

BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

As a member of an interscholastic team I agree to adhere to the terms and conditions listed below in order to participate in the Bloomfield High School Athletic Program.

Part One – Academic Requirements

1. I understand that my academic performance has the highest priority and I will make every effort to maintain a good scholastic record.
 - a. **Credits (NJSIAA Standards)**
 1. **Fall Season** – 30 credits earned the previous year.
 2. **Winter Season** – 30 credits earned the previous year.
 3. **Spring Season** – 15 credits during the 1st semester of current year.

Part Two – Hazing

Hazing of any type will not be tolerated.

Hazing is considered any act of harassment, intimidation or bullying whether it is written, verbal or physical. If student-athletes are involved in any form of hazing they will be terminated immediately from their team for the remainder of the season.

Part Three – Felonies/Weapons possessions

Student-athletes charged with a felony or possession of a weapon will be immediately suspended from the athletic program. If the student athlete is convicted, the student will lose the privilege to participate in athletics for a period of one year from date of infraction.

Part Four – Tobacco (smoking and chewing) and alcohol, use of or possession

1. Penalty for 1st offense of using or possessing, tobacco or alcohol by a student athlete:
 - Suspension from competition, but not practice, for a period of one week. Competition suspension will not exceed two contests.
 - Conference between coach and athlete. Parent (s) will be required to attend before student is readmitted.
 - Offenses committed during pre-season or off season will serve game suspensions beginning with the first regularly scheduled game.

2. Penalty for 2nd offense of using or possessing tobacco or alcohol:

- Suspension from all athletic activities for 2 weeks. Suspension from competition, but not practice, for an additional one week (not to exceed 2 competitions)
- The student-athlete will be referred to Intervention and Referral Services for evaluation.
- The student-athlete must be involved in an on-going counseling program for substance abuse as per treatment recommendation.
- Conference between coach and athlete. Parent (s) will be required to attend before student is readmitted.
- Offenses committed during pre-season or off season will serve game suspensions beginning with the first regularly scheduled game.

3. Any subsequent incidents will lead to exclusion from interscholastic athletic participation for the remainder of the school year (minimum 1 semester).

Part Five – Drugs, use of or possession of

1. Penalty for first offense of use of or possession of drugs by a student athlete:

- Suspension from all athletic activities for 2 weeks. Suspension from competition, but not practice, for an additional one week (not to exceed 2 competitions)
- The student-athlete will be referred to Intervention and Referral Services for evaluation.
- The student-athlete must be involved in an on-going counseling program for substance abuse as per treatment recommendation.
- Conference between coach and athlete. Parent (s) will be required to attend before student is readmitted.
- Offenses committed during pre-season or off season will serve game suspensions beginning with the first regularly scheduled game.

2. Penalty for second offense for use of or possession of drugs by a student athlete:

- Suspension from all athletic activities for 4 weeks. Suspension from competition, but not practice, for an additional one week (not to exceed 2 competitions)
- The student-athlete will be referred to Intervention and Referral Services for evaluation.
- The student-athlete must be involved in an on-going counseling program for substance abuse as per treatment recommendation.
- Conference between coach and athlete. Parent (s) will be required to attend before student is readmitted.
- Offenses committed during pre-season or off season will serve game suspensions beginning with the first regularly scheduled game.

Part Six – Drug sale or possession with intent to distribute

- Suspended from all activity immediately upon infraction
- Suspended for a period of one year from date of infraction upon conviction

Part Seven – Anabolic Steroids

The NJSIAA has strict guidelines forbidding the use of anabolic steroids. Student-athletes found using, possessing, distributing, or selling steroids will be suspended for one year from infraction.

Any violation of this agreement that takes place while a student is in school, in co-curricular and extra curricular programs, on school property, or school grounds, attending a school function on or off campus or coming and going to school, will carry the additional penalties outlined in the district's Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Dangerous Substance Policy.

Part Eight – Sportsmanship

Student-athletes are expected to always demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field. Student-athletes who violate the NJSIAA sportsmanship rules will be subject to punishment from the NJSIAA (see below).

NJSIAA Disqualification Rule:

1st Violation – Season of 12 games or more – 2 game suspension
Season of 12 games or less – 1 game suspension

2nd Violation – Penalties from 1st violation plus additional penalty of disqualification from participation in NJSIAA post season tournaments.

Part Nine – Additional Points of Emphasis

- 1. Any of the penalties imposed by the Athletic Code of Conduct are in addition to school and Board of Education penalties.**
- 2. Team captains forfeit their title after the first offense if they violate the code.**
- 3. Code violation that occurs within the last 14 days of a season will carry over to the following season of participation.**
- 4. Athletic penalties do not run concurrently with school penalties. Athletic penalties begin when students re-enter school.**
- 5. All incoming freshmen will be eligible to participate during the fall of their 9th grade year.**
- 6. Any conduct deemed detrimental to the Athletic Program will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the coach, Athletic Director or Principal.**
- 7. Infractions of this policy will be reported to the Board of Education on a case by case basis.**
- 8. Violations of this policy are cumulative over all four years of high school.**