

# GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL



## ATHLETIC HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

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## **LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

This student handbook, relative to student athletic participation and subsequent code of conduct, represents the cumulative efforts of the coaching staff, athletic director, principal, and administrative staff of Granite City Senior High School. It was reviewed and revised by a committee of coaches, parents, club sponsors, athletic director, and the principal. A great deal of "private" time and effort has been contributed so that student athletes and their parents may be fully aware of what is expected of those who actively participate in school athletic programs as conducted at Granite City Senior High School. We believe that students participating in school-sponsored activities have been given the privilege of being a part of our curricular/extracurricular programs and represent not only themselves but also their family, their school, and their community. We also believe that we have the responsibility to instill in the students representing their school appropriate standards in regard to individual and group behavior. We believe that adults assigned to supervise, teach, and sponsor these student activities have a difficult while rewarding task, and that they must expect good behavior and proper respect. Fortunately, the majority of our student-athletes should have no problem complying with the STUDENT ATHLETE DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT, as presented in this handbook. Unfortunately, a small minority may have some difficulty. For this reason, it is necessary that the penalties for violations be outlined and be sufficient to keep infractions at a minimum level of occurrence.

In the event we have a student-athlete who has little regard for the reputation of his/her high school and teammates, we must not allow that person to cast a disparaging shadow over those who willingly abide by and believe in the high standards of values, behavior, performance and characteristics of a sound high school athletic program. We have as fine an athletic program and facilities as this school district can provide. We are convinced that our student-athletes perform to the best of their abilities, regardless of the score and subsequent outcome of athletic contests. In order to perpetuate our beliefs in our student-athlete programs, we must have the cooperation and understanding of our athletes and their parents. Together, we can achieve our goals. To ensure the safety of the athlete and/or the teammates and to maintain the proper atmosphere for learning, a firm discipline policy is necessary. Athletics should be regarded as an extension of the classroom, a co-curriculum activity. While our goal is to promote self-discipline, penalties must be imposed on those willfully violating our Disciplinary Code of Conduct.

### **STUDENT-ATHLETE DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT**

Granite City student-athletes are expected to adhere to proper conduct throughout the school year and to comply to this code regardless of whether or not their particular activity is in or out of season. The school year is defined as starting the first day of fall sports practices and ending the day our last spring athletic team has finished State competition. All coaches must follow the minimum standards as described in the Disciplinary Code of Conduct. Coaches may require additional or more stringent team rules and/or procedures relative to their specific activity, if these supplemental rules have been approved by the principal and athletic director and are on file in the athletic director's office and were explained in detail to the student-athletes at the beginning of the season. All rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Association and Community Unit School District Nine must be followed in determining eligibility for student participation on school teams. Coaches and the athletic director of Granite City Community Unit School District Nine support "outside" school programs; however, when "outside" athletic programs interfere with school team practices and game schedules, the school athletic team practices and schedules take precedence over "outside" team commitments.

A student-athlete who is currently on a school team must have the head coach's permission to be a member of an out of school team. If a conflict occurs, the coach shall assess the situation and respond to the student-athlete's request in an affirmative or negative manner. Should the student-athlete disregard the coach's negative response and miss practices he/she will be suspended from the team. If a game is missed, the student-athlete will be terminated as a school "team" member. We support and shall uphold the Illinois High School Association by-laws restricting student-athletes to participate on "one" team only in the "same" activity at the "same" time, to be realistic and in the best interest of the student-athlete. Any member of the professional staff may report an athlete in violation of the Disciplinary Code. Any athlete charged with an infraction will be notified in person. The athlete's parents will be notified by the athlete and contacted by a school representative via phone, in person, or by mail.

Any accused athlete and/or his parent or guardian, as well as the coach of that athlete may request a hearing with the Athletic Disciplinary Review Board chaired by the athletic director. Voting members of this board will be the building principal or his designee, and two coaches, one from a major sport and one from a minor sport. This Board shall convene and render a decision after hearing all pertinent information. (Hearing is to be requested within five (5) school days in writing on appropriate request form. Form will be provided by the school upon request.) If the parents involved wish to appeal the Review Board's decision, a request must be made within the first twenty-four hours to the athletic director. Upon receiving the request he will convene the ATHLETIC DISCIPLINARY APPEAL BOARD at the earliest possible time, convenient to all. The voting members of this board will be the building principal, athletic director, and the Superintendent of Schools or his designee. The results of the Appeal Board's hearing will be reported in writing, and a copy will be sent to the athlete and the athlete's parents. If there is still dissatisfaction, details on how to request a hearing before the Board of Education will be included in the report.

## GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING INFRACTIONS

### I. INFRACTIONS WHILE UNDER DIRECT SCHOOL SUPERVISION

At school, at extra-curricular activities, on school trips, etc. Any athlete with drugs, alcohol, or who takes part in theft, vandalism or any illegal activity, shall be immediately suspended from all athletic participation for one calendar year. The penalty for use of tobacco while under direct school supervision will be as prescribed in Section II.

### II. INFRACTIONS WHILE NOT UNDER DIRECT SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Drug abuse, use of alcoholic beverages, theft, vandalism or involvement in any illegal activities:

**First Offense** - suspension from one-third of contests as per the table provided, up to one calendar year. Suspension to be determined on an individual basis by the review board.

**Second Offense** - one calendar year suspension from all athletic participation.

**Third Offense** - permanent suspension from the high school athletic program.

*This reduction is only for infractions while not under direct school supervision.*

**NOTE:** Athletes disciplined the first time for alcohol, tobacco or drug use may have their suspensions reduced by half if they attend a professional drug assessment and follow the prescribed guidelines. This assessment must be completed before the suspension will be adjusted. Students in the area of activities involving the illegal use of alcohol or drugs or any other aforementioned negative activity who take no action to leave the premises immediately shall be regarded as co-conspirators according to this policy. This applies to all situations (i.e. under direct supervision or not under direct supervision.)

**AFTER STUDENT COMPLETION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT THE SUSPENSION WILL BE ADJUSTED TO:**

**First Offense** - suspension from one-sixth of contests as per the table provided.

**Second Offense** - suspension from a minimum of one-half of contests as per the table provided, up to one calendar year. Suspension will be determined on an individual basis.

**Additional Offense(s)** - suspension of one calendar year up to permanent suspension from the high school athletic program. Suspension will be determined on an individual basis.

**NOTE:** Any student-athlete who has been disciplined as a "first offense" in this policy shall have any subsequent violations dealt with as a "second offense" under the appropriate category. The same would apply for additional offenses.

### III. SUSPENDED FROM ATTENDING CLASS

The athlete will not practice nor participate in athletics during the period of suspension or when assigned to the T.A.C. center. School suspensions are considered to include the entire day of school activities including weekend events when suspension includes the last day of the week or extends into the next week.

### IV. FAILURE TO RETURN ISSUED ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

Athletes must return all issued athletic equipment by the date designated by the coach. Participation in a next season will not be permitted until equipment is returned or a fee for the lost equipment is paid. The athlete will be put on the obligation list for the equipment not returned.

**NOTE:** School athletic equipment is not to be worn except on the day of a contest, during practice, or during the contest.

### V. UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR OF AN ATHLETE AS A SPECTATOR, HOME OR AWAY

**First Offense** - conference with school administrator which may result in disciplinary action.

**Second Offense** - barred from attending school athletic events for the remainder of the year.

### VI. CURFEW

Any time our coaches feel it necessary to invoke a curfew, the athletes will be expected to comply. When our team will be staying overnight or housing a team overnight, the coaches will have a curfew for all team members.

### VII. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

An athlete must be in attendance during some part of the day in order to participate in a practice or contest after school.

**Exceptions:** College visits, field trips, funerals, professional appointments, etc. The Athletic Director must approve other exceptions.

### VIII. TRAVEL POLICY

Transportation will be provided for athletes both ways for away contests. The head coach must approve any alternate arrangements in advance. This would include an athlete going home with his/her parents. (Parents may take only their own child). A written statement from the parent or legal guardian is required. In case of a personal emergency, requiring alternate transportation, the coach will decide if the alternate mode of transportation is appropriate. The Athletic Disciplinary Code of Conduct, as well as any additional regulations of the transportation agency, shall be in effect while traveling to away events. Any action on the part of the athlete deemed to be inappropriate or in violation of the code by those in supervision will result in the athlete being suspended from the team.

The parent/guardian will be contacted by the coach or supervisor and may be requested to transport his/her student home. On overnight trips, the head coach will announce a time for the first room check. Any person not present for a room check will be in violation of the travel guidelines. After the first room check, no one is to leave the room. If an emergency arises, an athlete may leave the room and proceed directly to safety or the closest supervisor's room.

