

GALION CITY
SCHOOLS

CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR

EXTRA- and CO-CURRICULAR

ACTIVITIES

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Galion High School offers many opportunities for students with special interests or talents to participate in a variety of activities. Many clubs and organizations will enhance the development of leadership, scholarship, and social skills. Students are encouraged to get involved in honorary clubs, athletics, etc. Through the music and drama departments, students may also participate in both school and public activities throughout the year.

GALION BOOSTER CLUB

The Galion Booster Club is a very active organization whose purpose is to promote and advance the interests of all activities beneficial to Galion students. The continued hard work and fund-raising of this organization have supported numerous athletic and academic programs. Galion schools are deeply appreciative to the many parents and friends of the school who have supported our programs thorough the Booster Club.

RANDOM DRUG TESTING

All students wishing to participate in athletics, extra- and co-curricular activities, or drive/park on the Galion City School District property will be subject to urine testing for illicit or banned substances as specified in the Procedures for Random Urine Drug Testing of Galion City School District Students. This policy can be found on the Galion City Schools District Website, or a paper copy may be obtained by contacting the Galion High School Office.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT TRAINING RULES

The Galion City School System recognizes the use and abuse of chemicals among students is a serious problem. The use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol has harmful effects on students' mental, physical, and emotional health. Great demands are placed on our youngsters while influences and pressures are constantly present. Galion High School Student Athletes are expected to use good judgment and not attend activities where alcohol and other drugs are present.

The coaches and administration of the Galion City Schools believe certain standards of behavior are important in the development of a sound athletic program. Students who voluntarily participate on an athletic team are expected to accept the responsibilities that accompany this privilege. **Choosing to play is a commitment to obey the rules.**

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In addition to guidelines set down by individual coaches/advisors for particular sports/activities, the following are code of conduct rules for all Galion participants in effect 365 days a year: Administrators reserve the right to amend consequences due to extenuating circumstances.

A. NO SELLING OR DISTRIBUTION of any intoxicants, illegal drugs, or look-alike drugs.

First Offense – The student will be prohibited from participation in extra- and co-curricular activities for one calendar year from date of the offense.

Second Offense – The student will be prohibited from participation in extra- and co-curricular activities for the remainder of a student's academic career.

B. NO ATTENDANCE AT GATHERINGS OR PARTIES with alcohol and/or drugs. Athletes will not attend gatherings or parties with the presence of alcohol and/or drugs. The athlete must make a conscientious effort to leave the party immediately. The intent is to keep our athletes away

from underage consumption and/or other illegal activities. Athletes are not in violation unless underage consumption and/or other illegal activities take place.

- C. **NO POSSESSION, PURCHASE OR USE** of any intoxicants, tobacco, illegal drugs, or non-prescribed drugs. Athletes shall not possess, use, handle, transmit, or conceal alcohol beverages, or look-a-likes, tobacco or tobacco products, narcotics, or drugs, look-alike drugs, or substances which are thought to be drugs, or inferred to be drugs.

Violations of B or C result in the following:

First Offense –

1. A student who is in violation will be prohibited from participation in extra- and co-curricular activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.
2. If the student who is in violation completes a chemical dependency education course, through a licensed professional not funded by the Galion City Schools, the penalty will be reduced to twenty percent (20%) of that season's contests or next occurring extra- and co-curricular athletic activity or season as determined by the principal or athletic director. For example, if the violation occurs the last week of a season or activity, the penalty will continue throughout the existing season and into the next season or activity. The student may participate in practice, but not compete/perform with the team during the denial of participation. The student will not be allowed to dress, be on the bench, or travel with the team during this time.
3. If the student agrees to complete a chemical dependency education course, he/she must submit to the principal or athletic director evidence of successful completion and an ongoing commitment of non-drug/alcohol use.
4. A student who is in violation will not be allowed to serve in any leadership positions for the current or next occurring extra- and co-curricular activity or season as determined by the principal or athletic director. He/she may/may not be permitted to attend an awards banquet/ceremony at the discretion of the principal.
5. In case of a self-referral the banquet, recognition and/or award consequence will be waived if the student has attended or shows evidence of plans to attend the course.

