

Crestline Exempted Village School District



Student Athletic Code of Conduct

CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Athletic Code of Conduct

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Interscholastic Sports

Baseball
Basketball- Boys and Girls
Bowling- Boys and Girls
Cheerleading
Cross Country- Boys and Girls
Football
Softball
Swimming -Boys and Girls
Track- Boys and Girls

Introduction

Student participation in the athletic program of Crestline Exempted Village School District is a privilege. Through the years, Crestline High School has developed a great tradition of athletes. This tradition has been the product of hard work attributed to many people over many years. Our teams and individuals have earned recognition and distinction through conference and state play. Our tradition has been to participate in such a way that honor is acquired by our students, athletes, our school, and our community. Such tradition is worthy of the best efforts regarding all concerned.

As a member of an interscholastic team, your child inherits distinct responsibilities. His/her role in contributing to such an athletic tradition may not be easy. However, any contribution he/she makes undoubtedly will be a source of satisfaction not only to his/her school but to the athlete personally. Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner as a member of a Crestline team. Team members will adhere to the athletic rules, regulations, and policies established by Crestline Exempted Village School District and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Violation of any of these will result in disciplinary action. These rules, regulations, and policies govern all student-athletes electing to participate in athletics for the Crestline Exempted Village School District

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

Risk in sports is a topic which has received a substantial amount of publicity recently. All human activities, including sports, have a potential for causing injury to individuals. Sports injuries can range from simple cuts and bruises to serious conditions such as fractures and severe sprains possibly requiring surgery to catastrophic occurrences which include eye injuries, neck and back injuries with resulting paralysis, and, although rare, death. Proper conditioning, correct techniques, training, and properly fitted equipment can greatly reduce your child's risk of injury. The coaches of Crestline Exempted Village will properly prepare student athletes to prevent, protect, and treat all sports related injuries.

We, the parent and student-athlete, acknowledge the risk of injuries detailed above is present in the sports offered in the Crestline Exempted Village system. We assume these risks with the understanding that the Crestline coaches will do everything within reason to reduce the injury potential to the student athlete. However, if any injury does occur, the student athlete is expected to report the injury immediately to his/her coach.

ATHLETIC RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES

SUBSTANCE & CHEMICAL ABUSE POLICY

Any confirmed violation of the following policies will result in disciplinary action. The policy will be in effect for students in grades 7-12 involved in any extracurricular/co-curricular activity. A student will be under the jurisdiction of this policy from the time they initially receive the policy through graduation. This policy will be in effect from the first practice until the last contest of all sports for the duration of the season. Penalties for violation of this policy will be cumulative throughout a high school student-athlete's career. Infractions occurring in the middle school will not be carried over to the high school.

Student-athletes choosing to participate in any sport will be required to submit to a random drug screen to be eligible for competition. The goal of this policy is not to "catch" students using illegal chemicals but to help students have additional compelling reasons not to use chemicals. The drug screening will be administered one time during each athletic season: Fall, Winter and Spring. Should a student test positive to the presence of an illegal substance, the athletic code of conduct will be followed. Failure to provide a random sample will be considered as a positive result. Crestline Exempted Village School District student-athletes shall not possess, sell, consume, purchase, or be under the influence of any drugs, alcohol, steroids/performance enhancing drugs, look-alike drugs, or prescription drugs not prescribed to the student-athlete, tobacco, electronic cigarettes or alcohol.

VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

Self-Referral:

If a student and/or parent reports an incident to a school official with the intent of seeking help/counseling for a potential substance abuse problem, then that student will be suspended for 10% of the season's games.

A student can have this suspension reduced to 0% by completing educational classes and/or counseling services related to the particular substance.

First Offense (Involuntary Compliance):

Once a school official is notified of an incident in which a student violated the substance abuse policy, the student will be suspended for 50% of the season's games.

A student can have this suspension reduced to 25% by completing educational classes and/or counseling services related to the particular substance.

Second Offense (Involuntary Compliance):

Once a school official is notified of an incident in which a student violated the substance abuse policy for a second time during his or her high school career, the student will be suspended for 75% of the season's games.

A student can have this suspension reduced to 50% by completing additional educational classes and/or counseling services related to the particular substance.

Third Offense (Involuntary Compliance):

Once a school official is notified of an incident in which a student violated the substance abuse policy for a third time during his or her high school career, the student will be suspended for 100% of the all contests for one full year (365 Days).

A student can resume participation after one full if and only if he or she completes additional educational classes and/or counseling services related to the particular substance.

Fourth Offense (Involuntary Compliance):

Once a school official is notified of an incident in which a student violated the substance abuse policy for a fourth time during his or her high school career, the student will be suspended from competing in any game for the remainder of that student's high school career.

A student can never resume participation if her or she has violated the substance abuse policy four or more times.

