



DCS Extracurricular Code Of Conduct

All DCS students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. All participants are expected to perform as role models to the general population. DCS' Extracurricular Activities Eligibility Procedure augments DCS' rules as well as the NYS Section II and Western Athletic Conference athletic codes for athletes' behavior, and is in effect at all times and in all places.

LEGAL EXCUSE

At a coach's discretion, an athlete may be excused from practice or a match by contacting the coach one day prior to the event. Excused absences will be granted for illness, overlapping school activities, or family emergencies only. Family vacations during school vacation periods are a legal excuse provided there is advanced and timely notification to the head coach. **Loss of practice and playing time due to a vacation can impact a player's role on a team.** In general, each athlete is expected to attain passing grades, behave appropriately in school and show commitment to their sport. Please contact Peter Reyes, Director of Physical Education & Athletics at 895-5350 if you have any questions.

ACADEMICS

In order to maintain academic eligibility:

1. If a student is requested to stay for academic help by a classroom teacher, s/he must report by 3:05 until 3:30. The student then may report to his/her regularly scheduled extracurricular activity;
2. If a student is failing/incomplete in *one or two* subjects upon the release of the failing/incomplete list from Guidance for progress reports and/or report cards, he/she must spend the first 30 minutes of practice studying, Monday through Friday, until the next release from Guidance of the failing/incomplete list. The student may begin practice after the 30 minutes. If a student has a competition that requires a departure prior to 3:30, he/she may attend that competition.
3. If a student is failing/ incomplete in *three or more* subjects upon the release of the failing/incomplete list from Guidance for progress reports and/or report cards, he/she is **academically suspended** from his/her extracurricular activity. **Academically suspended** means that the student may not participate in, nor practice, nor compete in his/her extracurricular activity for a minimum of two weeks. At the two-week mark, the student may request an academic review for possible re-instatement to his/her extracurricular activity. For an academic review, the student will obtain from the teacher in the academic study hall, a form to submit to all his/her teachers, verifying that he/she is performing at a passing level. The student will return that completed form to the Director of PE & Athletics who will provide the student with a permission slip to return as an active participant to the activity. The coach/advisor will permit active re-instatement to the activity only when that permission slip has been delivered.

Failure to follow this procedure will result in further disciplinary action (e.g. extended suspension from the extracurricular activity).

INFRACTIONS

The infractions listed below will warrant a verbal warning from the coach/advisor:

1. Late to practice/match/meeting – 1st time (unexcused);
2. Disruptive behavior – 1st time, in either the academic or athletic environment;
3. Use of inappropriate language – 1st time, in either the academic or athletic environment.
4. Missing practice or a match – 1st time (unexcused);
5. Disrespect to a coach, teacher or official – 1st time

The infractions listed below will cause the athlete to be **suspended from the team** for the next event. This means that the student is expected to practice, but may not participate in the scheduled game/meeting.

1. Late to practice or match – 2nd time (unexcused);
2. Missing practice or a match – 2nd time (unexcused)(coach will advise athlete and family of further consequences for unexcused absence of practice and games)
3. Disruptive behavior – 2nd time;
4. Use of inappropriate language – 2nd time;
5. Disrespect to a coach, teacher or official – 2nd time;
6. Fighting;
7. Hazing;
8. Possession and/or use of a tobacco product will result in the athlete being suspended from the team until such time that he/she provides authorized proof of enrollment and continued participation in a tobacco-use cessation program.

The following infractions will cause the athlete to be **suspended for 25% of the teams regularly scheduled events** for the season:

1. Disruptive behavior – 3rd time
2. Use of inappropriate language – 3rd time
3. Possession and/or use of alcohol;
4. Vandalism, stealing, property destruction of any kind, either the opponents' or ours
5. Suspended from school (2nd time – depending on reason).
6. Possession and/or use of a tobacco product will result in the athlete being suspended from the team until such time that he/she provides authorized proof of enrollment and continued participation in a tobacco-use cessation program.
7. Possession and/or use of illegal drugs will result in the athlete being suspended from the team for a minimum of ¼ of the team's regularly scheduled competitions to a maximum of school year. The length of the suspension will be determined at a Superintendent's hearing as well as any additional suspension from school.

Basic Rule: NEVER do anything, which will bring embarrassment or an unfavorable view to your teammates, coaches, family, school, or community.

Please note that the above penalties are **minimum penalties and upgraded penalties may be administered at the discretion of the coach or the Director of PE & Athletics

I HAVE READ THE RULES AND UNDERSTAND THEM. My son/daughter may not participate in any team activity until this sheet is signed and returned.

Signature of Parent/Date

Signature of Participant/Date