Second Offense –

1. A student who is in violation on a second occasion or in combination for a second time will be prohibited from participation in extra- and co-curricular athletic activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.
2. If the student agrees to attend a drug/alcohol evaluation and treatment program, through a licensed professional not funded by the Galion City Schools, the penalty will be reduced to a forty percent (40%) of the current or next occurring extra- and co-curricular athletic activity or season. The student may participate in practice, but not compete/perform with the team during the denial of participation. The student will not be allowed to dress, be on the bench, or travel with the team during this time.
3. The student must meet with the principal or athletic director, providing evidence of successful completion (or continued participation) in a licensed professional drug/alcohol rehabilitation or

counseling program. Student must re-affirm an ongoing commitment of non-drug/alcohol use.

4. The principal or athletic director will approve or disapprove the petition. The principal or athletic director may condition approval based on further requirements.
5. A student who is in violation will not be allowed to serve in any leadership positions for one year. He/she will not be permitted to attend an awards banquet/ceremony, nor will the student receive any awards, letters or recognition for his/her participation in the current season or next season if not currently participating in an extra- and co-curricular athletic activity.
6. The banquet, recognition and and/or award consequence will be waived if the student has attended or shows evidence of plans to attend the assistance program.

Third Offense –

A third violation will result in a permanent denial of participation in extra- and co-curricular athletic activities for the remainder of a student's academic career.

D. SPECIAL NOTES

1. During denial of participation, students may be prohibited from school related activities such as dances, proms, bonfires, etc.
2. This code will be in effect for 365 days a year. Therefore, students who are out-of-season are still subject to random drug testing and the consequences of a positive test.
3. Students are under jurisdiction of the general Student Conduct Code as well as the code or regulations of the activity in which they are participating.
4. Denial of participation must be fulfilled during current season; if not, denial will be carried over to ensuing season. This ensuing season must be completed in good standing in order to participate in the next season.
5. Specifics for athletics:
 - a. The Athletic Code of Conduct and applicable OHSAA guidelines are in effect for all Galion athletes 365 days a year for their entire athletic career.
 - b. An athlete is under the jurisdiction of both the Athletic Code of Conduct and the general Student Conduct Code. For example, if an athlete were found smoking in the restroom during the school day, he/she would be removed from the athletic team (per Athletic Code) and he/she would receive Thursday School(s) or Out of School Suspension (per Student Conduct Code). If the athlete were found smoking on Saturday afternoon only the Athletic Code would apply unless the violation occurred during a school sponsored event.
 - c. If an athlete is at an activity that is not in his/her best interest or the best interest of the team, Galion City Schools expects that athlete to leave that activity immediately or as quickly and safely as possible. Examples include but are not limited to attending parties where alcohol is served or present, being present when a crime is being committed, etc.
6. Specifics for marching/pep band:
 - a. A marching/pep band member is under the jurisdiction of the Extra/co-curricular Code and the General Student Code. Specifics for marching/pep band are the same as for athletics.
 - b. The marching/pep band season begins with the first rehearsal and ends with last performance.

5610.05 - PROHIBITION FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in extra-curricular activities, including interscholastic sports, is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, principals, and assistant principals to prohibit a student from participating in any particular or all extra-curricular activities of the District for offenses or violations of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year in which the offense or violation of the Student Code of Conduct/ Student Discipline Code took place. In addition, student athletes are further subject to the Athletic Code of Conduct and may be prohibited from participating in all or part of any interscholastic sport for violations therein. Students prohibited from participation in all or part of any extra-curricular activity are not entitled to further notice, hearing, or appeal rights

ATHLETICS

All students are encouraged to become involved in athletic endeavors. We offer twenty-three different types of athletic activities. To be an athlete at Galion High School is to accept the added responsibility of representing our school and community at the highest level of honor, integrity, effort and sportsmanship. Your participation in our athletic programs indicates and acceptance of this obligation. We have tremendous PRIDE in our teams and teammates. You must never do anything that would lessen or lower the great PRIDE we have for our school and community.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Galion High School adheres to the eligibility policy established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. In order to be eligible in grades 7-12, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period. In grades 9-12, during the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five full-credit courses or the equivalent that count toward graduation. For incoming 9th graders' fall sport eligibility, and for all season eligibility for 7th and 8th graders, students must have received passing grades in a minimum of four courses.

