

RICHMOND HEIGHTS ATHLETIC CONDUCT CODE
(Revised and initiated, Fall 2003-04 School Year)

As a member in good standing of the Richmond Heights High School community, I understand and agree to abide by all rules, expectations, and procedures set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

As a student-athlete, I will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the State of Ohio and the Ohio High School Athletic Association regarding my conduct as a member of the Richmond Heights Spartans sport teams.

I understand that the sale, offer of sale, distribution, delivery, concealment, or consumption of drugs or alcohol is prohibited under the Ohio Revised Code for all persons under the age of 21, and I will not use drugs or alcohol.

I understand that the possession, transmittance, sale, distribution, or consumption of tobacco products is prohibited for all persons enrolled in a secondary school for the purposes of obtaining a high school diploma.

I understand that I can not violate any federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance where such a violation is likely to have a negative effect on the school or the school community.

I agree to abide by the written rules and regulations established by my coach.

I agree that my participation is a privilege, and my conduct reflects upon the community, and I promise to abide by the expectations my community has created regarding good sportsmanship and behavior.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____

AD Initial _____

Disciplinary Action for Chemical Abuse.

Procedures for a student who admits to a violation of the Code prior to being confronted with a specific potential infraction shall be as follows:

1. The student will have an opportunity to meet with the head coach and/or athletic director/Dean of Students to discuss the problem.
2. The student shall be denied participation in the athletic activity for 10 of

the current season.

3. Parents shall be notified concerning the problem.
4. Administration shall require entrance into and participation in a treatment program or refer the student for further assessment.
5. The student must successfully complete the treatment program or further assessment.
6. The student can continue to participate in the athletic activity while completing the treatment program or further assessment.
7. Failure of the student-athlete to successfully complete the treatment program or further assessment will result in an immediate and indefinite denial of participation from the athletic activity until the program or assessment has been successfully completed.

Procedures for a student's first violation of this Behavior Code, not admitted by the student prior to being confronted with a specific potential infraction, shall be as follows:

1. The student will receive written notice of the intention to discipline for a violation of the Behavior Code will be afforded an opportunity to an informal hearing with the head coach and/or athletic director/Dean of Students.
2. The parents shall be notified and provided an opportunity for a meeting to be scheduled with Administration.
3. The student will be denied participation in all current athletic activities for a period of 50 of the current athletic season. The 50 denial of participation will be reduced to 25 if the student-athlete agrees to enter into and participates in a treatment program.
4. The Administration shall require entrance into and participation in a treatment program or refer the student for further assessment, depending upon the extent of the infraction.
5. The failure to successfully complete the program will result in an immediate indefinite suspension from athletic activities until the program or assessment is completed.
6. In addition to any penalties invoked in this policy, the student may be subject to discipline under the District's Student Code of Conduct, which may include out of school suspension or expulsion.

Procedures for a student's second violation of this Behavior Code shall be as follows:

1. The parents shall be notified and provided an opportunity for a hearing to be scheduled with Administration.
2. The student shall be denied participation in all aspects of the athletic program for the remainder of the school year. This may be reduced to 50 of the remainder of the school year if the student agrees to enter into and participates in a treatment program as determined by Administration.
3. The Administration will require entrance into and participation in a treatment program or refer the student for further assessment, depending upon the extent of the infraction.

4. The student forfeits all awards for all athletic events and/or athletic activities for the year.
5. Completion of the treatment program and/or assessment is required.
6. In addition to any penalties invoked in this policy, the student may be subject to discipline under the District's Student Code of Conduct, which may include out of school suspension or expulsion.

Procedures for a student's third violation shall be as follows:

1. A third violation of the Behavior Code will result in denial of participation for the remainder of the student-athlete's high school eligibility. Reinstatement will be considered only upon the recommendation of the assessment agency, and approval of the Administration.

Due process procedures for implementation of disciplinary action for alleged violations of the Behavior Code:

1. Any participant in student athletics who is suspected of violating the Behavior Code shall be afforded the opportunity for an informal hearing with the head coach of the activity and/or the athletic director/Dean of Students. The parent/guardian may be invited to participate in the hearing, which shall not be unduly delayed to accommodate the parent's attendance. If the hearing is postponed at the request of the parent/guardian, the student shall be deemed suspended from practice/game participation pending conduct and completion of the hearing. The coach shall present evidence of the violation and ask the student-athlete to respond to the charges. If the student is found to be in violation of the Code, the coach, in accordance with the schedule set forth above, shall inform the student of the duration of exclusion; the notice of exclusion, and the reason for same, shall be committed to writing and provided to the student, with a copy to the parent/guardian.
2. Any student may appeal a decision of a coach to the building principal/Dean of Students within 72 hours of receipt of the decision. The principal/Dean of Students shall meet with the student, his/her parent or guardian, and coach. The principal/Dean of Students may affirm, reverse or modify the ruling of the coach. The principal/Dean of Students shall inform the student and his/her parent or guardian of the decision in writing within 72 hours of the hearing.