



Athletic Code of Conduct

District 50’s athletic programs are built on integrity, respect, and responsibility. To better support athletes and protect the reputation of our schools, we have updated the **Athletic Code of Conduct**. Below is a comparison of the **old code of conduct** versus the **new code of conduct**.

Code of Conduct Comparison

Area	Old Code of Conduct	New Code of Conduct (2025–2026)
Standard of Participation	Participation expected to show good behavior; emphasis on sportsmanship.	Participation is explicitly defined as a privilege, not a right . Higher standards of conduct are enforced year-round.
Unacceptable Conduct	Broad expectations for good citizenship.	Detailed list of prohibited behaviors : theft, vandalism, disrespect, hazing, harassment, misuse of social media/technology, tobacco use, alcohol, vaping, and drugs. Applies 12 months a year on and off campus.
Consequences	Case-by-case decisions; penalties often limited to suspension or removal from the team.	Graduated consequences: reprimands, contracts, suspensions, dismissal for one year, or permanent denial of participation. Clearer process and accountability.
Ejections from Contests	Handled by SCHSL with minimal school input.	Joint review by SCHSL and school administration . May result in extended suspension, ISS/OSS, or exclusion from extracurricular activities.
Alcohol/Drug Violations	Complete removal from teams and athletic programs	Clear, tiered penalties: 1st violation = 20% suspension of contests; 2nd violation = dismissal from athletics for the remainder of the year.
Criminal Charges	Not specifically addressed	Felony = immediate suspension until resolved; conviction = up to one calendar year suspension. Misdemeanor = suspension up to dismissal at the school’s discretion.
Appeals	Appeals are informally handled by athletic staff or school admin.	Formal written appeal process within 5 days. Decisions are reviewed by the Principal or the district administrator. The final decision is documented in the Student Information System.

Athletes are role models. Their actions reflect not just on them, but also on the team, the school, and the community. Athletes must represent them with pride!

To view the full Code of Conduct for Student Athletes, families may contact the athletic director at each child’s home school.