The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective. EXCEPTION: Eligibility or ineligibility for the first grading period commences with the start of the fall sports season.

NOTE: An athlete who is ineligible may practice with their team with coach and administration permission, as long as they maintain eligible grades during their period of ineligibility.

Questions regarding eligibility or ineligibility should be directed to the Athletic Director.

ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in athletics (practice/contests) you must have the following on file in the Principal's Office (Final Forms):

- OHSAA Physical Card
- Signed Forms on Final Forms:
 - Signed Athletic Code of Conduct, Insurance/Insurance Waiver Form & Caution Statement
 - Athletic Eligibility Pamphlet (OHSAA) & Athletic State Meeting Form (OHSAA)
 - Signed Concussion Information Sheet
 - Signed Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet
 - Emergency Medical Authorization
 - Signed & paid Random Drug Test Form

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT.
DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN SCHOOL

All athletes involved in disciplinary action in the classroom or school related activities during current sports season where out of school suspension results will be subject to denial of participation for an equal length of time. If coach's additional supplemental rules are violated, the specified penalty will be followed.

COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

An athlete who quits a sport after the official start of the respective sports season (as defined by the OHSA) or after "athletic cuts" or if removed from the team for rules violations will be unable to participate in any sports program until the sport, he/she quit has completed its season, forfeit any awards for that sport, and return all issued equipment, uniforms, etc. Being unable to participate as a result of quitting or being removed from a team includes but is not limited to any conditioning, open gyms, practices, scrimmages, games, etc. that is in preparation for another athletic program and/or as a member of another in-season program. However, a variance of this rule may be granted given unusual circumstances and only with the agreement of all involved coaches and the Athletic Director.

TWO-SPORT PARTICIPATION

The demands on Varsity Athletes are very high. Athletes must be committed and dedicated to a sport in order to be successful. An athlete *may* have the opportunity to participate in two sports in the same season. The Athlete must have approval from the Athletic Director and **BOTH** head coaches of the sports of interest. The Athlete must also complete the two-sport participation agreement form. Athletes who are able to participate in two sports in the same season are the exception, not the norm.

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING RULES

Supplemental training rules are those rules that a head coach may implement for his/her program. These rules are above and beyond those set by the athletic department. These rules may be more strict than those set by the athletic department. Supplemental rules will vary from team to team and only apply to the program of the coach that implements them during the specified season.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Student-athletes' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of online social networks are recognized and supported. However, each student-athlete must remember that playing and competing for Galion High School/Middle School is a privilege, not a right. As a student-athlete you represent Galion City Schools and you are expected to portray yourself, your team, and the school in a positive manner at all times. Violations will be reviewed by Galion City School Administration and consequences will range from a simple warning to removal from the sport.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Recommendations have been designed specifically for each Galion City Schools Athletic Program. Because of the intense demands and conditioning required, athletes and parents are asked to read and understand certain cautions and responsibilities designed to improve the safety and enjoyment of each sport.

	1 ST VIOLATION	1 ST VIOLATION with completion of a CDEC.	2 ND VIOLATION	2 ND VIOLATION with completion of an ETP.	3 RD VIOLATION
RULE A No Selling or Distribution of any intoxicants, illegal drugs, or look-alike drugs.	1 year (12 months) denial from all extra- and co-curricular activities.		Denial for remainder of academic life.		
RULE B No Attendance at Gatherings or Parties with alcohol and/or drugs.	1 year (12 months) denial from all extra- and co-curricular activities.	20% reduction of current or following season.	1 year (12 months) denial from all extra- and co-curricular activities.	40% reduction of current or following season.	Denial for remainder of academic life.
RULE C No Possession, Purchase, or Use of any intoxicants, tobacco, illegal drugs, or non-prescribe d drugs.	1 year (12 months) denial from all extracurricular activities.	20% reduction of current or following season.	1 year (12 months) denial from all extra- and co-curricular activities.	40% reduction of current or following season.	Denial for remainder of academic life.