- A. The only persons allowed to be in the athlete's room are team members and they may not be in the room after room check.
- B. Any violations of the Disciplinary Code of Conduct while traveling with a team will not be tolerated. (Please note drug and alcohol policy while under supervision.)

### IX. CONDUCT OF AN ATHLETE

Any other behavioral action in which an athlete is involved that is not specifically covered in this Disciplinary Code of Conduct and is considered to be detrimental to the school and the athletic program will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Athletic Disciplinary Review Board.

### X. ATHLETIC AWARDS

Each athlete recommended by the coaching staff to receive an athletic award is requested to attend the Athletic Awards Ceremony to receive his/her award. Recommendations for awards at all levels must be approved by the head coach.

**TABLE USED IN DETERMINING APPROPRIATE SUSPENSION FOR POLICY VIOLATION**

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF EVENTS	ONE-SIXTH OF EVENTS	ONE-THIRD OF EVENTS	ONE-HALF OF EVENTS
Football	9 Games	1 Game	3 Games	4 Games
Soccer	18 Games	3 Games	6 Games	9 Games
Golf	16 Dates	2 Dates	5 Dates	8 Dates
Cross Country	8 Meets	1 Meets	3 Meets	4 Meets
Basketball	20 Games	3 Games	6 Games	10 Games
Wrestling	18 Dates	3 Dates	6 Dates	9 Dates
Baseball	35 Games	5 Games	11 Games	17 Games
Tennis	16 Dates	2 Dates	5 Dates	8 Dates
Track	12 Meets	2 Meets	4 Meets	6 Meets
Volleyball	24 Matches	4 Matches	8 Matches	12 Matches
Softball	35 Games	5 Games	11 Games	17 Games

### XI. COMMENTS

1. Athletic suspensions may carry over from one school year to the next.
2. Number of offenses are cumulative throughout the student's high school career.
3. During the period of athletic suspension, the head coach and/or athletic director have the discretion to determine if the athlete should practice.
4. The athlete's penalty shall be based on the highest level of participation which has taken place.
5. If the violation occurs "in season", the penalty will be enforced during that particular activity and may carry over into the next activity in which the student has participated in during previous years.
6. If violation occurs "out of season", the penalty will be enforced in the next sport season the student has participated in the previous years.
7. Penalties do not include whether or not the student athlete shall receive athletic awards (letters, etc.) at the Athletic Awards Ceremonies. This determination shall be the responsibility of the head coach for all levels of the program.
8. Student athletes who are suspended from the team but not from school may attend home games dressed in street clothes (no uniform apparel) and sit where the coach directs. Suspended athletes will not travel with the team.

# STUDENT/ATHLETE DISCIPLINARY CODE OF CONDUCT

STUDENT

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LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

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GRADUATION DATE

## STUDENT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I have read and understand the rules and regulations as stated in the Granite City Senior High School Student/Athlete Handbook. Furthermore, I understand that the Code of Conduct applies to me regardless of my selected activity(ies) being in or out of season during the school year.

As a member of a school athletic team(s) representing Granite City Senior High, I agree to conduct my behavior in accordance with the provisions of the Disciplinary code or suffer the consequences as outlined.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

As a parent/legal guardian of the above student/athlete of Granite City Senior High School, I have also read and understand the contents of the Student/Athlete Handbook.

I support the Disciplinary Code of Conduct and resultant behavior expected of my son or daughter and will assist and guide him/her to maintain these standards of behavior throughout his/her school career.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIP AND EMERGENCY TREATMENT PERMISSION FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at  
Parent/Legal Guardian's Name

\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby state that I am the  
Parent/Legal Guardian's Address

natural parent and/or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

a student at \_\_\_\_\_  
School

I hereby give my permission for my child to attend the \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Trip(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ trip(s)

on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) of Trip(s) or Time Period (not to exceed one year)

**COMPLETE IF OUT OF TOWN TRIP**

I also authorize the bearer of this letter to administer any first aid as required and, if necessary, to consent to any x-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care to be rendered to the said minor child. This treatment may be under the general or special supervision, and or the advice of any licensed physician or surgeon, when such medical or surgical treatment is an emergency. I will be responsible for any costs of said emergency treatment.

Child's Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medication child is taking \_\_\_\_\_

List any special medical history \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct. This authorization is valid for the date or time period indicated above, but not to exceed one year from the date of my signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Other