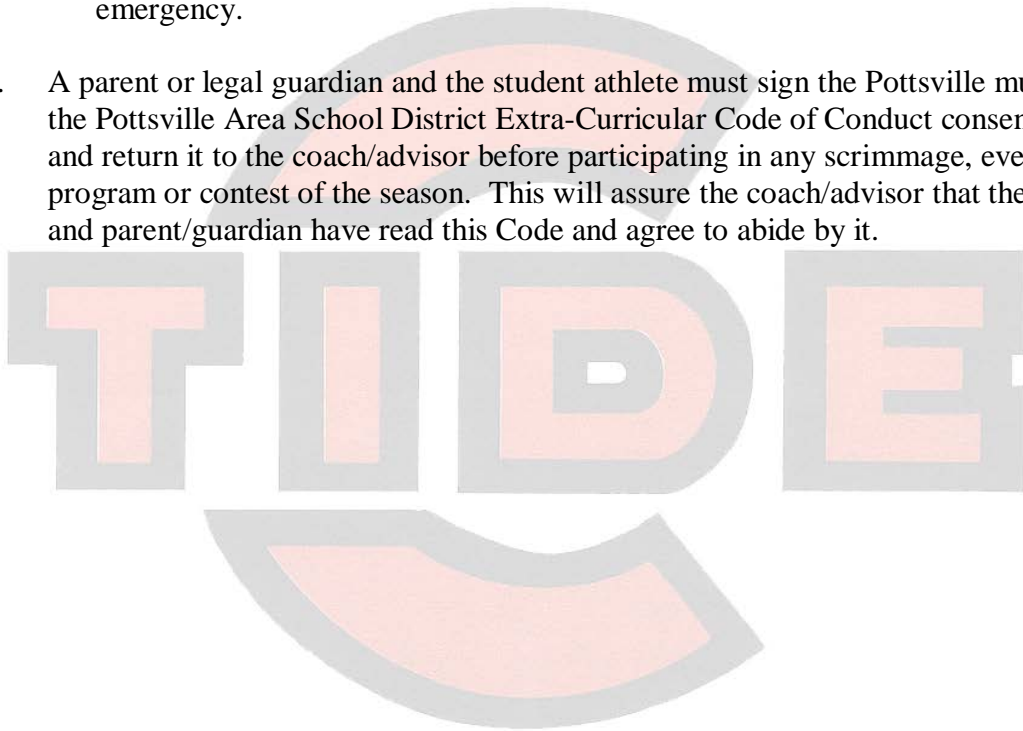
Step1 – Student/player should ask the advisor/head coach for a face to face meeting to address the misunderstanding or problem.

Step2 – If the issue is not resolved, parent or guardian may then contact the building administration and Athletic Director and request a meeting with their

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child's and the coach/advisor; (570) 621-2962, to schedule an appointment.

- E. Parents and guardians are expected to not seek a conference with a coach after practice, event or a game.
 - F. Parents and guardians are asked to respect the private family lives of all the coaches/advisors and not call them at their private residences unless it is an emergency.
- VII. A parent or legal guardian and the student athlete must sign the Pottsville must sign the Pottsville Area School District Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct consent form and return it to the coach/advisor before participating in any scrimmage, event, program or contest of the season. This will assure the coach/advisor that the student and parent/guardian have read this Code and agree to abide by it.



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Pottsville Extra-Curricular Code Suspension Chart

The following chart is used to determine the length of suspension for a violation of the Pottsville Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct rules. The number of games/contests a student is suspended is determined as a third of the regularly scheduled contests allowable by PIAA rules. It was determined that Cheerleading would mirror the sports it is associated with on a seasonal basis. All club sports that follow the PECC would also follow a suspension practice of a third of their scheduled regular season contests.

Scrimmages and practice games are not counted as contests under suspension. All student/athletes under suspension should attend all practices and games in street clothes, but are prohibited from participation. This rule will not apply to any student who is suspended from school, as they are not allowed on school property.

Fall Sports		Winter Sports		Spring Sports	
Cross Country	5 Meets	Boys BBall	7 Games	Baseball	6 Games
Football	4 Games	Girls BBall	7 Games	Softball	6 Games
Golf	6 Matches	Swimming/Diving	6 Meets	Boys Tennis	6 Matches
Boys/Girls Soccer	6 Games	Wrestling	7 Competitions	Track	5 Meets
Girls Tennis	6 Contests	Cheerleading	7 Contests	Boys Volleyball	7 Contests
Girls Volleyball	7 Contests	Indoor track	1/3 of scheduled Meets		
Cheerleading	5 Games				
Girls Jr High BB	7 Games				
Water Polo	5 Matches				

Marching Band	4 Football Games
Stage Band	Practice and/or Event. This will be determined by building administration and the band director
Concert Choir	Removal from choir for the semester or pre-determined time from Admin; Not able to participate in concert
Drama Club	Removal for the semester or predetermined time; Not able to participate in concert
Publications	Meeting with Publications Advisor and Administration to determine appropriate length of suspension
Clubs and/or Activities	Removal from the club for 3 meetings

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CONSENT FORM

I HAVE READ THE POTTSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY IT.

STUDENT'S NAME (PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ **SPORT** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(PRINT) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

RELATIONSHIP (CIRCLE) MOTHER FATHER GUARDIAN

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR COACH