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*CDEC = Chemical Dependency Education Course.

*ETP = Drug/Alcohol Evaluation and Treatment Program.

Galion City Schools Fan Code of Conduct

“Respect the Game”

Galion City Schools, in association with the Ohio High School Athletic Association promotes interscholastic events and sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is an essential part of any athletic competition and is expected from, athletes, coaches, officials and fans. As a fan/spectator (student or adult) of Galion City Schools, we want you to be an example of positive encouragement while supporting our athletes, coaches and officials. Our behavior should be positive, respectful and encouraging of the athletes, coaches, officials and the game.

PARENT/SPECTATOR CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Parents and any other spectators are expected to behave appropriately while in attendance of athletic events. They are expected to allow the coaches to coach, the players to play, and the officials to officiate. Any comments should remain positive to all players, coaches, referees and fans of both teams in attendance. Please report any acts of inappropriate behavior to the athletic director or principal. Unacceptable fan behavior may result in the fan’s immediate removal from the venue. If an ejected spectator refuses to leave the venue, law enforcement will be called immediately to escort the spectator off of school grounds.

Consequences for unacceptable behavior may include but are not limited to:

- Denial of admission to future contests commensurate with the infraction committed (may include current and/or future seasons)
- Attend and complete the NFHSC Sportsmanship Education program
- Meeting with school administrator(s) prior to being allowed to return to future events

“Do’s”	“Don’ts”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Verbally praise good effort, technique, and sportsmanship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Verbally question effort, technique, or integrity of players, coaches, or officials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cheer and clap for a good play for either team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confront an official, coach, or representative from the other team about a problem before, during, or after a game
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct yourself as a positive role model and encourage other fans to follow suit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use inappropriate, vulgar, or combative language around children or any other person who could be offended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Respect the decisions made by officials and learn the rules of the game to better understand their decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applaud an opponent’s injury, errors, or penalties

Any athletic official, including but not limited to, contest officials, athletic director, principal, assistant principals, game site supervisors and anyone else in an administrative role on the site, may uphold enforcement of an ejection.

While the Fan Code of Conduct encompasses behavior expectations and consequences for both student and adult fans, Galion City School administrators may apply further consequences to a student ejected from a contest due to the student violating the Student Handbook.

[NOTE: Due to the nature/severity of the action, school administrators reserve the right to impose the most severe penalty with the first offense if they deem it warranted.]



SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The MOAC, in order to provide a friendly, family environment at our games, is implementing an ejection policy similar to the one adopted by OHSAA. Anyone ejected from an event in which a MOAC school is participating, home or away, league or non-league will be suspended from all contests as follows:

- First ejection: 2-week suspension from any MOAC school game at any level and any location
- Second ejection: 90 day suspension from any MOAC school game at any level and any location
- Any physical contact with an official, player, coach or another fan: Lifetime ban from any MOAC school game at any level and any location.
- Items a) and b) include completion of the NFHS Sportsmanship Class (Online). The Certificate of Completion presented to the school administration.
- Failure to abide by the penalty of items a) or b) will result in additional suspension. Repeated violations will/may result in permanent exclusion.

SPECTATORS INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

- Verbal/physical abuse of officials
- Berating the opposing players, coaches or spectators
- Chants, signs, or cheers berating participants and their supporters
- Interruption of the contest by:
 - Throwing objects on to the floor/field
 - Entering the playing area
 - Displaying disruptive behavior



In order to make contests as enjoyable as possible, please represent your school and community in a positive and respectful manner. That means follow the rules; speak and act responsibly, and show courtesy and respect for your fellow fans, the officials, and coaches, the administrators and authority figures and, of course, your team and opponents. Let's make contests great by remembering to **RESPECT THE GAME!**

The MOAC and the OHSAA are committed to showing good sportsmanship.