

DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE POLICY

Defiance City Schools are happy to have your son or daughter participate in our athletic program. In addition to allowing individual participation in athletics, we are also interested in teaching other important values, all of which can be derived from a sports program. Because of this, we have established requirements for the participants in our program to help in the total development of an athlete and a good citizen. The dress and conduct requirements set forth below bear directly upon the relationship and attitude of the students towards their sports program, their coach, their fellow participants, and their behavior and discipline. In addition to these requirements, the safety, cleanliness, neatness, and health of each individual participant as well as the team as a whole are taken into consideration. Athletes, as used in this policy, includes cheerleaders, trainers, managers, etc. who are involved in the programs.

THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ARE IN EFFECT YEAR AROUND (IN AND OUT OF SEASON).

SECTION I - DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO

No use or possession of:

1. Tobacco products
2. Alcoholic beverages
3. Illegal drugs, as defined in 21 USC 802 (6)

No misuse of:

1. Legal drugs, notwithstanding any provision of this policy, a student may observe bona fide religious practices

SECTION II - CRIMINAL OFFENSE

Any criminal offense of which you are proven guilty or admit to guilt is a violation of athletic requirements.

SECTION III - PUNISHMENT

Breaking the rules pertaining to Sections I & II will result in:

1st Offense - Ineligibility of the athlete for 20% of the immediate sport season beginning with the next contest. If the violation occurs in the off season, ineligibility will take effect during the first 20% of the next sport season in which they participate. If the penalty is not completed by the end of a sport season, the remaining % will be enforced during the next sport in which they participate. Credit for punishment will only be allowed if the athlete completes the sport season.

Athletes who have been suspended for their first offense will be expected to be at practices. They will not be allowed to dress or participate in games, but will sit on the team bench in street clothes. If the suspended athlete is a member of a team that has limited transportation space, they may not be able to travel with the team to that event.

2nd Offense:

A. If the second offense occurs within one year of the first offense, the athlete will be ineligible to participate in sports for one calendar year.

B. If the second offense occurs after one year of the first offense, the athlete will be suspended for 20% of the immediate sports season. Penalties will be the same as under the first offense. Note: If an athlete remains free of violations for one year, the first offense rule comes into effect on their second offense.

3rd Offense - Ineligibility for sports for the individual's remaining years at DHS. - The basic rule is "Three strikes and you are out of athletics".

SECTION IV - OTHER OFFENSES

Athletes must comply with the student code of conduct (Policy #1 through 15), all other applicable policies and regulations of the Board of Education, any additional rules established by the coach, and Ohio High School Athletic Association requirements.

SECTION V - PUNISHMENT

Students who commit an offense as specified in Section IV are subject to suspension from their privilege of participation in any particular or all athletics. The suspension shall be for a maximum of permanent denial of participation in any particular or all athletics for the remainder of the student's school enrollment.