MEDIA GUIDELINES

In an effort to foster good sportsmanship and to deter the need to enforce discipline, Crestline Exempted Village School District recommends the following guidelines as best practices for the use of media by Crestline High School student-athletes. Student-athletes are not restricted from using any online social network sites or digital platforms. However, users must understand that any content they make public via on-line social networks or digital platforms is expected to follow acceptable social behaviors and also comply with federal government, state of Ohio, Crestline Exempted Village School District and Ohio High School Athletic Association rules and regulations. As a Crestline High School student-athlete you are held accountable to the Student Handbook regulations. Ignorance of these regulations does not excuse student-athletes from adhering to them. These guidelines are intended to provide a framework for student-athletes to conduct themselves safely and responsibly in an on-line environment. As a student-athlete at Crestline High School you should avoid posting:

- A. Derogatory language or remarks about teammates, coaches, students, teachers, administrators or representative of the school
- B. Demeaning statements about or threats to any third party
- C. Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence, bullying, hazing, sexual harassment, vandalism, stalking, underage drinking, selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; or any other inappropriate behaviors.
- D. Creating serious danger to safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person
- E. Indicating knowledge of an unreported crime
- F. Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation, regardless if the violation was unintentional or intentions.

Incidents and infractions will be handled on a case by case basis. Discipline will be as follows, depending on the severity of the infraction:

- Single or multiple game suspensions
- Dismissal from team
- Possible consequences from the Crestline Exempted Village Administration

PHONE POLICY

There should be no phones at practice, study tables, locker room, contest, etc. unless given permission from a coach. Any athlete seen on their phone will be dismissed from said event. Athletes will not be permitted to use headphones unless given permission from a coach.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY PER OHSAA

1. Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received in the preceding grading period. Semester and yearly grades have no effect on eligibility.
2. Grades 9-12: To be eligible, a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school or meet the OHSAA requirements as a non-enrolled student. Students must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent in the immediately preceding grading period. (Note: Students taking post-secondary options must comply with these standards. See the school counselor for details.)
3. Grades 7&8: To be eligible, a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school or meet the OHSAA requirements as a non-enrolled student. Students must have received passing grades in a minimum of five courses or the equivalent in the immediately preceding grading period
4. For eligibility, summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades received in the final grading period of the regular school year or for lack of enough courses taken the preceding grading period.

INELIGIBILITY

If a student is declared academically ineligible for participation, the following will occur:

1. Adhere to all rules established by the OHSAA.
2. The coach can permit a student-athlete to practice during the ineligibility period; student-athletes are not permitted to dress for or compete in a contest.
3. The coach can permit a student-athlete to travel with the team during the ineligibility period.

RESIDENCE (Bylaw 4 Section 6)

A student is eligible at the school located in the OHIO school district where the parent or legal guardian resides when all other eligibility standards are met. If your parent/legal guardian lives outside of Ohio, you are not eligible unless you meet one of the (10) exceptions to the residency bylaws. When there has been a change of custody, the student must reside in the same school district with the legal custodial parent/guardian.

CHANGING SCHOOLS-TRANSFERS (Bylaws 4 Section 7)

Rules seem to change every year in this Bylaw, but the following has been consistent. Every student athlete establishes residency at the beginning of the 9th Grade, which includes:

- A. Participation in some form of contest, (scrimmage, preview, or regular season).
- B. Attending the first day of school.
- C. Grades 10, 11 or 12 only if home schooled and only if you reside in the Crestline Exempted Village School District.

Once eligibility has been established and you choose to transfer somewhere else, before you transfer or have a change of address, make sure you are aware of all the Bylaws included in the change schools transfer. Always check with your school principal, guidance counselor, or athletic administrator before you change schools to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

An athlete who is subject to denial of participation or dismissal from a school sponsored sports team will undergo a formal hearing procedure in the presence of the principal/assistant principal and athletic director/coach after which a recommendation for discipline will be made. Benching is always the right of the coach and is not subject to the formal hearing procedure.

ACADEMICS

Student Athletes are required to maintain good academic standing throughout their season in addition to the OHSAA guidelines for eligibility. Random grade checks will be conducted by the athletic director as well as the coaches. Any student-athlete who is failing multiple courses will be held out of all athletic contests, practices, and events until all classes are brought up to passing. Any student with less than a 3.5 cumulative GPA will be required to attend a study table M-F 2:30-3:00 in the cafetorium. Anyone who does not attend is not permitted to attend practice that day. Any athlete with a contest that day is not required to attend study tables.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Any athlete who is suspended by the district will receive an athletic suspension from games equal to the number of days suspended by the district. Ex. 5 day suspension from school equals a 5 game suspension from athletics. In-school suspension counts the same as an out-of-school suspension.

PRACTICE PARTICIPATION

Practice is NOT optional, all scheduled practices are mandatory. Coaches have final decision on attendance policies. District recommendation is any athlete who misses a practice 4 days prior to a contest should not play in said contest.

There will be no accommodations made for any student who receives detention or Thursday school. This will count as an unexcused absence from practice.

