



Seminole Athletic Code of Conduct

PURPOSE OF THE ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this document is to provide rules and regulations for Seminole athletes/parents to follow and be aware of. We understand that certain rules and regulations must be put in place for Seminole ISD Athletics to be successful. When dealing with violations and discipline measures, the Athletic Director's discretion shall oversee all decisions. Seminole ISD Head Coaches/Athletic Directors shall always put their student athletes best interests ahead of all measures.

VALUE OF ATHLETICS

Seminole ISD and our student athletes shall understand the value of athletics and the many rewards and values that are created while being part of a team and a winning culture. These values acquired in athletics shall help our young men and women become better adults in their future. These values such as teamwork, sportsmanship, work ethic, and discipline shall always be respected and never taken for granted.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities also include, but are not limited to, public performances, contests, and club events. All athletic activity participants are subject to the provisions of this Athletic Code of Conduct.

Student athletes and parents/guardians assume an understanding and responsibility that participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, rules and expectations for athletes of Seminole ISD are more stringent than those of non-extracurricular school programs. In particular, infractions of the Seminole Athletic Code of Conduct apply whether the infraction occurs during school hours or not. This includes weekends, holidays, and/or the summer months. The standards of the Seminole Athletic Code of Conduct are independent of the Seminole Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in a student being disciplined under both standards.

GOALS OF THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

1. Create and maintain expectations of academic excellence.
2. Develop a commitment to the growth and maturation of character and integrity.
3. Create an environment where students correct inappropriate behaviors in a timely and respectful manner.
4. Help develop individuals that are positive role models for our younger students.
5. Build a belief in the giving of our talents and abilities for the good of others.
6. Help lay the foundation that hard work, disciplined behavior, and high standards lead to success in all areas of life.
7. Demonstrate loyalty to family, country, school, and team.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

1. Abide by all provisions of the Seminole Code of Conduct, as well as, the Seminole Athletic Code of Conduct.
2. Compliance with all training room rules.
3. Be on time to all practices, contests, or other scheduled events.
4. Demonstrate courtesy and respect toward teachers and other students.
5. Be responsible for all athletic equipment entrusted to his/her use and return it to the school in the best possible condition given reasonable wear and tear.

6. Create, maintain, and display good sportsmanship.
7. Adhere to the policy regarding drugs and alcohol as stated in the Seminole Student Code of Conduct.
8. Abide by the Athletic Code/Teams dress and grooming standards including travel to and from events.
9. Jewelry of any kind is not permitted to be worn during practice or competition. Male athletes are not permitted to wear earrings at any school-related or school-sponsored events.
10. Injured athletes must attend rehabilitation with the school trainers and attend practice with their teammates to the extent permitted by their injury.

TRAVEL

1. All student athletes, including injured players, will ride to and from all athletic events with the team. Exceptions will be made for emergencies and extenuating circumstances with the coach's approval.
2. During athletic travel all student athletes must comply with the District's rules for conduct on school buses, and the policies of the Seminole Student Code of Conduct and Seminole Athletic Code of Conduct.

PRACTICES AND WORKOUTS

1. Athletes must notify a coach in advance when it is necessary to miss practice or competition.
2. Multiple unexcused missed practices shall be grounds for dismissal.

SEVERE OFFENSES

*These offenses are considered having immediate and potentially severe consequences and thus necessitating the prompt response to ensure the safety of the student athlete and others. These offenses include, but are not limited to: drug and alcohol offenses, physical assault, theft, and hazing.

Violation of Drug and Alcohol Policy

*Student athletes shall not possess, use, transmit, or attempt to use or transmit, or be under the influence of any of the following substances:

- #1. Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by law, without regard to amount, including but not limited to marijuana, any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine, and/or barbiturate.
- #2. Alcohol or any alcoholic beverage.
- #3. Any abusable glue, aerosol paint, or any other volatile chemical substance for inhalation.
- #4. Any other intoxicant, or mood changing, mind altering, or behavioral altering drugs.

*The transmittal, sale, or attempted sale of what is represented to be any of the above listed substances is also prohibited under this rule.

*Consequences of positive test results shall be cumulative throughout the student/s enrollment in the District. Any student coming in from another district shall begin with a clean record.

*Consequences for a positive drug test are as follows:

First offense

1. Student athlete shall be removed from random drug testing and required to test at each random testing for 1 calendar year.
2. Student athlete shall be suspended from extracurricular activities for 15 school days, following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.
3. The student athlete may participate in practices but shall not be allowed to compete in competition games.

