



JICDB - EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Participation in athletics and/or student activities at Custer County School District is a privilege not a right.

Students who earn the right to wear a Bobcat uniform or participate in school-sponsored activities/organizations also assume the responsibility of representing Custer County School, their parents, and themselves with pride. A Custer County athlete/participant is a Custer County athlete/participant 24 hours per day, every day of the year, whether in season or out of season. Athletes/participants must make good decisions about behavior and his/her health or accept the consequences for poor choices, which may include dismissal from the athletic program or activity.

STUDENT ATHLETE/PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Every participant in athletics or *any* non-curricular or extracurricular activity must have the following signed by both the student and parent/guardian prior to participation.

STUDENT ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Custer County School District prioritizes academics and considers all non-curricular or extracurricular activities as a privilege not a right. **In order to be excused for any activity during school hours (including curricular), the student must be eligible.**

Any student who fails more than one (1) class at the end of the semester, may not participate in athletics until the return clearing date outlined by CHSAA. Note: this is a higher standard than CHSAA rules. **All students cannot participate in any non-curricular or extracurricular activity for a period of one week (seven days) if the weekly eligibility report shows the student has any "F" failing grades OR two (2) or more "D" below average grades.**

The Athletic Director or designee will pull academic eligibility **every** Monday at 8 a.m. (even during Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks). If, at the time the grades are pulled, the student has two (2) or more "D's" or one (1) or more "F's," he/she will be ineligible for one week (seven days).

The first academic eligibility will be pulled the third week of the semester (high school) or quarter (middle school). Any student who is ineligible for the third week will be given a "warning" and will be able to participate; however, no additional warning weeks will be granted. Note: As stated above, if a student fails more than one class at the end of first semester, he/she IS ineligible until the return clearing date outlined by CHSAA.

Exceptions to academic eligibility are:

1. If (at the time eligibility is pulled) there is an error made by the teacher, then the teacher can make the correction in the grade book and notify the athletic director of the mistake. It is the student's responsibility to notify their teacher of the mistake and request a written email be sent to the athletic director. Failure to do this in a timely manner may result in no change to the eligibility for that week.
2. Attending school-sponsored social activities (middle and high school dances, high school homecoming & activities, high school Winterfest & activities, and junior/senior prom & after prom) is also a **privilege not a right**. To be able to attend, **you must**



be passing ALL CLASSES with a 60% or better and have NO LEVEL TWO OR HIGHER BEHAVIOR REFERRALS the week prior and the week of the event.

Sponsors, teachers, or administration reserve the right to deny participation based on a student's behavior record.

- 3. To prevent ineligible students from falling behind, they will not be allowed to leave school/miss classes for any activity, including curricular activities.**

PHYSICALS

Every athlete is required to pass a physical exam every school year. Athletes will not be able to participate in any official practice or compete until the physical exam has been completed and received by the athletic director.

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL ON DAY OF CONTEST/ACTIVITY

Students are expected to attend school during the total school day if they plan to participate in any school-sponsored activity, event, or contest during the same day or evening. If an absence occurs in the morning, it must be excused with proper documentation from a doctor or risk ineligibility for that day's contest/activity. Students must be present by the end of their lunch period through the end of the school day to participate in athletics or activities that day.

TRANSPORTATION TO ACTIVITIES/CONTESTS

Students will not be allowed to provide their own transportation to an event and must travel with their group, coach, or sponsor. Permission may be granted with a parent or guardian to an event with prior authorization **prior to the event and approved by the coach or sponsor AND athletic director.**

Arrangements may be made for students to ride home with their parents from an event with a parental written statement and/or signing out with the coach or sponsor. Only that student's parent or guardian may provide the written statement. Written permission to ride home with another student's parent is required prior to the event.

ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES AND CONTEST

Attendance at practice sessions is necessary to prepare athletes physically and mentally for contests. All team members shall be at all practice sessions and contests at times designated by the coach. There are situations when it is impossible for a participant to attend due to illness, injury, religious observance, or special family commitments. Excused or unexcused absences from practice may affect a student's playing time. The participants shall make **PRIOR** arrangements with the coach for an excused absence.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Students are expected to follow the school dress code at home and away events when not in uniform. Individual teams may expect additional dress code requirements.