QUITTING A TEAM

Any athlete who decides to quit a team must inform the head coach. In the event a student-athlete quits a team he/she is not permitted to begin practicing or playing with another Crestline High School team until the end of the OHSAA season of the sport quit. Any transfer student sitting out half the season is still required to show up to all contests, practices, and team events. Failure to do so will count as quitting. Anyone who quits will forfeit their varsity letter and all accolades from the season regardless of what was earned.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

All uniforms and school issued equipment is the responsibility of the athlete. All equipment should be returned in the same condition it was received. Failure to do so will result in a fine for every piece of missing or damaged equipment equal to the cost of the equipment.

ABSENCE OF ATHLETE FROM SCHOOL:

Any student who misses more than 25% (100 minutes) of the school day will not be eligible to participate in any extra- curricular activity that night, this includes practices, games, and team organized events. The only exceptions to this policy will be medical/dental appointments, court, funerals, CCP classes, or a special circumstance that is given approval by an administrator.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONDUCT PENALTY

Any student ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection, (one contest in football). If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during, or traveling after, the contest(s). A student who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport. A student who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and tournament contests and shall in no way limit the discretionary authority of the commissioner as specified in the OHSAA Tournament Regulations. In accordance with Bylaw 8-3-1, the decisions of contest officials are final.

CLOSED PRACTICES

All practices are closed to parents, students, other athletes not on the team and community unless specifically stated otherwise by the coach.

REQUIRED FORMS

A. Emergency Medical Form

1. Each athlete is responsible to complete an emergency medical form and return it to the head coach prior to participation.
2. No athlete will be permitted to begin practice or competition without this form signed by the parent/guardian and filed with the head coach.

B. Physical Exams

1. Ohio Athletic Association requires a physical exam each year of competition. (This is good for 12 months)
2. No athlete will be permitted to begin practice or competition without a physical exam form completed by a physician and signed by the parent/guardian and on file with the athletic director.
3. Expense of the physical examination is the responsibility of the parent/guardian if not completed during the free physicals provided by Avita each school year.
4. Signed acknowledgement of reading & understanding the Crestline Athletic Code of Conduct.
6. Signed Consent form for Drug Screening.
7. Signed Concussion Information Sheet.
8. Any Additional forms requested by individual coaches

AWARDS PROGRAM

VARSIITY

1st Year Participation

- Numerals

1st year Varsity:

- Physical Letter
- Certificate

2nd Year Varsity

- Certificate
- Sports Gold Pin

3rd Year Varsity

- Certificate
- Gold Bar Pin

4th Year Varsity

- 4 year letter winner plaque
- Certificate
- Gold Bar Pin

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDS

1. **ANY SENIOR WHO COMPLETES A SEASON ON THE ROSTER WILL RECEIVE A VARSITY LETTER**
2. **A letter will also be awarded to any player who would have made a significant contribution to the varsity team however was injured and could not compete in the required number of games.**

Baseball- Letter winners must play in more than ½ of the total games. Pitchers must receive either a varsity win or varsity save. (Playing is defined as making an appearance during any inning in at least 14 of the 27 games.. E.g. playing for one pitch then being removed would count as an inning)

Boys/Girls Basketball- Any player who competes in more than ½ of the varsity games during a single season will have earned a varsity letter. (Competing in varsity games is defined as receiving any playing time during a contest)

Cheer- Must have cheered in a full varsity season having fully participated in a minimum of 95% of the events.

Cross Country- Be one of the top seven varsity runners in at least half of regularly scheduled meets.

Football- A player who participates in at least 60% of the games at the varsity level (Participates is defined as playing at least one snap in six out of the ten games)

Team managers- A letter will be awarded to a manager who completes and assists in 100% of the varsity games

Girls Softball- Letter winners must play in more than ½ of the total games. Pitchers must receive either a varsity win or varsity save. (Playing is defined as making an appearance during any inning in at least 14 of the 27 games.(E.g. playing for one pitch then being removed would count as an inning)

Track- Must make a significant Varsity contribution to the team, decided by the coach. (20 points is the recommendation)

Volleyball- Must have competed in over 50% of the total varsity games.(Competing in ½ of the varsity games is defined as receiving any playing time during at least 12 of the contests during that season)

Swim- Must make a significant Varsity contribution to the team, decided by the coach. (20 points is the recommendation)

Bowling- Must participate in more than 50% of the total varsity matches. (Participate is defined as participating in a match)

- THE ROLE OF PARENTS -
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

- Communicating with Coach-

APPROPRIATE CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- A. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically
- B. Ways to help your child improve
- C. Concerns about your child's behavior Issues

NOT APPROPRIATE CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

- A. Playing time
- B. Team strategy
- C. Play calling
- D. Other student athletes

APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSING CONCERNS WITH COACHES

- A. Call to set up an appointment with the coach, (contact the athletic administrator to set up a meeting if unable to reach the coach).
- B. Do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for all parties involved and it does not promote a resolution.

WHAT IF THE MEETING WITH THE COACH DID NOT PROVIDE A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION

- A. Call to set up an appointment with the athletic administrator.
- B. Determine the appropriate next step at this meeting.