Second Offense

1. Student athlete shall be removed from random drug testing and required to test at each random testing for 1 calendar year.

2. Student athlete shall be suspended from extracurricular activities for 30 school days, following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results.
3. Student athlete may participate in practices but shall not be allowed to compete in competition games.

Third Offense

1. The student athlete shall be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities for 1 calendar year following the date the student and parent are notified.
2. Before the student athlete is allowed to participate in extracurricular events, the student must test negative at a scheduled random drug test.
3. During the period of suspension, the student athlete may not participate in practices.

Fourth Offense

1. The student shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's school career.

Physical Assault and Theft Policy

*Student athletes are prohibited from assaulting anyone.

*An assault is defined as intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another person and/or threatening another with imminent bodily injury.

*Student athletes shall not take part in theft or robbery. Theft of money or items totaling a value of \$50.00 or more is considered a severe offense.

*Consequences for violations relating to the above listed physical assault and/or theft policy are as follows:

First Offense

1. Student athlete shall be suspended from any extracurricular activities for 15 school days, following the date the student and parent are notified of the infraction.
2. During the period of suspension, the student athlete may not participate in practices.

Second Offense

1. Student athlete shall be suspended from extracurricular activities for 30 school days, following the date the student and parent are notified of the infraction.
2. During the period of suspension, the student athlete may not participate in practices.

Third Offense

1. Student athlete shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity for 1 calendar year following the date the student and parent are notified of the infraction.
2. During the period of suspension, the student athlete may not participate in practices or in extracurricular activities.

Fourth Offense

1. The student shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's school career.

Hazing

*Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created intentionally that causes harassment or ridicule, risks emotional and/or physical harm to members of a group or team.

*Consequences for hazing will be the same as physical assaults.

MAJOR OFFENSES

*These offenses consider to have potentially serious consequences, short term and/or long term, for the individual student athlete, team, and/or athletic program in general. These offenses include but are not limited to:

- Blatant unsportsmanlike conduct

- Selling, giving, delivering, using, possessing, or being under the influence of tobacco of any kind.
- Cursing, obscenities, or inappropriate gestures towards others
- Theft of money or items totaling a value of less than \$50.00

First Offense

1. Suspension from 1 quarter of play (or the equivalent for that sport) in the present contest of the next upcoming contest.

Second Offense

1. Suspension for the equivalent of 1 full contest.
2. Parent/Student Athlete conference with Head Coach and Athletic Director.

Third Offense

1. Suspension for the equivalent of 2 full contests.
2. Parent/Student Athlete conference with Head Coach and Athletic Director.

Fourth Offense

1. Begin following policy for Severe Offenses.

VAPING/E-CIGARETTES

*The Texas Legislature recently passed a new law in regards to vapes in Texas Schools (House Bill 114). Possession of a vape or e-cigarette within 300 feet of school property, or while attending a school-related activity on or off school property is now a mandatory DAEP placement. The Seminole ISD Athletic Department will strictly uphold and enforce this law throughout our athletic teams.

DEAP or CAPS PLACEMENT

*Any athlete placed in DEAP/CAPS will be automatically removed from his/her team. This individual will not be allowed to practice or compete until their DEAP/CAPS placement is complete. Once the DEAP/CAPS placement is complete the athlete may be reinstated with no further punishment.

QUITTING A SPORT

*If an athlete quits a sport he/she will have an initial 24-hour grace period to return. If he/she decides to quit, the following stipulations apply:

1. He or she will not compete in the following seasonal scheduled sports until the sport he or she has quit has ended.
2. Other disciplinary measures shall be applied when deemed necessary by the Athletic Director.
3. If the student quits any sport a second time, he/she will not be allowed to participate in athletics the rest of the school year.

PARENT CONFERENCES

*Seminole ISD understands that communication and parental support play a huge role in the success of a great athletic program. Anytime competition is involved, emotions run extremely high. Seminole ISD Athletics will always encourage an open line of communication with parents. There will be no parent/coach conferences immediately following athletic events. Please DO NOT approach coaches immediately following athletic contests. If a parent would like to schedule a conference with a coach it will need to be scheduled the next available school day.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

***I fully understand and have read the Seminole ISD Athletic
Code of Conduct and agree to comply.**