SUMMER AND OFF-SEASON ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

A wide variety of sport camps, clinics, and training programs are offered to athletes and participants during the summer months and off-season by colleges, organizations, or individual coaches. Since these programs are held in the summer and off-season and are *voluntary*, in no way shall athletes be required to enroll in these programs as a condition for membership or placement on a team the succeeding season.

STUDENT ATHLETE/PARTICIPANT CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Student athletes and activity participants are expected to represent Custer County School in a positive manner. All school rules and regulations are expected to be followed on campus, at away events, on school buses, and in the community.



Since participation in any of the activities offered by the district is a privilege, not a right, **administrators may place students on the ineligible list as a consequence for behavior during school hours or at a school activity. Any time a student is suspended (in school or out of school), the student will not be eligible to participate in non-curricular or extracurricular activities (excluding practice) for seven calendar days from the day of suspension.** For example, a student has a one day suspension on Monday, and there is a football game on Friday; the student is then ineligible for Friday's football game and will not regain eligibility until the following Monday. It is the Athletic Director's responsibility to communicate with the Principal regarding behaviorally ineligible students and administer this portion of the policy, along with academic ineligibility.

ILLEGAL USE, POSSESSION, OR SALE OF ALCOHOL, DRUG, OR NICOTINE SUBSTANCES

Excellent physical and mental condition is necessary for performance in athletics and other activities, as well as for protection of the personal health and safety of the participant. Students participating in the athletic program and school-sponsored activities are prohibited from the illegal use, possession, or transmission of nicotine products (including vaping devices), alcohol, illegal drugs, or unauthorized drugs (including steroids), or the misuse of any drug, either on or off season. Students in violation of this expectation will face the following consequences:

1. First offense:

- a. Suspension from games/matches/contests as outlined (p.3).
- b. For offenses occurring over the summer, the student will be ineligible for participation in next school year's season or one organization's activities and will be removed from leadership positions.
- c. The student will lose captaincy, leadership positions, or leadership roles for the current school year
- d. The student who violates this policy after club or school government elections in the spring will be removed from office, captaincy, or leadership positions for the next school year.
- e. The student will be placed on the ineligible list for all school activities, including, but not limited to activities during class time, such as field trips, field days, or anything that would remove the student from class, and after school activities, such as dances, movie nights, carnival/fair, bonfire, or after prom. While ineligible, no student may travel with the team even if they do not play.

2. Subsequent Offenses:

The student may be suspended for the remainder of the current season/activity or organization activities, for the remainder of the school year, or for the remainder of their high school athletic/activity career. At administration's discretion, the student may be placed on an ineligible list or suspended for other sports/activities in addition to being removed from the team.

(Refer to Suspension Grid on p. 3)



3. **Suspension Grid:** (Numbers indicate number of games/events missed)

	High School		Middle School		High/Middle
	1st offense	2nd offense	1st offense	2nd offense	Subsequent Offense
Basketball	3	6	2	4	Removed from team
Baseball	2	4	1	2	Removed from team
Cheer	3	6	1	2	Removed from team
Cross Country	1	2	1	1	Removed from team
Football	1	2	1	2	Removed from team
Shooting Sports	1	2	1	2	Removed from team
Track	1	2	1	2	Removed from team
Volleyball	3	6	2	4	Removed from team
Wrestling	1	2	1	4	Removed from team

For any sport

or activity that is not listed above, suspensions will be determined by the Athletic Director and/or Principal. If an athlete cannot serve their suspension during the season of the offense, the Athletic Director or Secondary Principal will determine how it is completed.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Athletes are expected to demonstrate the highest level of sportsmanship at all times.

Athletes are to display personal control under practice and game conditions toward their teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, and spectators. In addition, it is understood that any harassment or racial or ethnic slurs said at any time are unacceptable and will be dealt with accordingly. (See Failure to Comply)

SUPPLEMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Supplemental rules/regulations ("Team Rules") unique to a given sport or activity may be implemented by the coach upon the approval of the Athletic Director or activity sponsor upon the approval of the Principal. These rules must be in writing and submitted to participants prior to the start of the season. The coach or activity sponsor may suspend or exclude a student from athletic participation for failure to comply with team rules. The Activity Director and Principal will be notified of the suspension and reasons thereof. Team/activity rules are in addition to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

The student should understand that by violating team, organization, or school rules, excluding the nicotine, drugs, or alcohol rules, they risk the following penalties:

- A. Ineligibility to participate in the next athletic contest or sponsored activity which could occur on the day of the violation (first offense).
- B. Loss of captainship position for current season (first offenses) and ineligibility for future captainships (first or second offense).
- C. Ineligibility to participate in contests/sponsored activities at the discretion of the Athletic Director, Principal, or designee. (first or second offense).
- D. Exclusion from the team/activity for the remainder of the current sports season (third offense).
- E. Exclusion from athletics/privileged activities for one year from date of violation (third offense).



