

2020-2021 East Carteret High School High School Athletic Code of Ethics and Standards (Interscholastic Athletic Teams, Club Teams, and Cheerleading Squads)

East Carteret recognizes the value of athletic activities in the educational process and the values that students develop when they have the opportunity to participate in organized activities outside of the traditional classroom. Participation in high school athletics is a privilege, carrying with it additional responsibilities.

Students who earn the opportunity to participate in athletics will be expected to adhere not only to the specific rules, regulations, policies, and procedures in this policy but also to additional rules set forth by their school's Athletic Department and their specific coaches.

More than one section of this policy may apply to a single violation.

I. School Discipline

- A. Should any student-athlete be involved in an infraction of the Carteret County discipline plan that results in placement in In School Suspension (ISS), he/she will not be allowed to practice or play on the day(s) that he/she serves the ISS obligation. Suspensions will be carried out expediently regardless of the sporting event schedule.
- B. Should any student-athlete be involved in an infraction which results in Out of School Suspension (OSS) or assignment to alternative classes off campus (i. e. Boys and Girls), he/she will not be allowed to participate in practices and/or games from the time of the infraction until the day after the OSS is completed.
- C. A second Out of School Suspension or assignment to alternative classes off campus during the same sports season will result in dismissal from all athletic activities for the remainder of the current sports season or for 20 school days, whichever is longer. The suspension will begin on the day of the infraction and may carry over to the next sports season in which the student-athlete participates. The student must serve the suspensions during a sports season in which he/she participates as a member of a team.
- D. A third Out of School Suspension or assignment to alternative classes off campus in one school year will result in dismissal from all athletic activities for 90 school days. The suspension will begin on the day of the infraction and will carry over to the next school year, if applicable.

II. Criminal Charges and/or Drug and Alcohol Offenses

Student-Athletes will be governed by this section beginning the day they complete the 8th grade.

- A. Any student-athlete charged with a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic infraction, or suspended for a drug or alcohol infraction shall be suspended from all high school athletic contests for fifty percent (50%) of the regular season games scheduled. Students will remain on the team and may practice and attend games after they serve their suspension in Section I: School Discipline. Students will not be allowed to wear their uniforms at the games. All team rules will continue to apply to the student-athlete.

Cheerleading consists of a fall and winter season. The fall season will begin on the last day of cheerleading tryouts. The winter season will begin on the "Date of First Practice" for basketball as directed by the NCHSAA. Fifty percent (50%) of a cheerleading season will be based on the number of games and events in which the cheerleading squad is scheduled to participate.

Suspensions will carry over to the next athletic season(s) in which the student-athlete participates. The number of games a student-athlete must sit out will be recalculated based on the remaining percentage of unserved suspension time using the student-athlete's next regular season sports schedule. Suspensions will continue to be served during playoffs.

Student-Athletes receiving criminal charges during the summer or off-season will be suspended from athletic participation during the first sport season in which they participate following the charge.

A player who receives a criminal charge must notify his/her coach, athletic director, or school administrator prior to the next game or practice or within 48 hours of the offense, whichever is sooner. If a student-athlete fails to notify his/her coach within the allotted time, he/she will be suspended from athletic participation for 365 days. The suspension will begin when the coach, athletic director, or school administrator becomes aware of the criminal charge or drug or alcohol infraction.

- B. Any student-athlete charged with a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic infraction, or suspended for a drug or alcohol infraction for a second time during his/her high school career shall be suspended from all high school athletic participation for 365 days from the day the student-athlete notifies his coach. A player who receives a criminal charge must notify his/her coach prior to the next game or practice. If a student-athlete fails to notify his/her coach within the allotted time, he/she will be suspended from athletic participation for the remainder of his/her high school career.
- C. Any student-athlete charged with a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic infraction, or suspended for a drug or alcohol infraction for a third time during his/her high school career shall be suspended from all high school athletic participation for the remainder of his/her high school career.

III. Athletic Expectations

- A. Absences
 - 1. It is the player's responsibility to inform his/her coach in the event that he/she must be absent from a practice or game. The school administrator, athletic director, and/or head coach will determine what disciplinary action will be taken for the student-athlete's first and second unexcused absences.
 - 2. The third unexcused absence will result in the player being removed from the team by the head coach and the athletic director.
- B. Quitting a Sport
 - 1. No student-athlete may quit one sport for the purpose of participating in another sport until the season of the sport he/she quit is completed.
 - 2. This rule applies to playoff participation as well as regular season contests.
- C. Transportation
 - 1. Athletes must travel to and from away contests in transportation provided by the school.

Exceptions

- a. Injury to an athlete that requires an alternate means of transportation.
- b. Prior agreement made between the athlete's parent/guardian and the coach. Proper forms must be in the coach's possession prior to leaving a game or match. The forms can be obtained from the coach or the school's main office.
- c. In county athletic contests, students may be exempt by school administration.