SECTION VI - DISCIPLINE OTHER THAN SUSPENSION

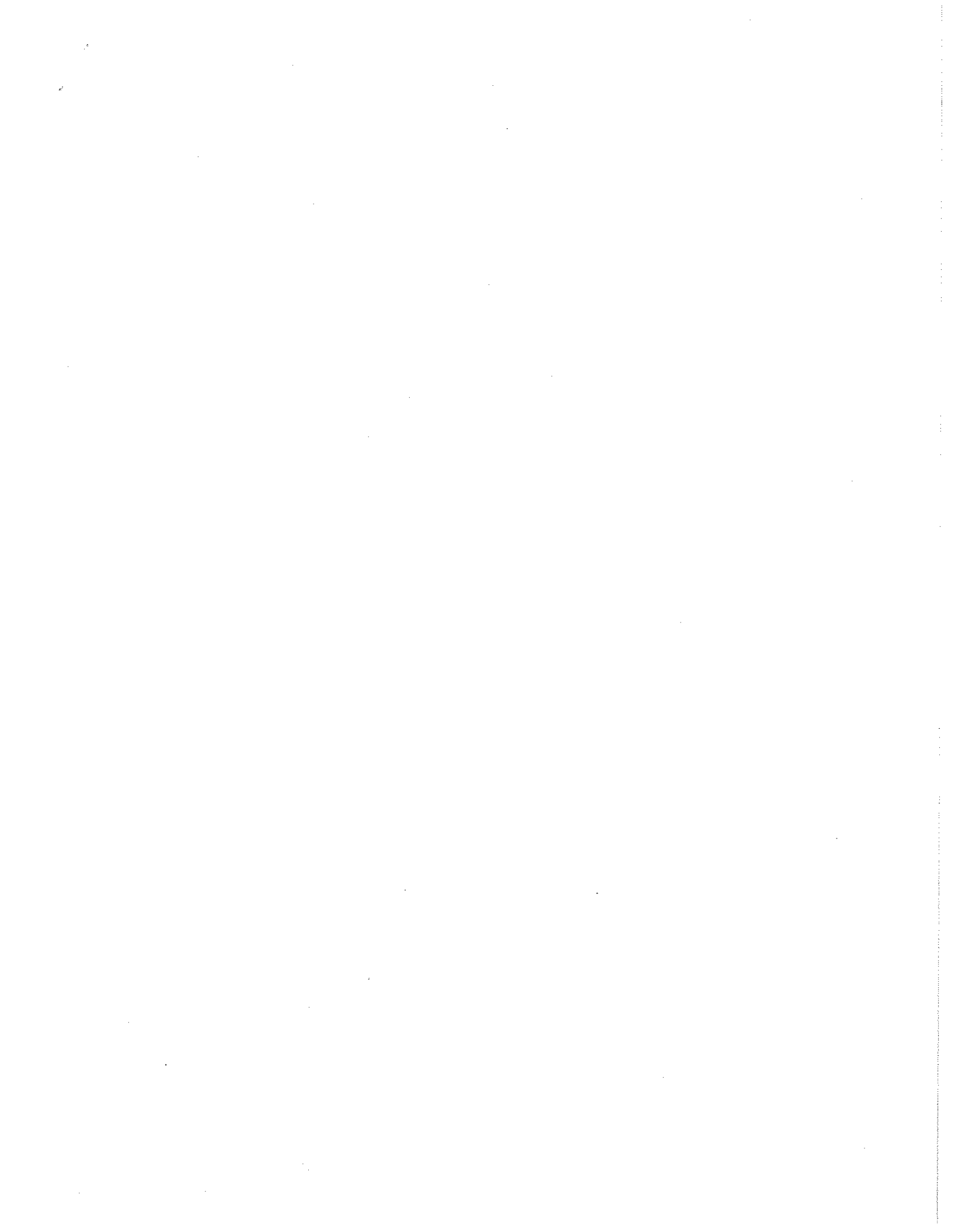
This policy applies only to the suspension of a student from total participation in and attendance at any or all athletic programs for a period of time of one day of participation or more or to penalties imposed on a student pursuant to Section III. In addition to or in lieu of suspension from participation or any penalty given to a student pursuant to Section III, the coach may assign any other penalty to a student (e.g., extra practice time, parent conference, limited participation), and this policy has no applicability whatsoever to such coach-imposed discipline.

SECTION VII - DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

The Principal, Assistant Principal, or other school district administrators are authorized to suspend a student from any or all athletics and to enforce the penalties of Section I, II, III, IV, and V of this policy. The school administrator shall advise the student of the conduct considered to be a violation of this policy. The student will be given an opportunity to informally meet with the Principal, Assistant Principal, or other school district administrator to challenge the reasons for the intended discipline or to otherwise explain his or her actions.

A student may appeal a suspension or penalty imposed pursuant to Section III. During the time any appeal is pending, all penalties in this policy shall be enforced. The Athletic Board of Control, consisting of at least one coach, one athletic director, and the high school principal or another school district administrator, is designated as the athletic appeal hearing panel. An appeal must be in writing and must be received by the high school principal not later than the end of the second school day following the date that the student was notified of the suspension or penalty pursuant to Section III. As with all school decisions, the final decision may be appealed to the Board of Education.

The informal meeting with the administrator prior to a suspension or penalty imposed pursuant to Section III and any appeal of such suspension or penalty are not formal judicial procedures. There is no right to cross-examination or question school district personnel or any other persons. The rules of evidence and rules of civil procedure do not apply. All procedures and decisions related to the informal meeting or any appeal are subject to the sole discretion of the administrator or appeal hearing panel, as applicable.



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I have read the rules of the Defiance City School Athletic Discipline Policy. I understand the rules as they apply to participation in athletics in the Defiance City Schools. These rules are in effect once I become a member of an athletic team in the Defiance City Schools.

ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATHLETIC INSURANCE

I understand that I am responsible for obtaining medical insurance that will cover any injuries incurred through athletic participation in Defiance City Schools. (This may be my current family medical insurance or by purchase of additional insurance at my expense.)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