F. Ineligibility for athletic competition for a period ranging from the remainder of the season up to high school graduation.

APPEAL PROCEDURES

The athlete or parent may initiate an appeal of disciplinary action. Completed I form JII-F shall be turned into the building principal. Within three school days of receipt, the athletic director will notify the Activities Council of the appeal and request a meeting of the council within seven days of the appeal. Activities Council (made up of principal, athletic director, and three head coaches or activity sponsors) should be established at the beginning of the school year. All decisions of the Activities Council are final.

SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

Colorado High School Activity Association and Custer County School District Administration, athletic director, and coaches have agreed to make a strong and united effort in support of good sportsmanship.

Custer County School District Administration, athletic director, and coaches have agreed to the following goals and objectives:

- A. We believe cheers at games should be of a positive, encouraging nature in support of one's team.
- B. We believe that fan behavior which baits and derides other teams, individual players, coaches, or schools is inappropriate.
- C. We believe that officials in games have difficult decisions to make and should be treated with respect, whether one agrees with a decision or not.
- D. We believe that cheers that make use of vulgarities are inappropriate.
- E. We believe that students should be encouraged to use humor, creativity, and good taste in support of their own team.

Custer County School District Administration, athletic director, and coaches have agreed to take the following action steps to implement their position:

- A. To share with the student body and the community-at-large our support of good sportsmanship.
- B. To actively enforce our goals at all games. Persons whose behavior is not consistent with the goals stated above will be dealt with directly by the supervisors of the game. Game supervisors may talk with offending persons and request they change their behavior, excuse such persons from the game, or recommend disciplinary actions by school officials and/or law enforcement agencies. Each student should understand clearly that good sportsmanship is an expectation at both home and away games. We expect that students at away games will cooperate fully with game supervisors of the host school.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION CONTRACT:

My child and I have read and agree to the above policy JICDB - Custer County School District Extracurricular Code of Conduct. In addition, we agree to abide by District Policies JIC - Student Conduct, JICDA - Code of Conduct, JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility, Regulations and Custer County School District Student Handbook.

Student Name: _____ Student Grade: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

LIABILITY WAIVER

As the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the student identified below ("my child"), I understand and hereby acknowledge that the participation of my child in extracurricular activities involves **INHERENT RISKS AND HAZARDS** that can result in serious permanent physical impairment and even death, as well as minor or catastrophic property damage and loss. There also are risks that cannot be anticipated. I am aware that the usual risks of travel are involved and do hereby give my child permission to take part in, and travel, in connection with Custer County School District extracurricular activities. **ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD AND MYSELF, I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL COSTS, RISKS, DANGERS, AND HAZARDS** of my child's participation in extracurricular activity practices and competitions. I also understand that the Custer County School District C-1 ("School District") cannot accept and will not have any responsibility for my child's acts or omissions.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS:

In consideration of the School District allowing my child to participate in extracurricular activity practices and competitions, on behalf of my child and myself, I hereby expressly agree as follows:

1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS whether known or unknown, now existing or arising at any time in the future that I have myself or on my child's behalf against the School District, its Board of Education, employees, representatives, agents, or volunteers, arising directly or indirectly from my child's participation in extracurricular activity practices and competitions.
2. TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, its Board of Education, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from any and all liability for any claims, loss, damage, injury or expense that my child may suffer as a result of, but not limited to, my child's participation in extracurricular activity practices and competitions.

I HAVE FULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT. I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS THAT I MAY HAVE ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD AND/OR MYSELF TO BRING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT C-1. I SIGN IT KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY AND OF MY OWN FREE WILL.



Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE INSURANCE:

I fully understand that the Custer County School District C-1 does not provide any accident or health insurance coverage for my child while participating in extracurricular activities. I fully understand that it is my responsibility to provide for my child's health, medical, dental, and property insurance.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____