

**HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT
ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS**

A student athlete represents his or her team, high school, and community. It is important, therefore, that an Adams 12 high school athlete maintain high standards of conduct in all aspects of his or her life. Since participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right, maintenance of such high standards, as are reflected in District Policy and each school's policies and procedures, is a condition of team membership and participation. Failure to maintain such standards may result in an athlete's elimination from participation.

NOTE: All schools have developed a "Discipline Matrix" that is specific to their needs, thus the consequences listed in their matrix may be more severe than what is listed in this code/contract. Any serious breach of school standards may result in an athlete being suspended from athletic participation for a period of time to be determined by the principal or designee.

It is understood that athletes are responsible for knowing district and school rules for proper behavior. Athletes are hereby notified of the following specific rules and penalties:

1. Consumption or possession of tobacco/nicotine (including electronic smoking devices), drugs, or alcohol in any form will not be tolerated regardless of quantity. The following represent minimum sanctions for violation of this rule. In cases of greater severity, the responsible administrator may increase the sanction up to and including suspension from all interscholastic participation. Observance of all training rules involving the use or possession of tobacco/nicotine, drugs, or alcohol, is a responsibility of the participant.
2. Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a commendable manner at all times during interscholastic activities, and toward opponents, teammates, officials, and spectators, regardless of where the activities occur. Furthermore, the following behavior will not be tolerated: hazing, physical altercation, verbal abuse, including repeated use of lewd or obscene comments; ethnic or racial slurs; or derogatory statements; or any bullying, intimidation, or harassment.
 - The first violation will result in an immediate one contest suspension for sports with eleven or fewer contests. For sports with more than eleven contests, the sanction will be a two consecutive contest suspension. If suspension results in an athlete missing a tournament or a qualifying contest required to advance in an individual sport, it shall count as two contests.
 - A second violation occurring at any time during a student's attendance at Adams 12 Five Star Schools will result in an immediate suspension from twice as many contests as are provided for the first violation.
 - A third violation and any subsequent violation occurring at any time during a student's attendance at Adams 12 Five Star Schools will result in an immediate suspension from all interscholastic athletics for one full year from the date of the infraction. Following the one-year suspension, participation will be at the sole discretion of the school principal.

Athletes who violate this contract may be required to attend all practices if they have not also been suspended from school, but may NOT dress in team uniform or compete in any performances or interscholastic competitions while suspended from school. For athletic contract purposes, scrimmages are not considered contests.

- Prior to imposition of any suspension from athletics, the principal or designee (school administrator) shall have an informal conference with the athlete regarding a claim that one or more rule(s) have been violated, and allow the athlete to respond to such claim.
- Contests do not count during days of school suspension. Student athletes must reestablish their student status through reentry after school suspension before serving the contest(s) suspension outlined in this code. School suspension is separate from an athletic suspension and will be treated as such.

An athlete, who has been determined to be in violation of this code, may be granted an appeal to a district-wide committee comprised of two high school athletic directors and two athletic coaches, one from the building of the complainant, and chaired by the district athletic director. Requests to appeal must be made within 2 weeks from the date of the infraction.

Students who violate this participation contract outside of school, even if out of season (including summer months) are subject to disciplinary action at the beginning of the next competitive season in which they participate. This contract is in effect from the signing date until the student officially graduates or transfers to another school outside of this district.

NEW - Parents, family members, and spectators play a vital role in the high school athletic experience; their words and actions can serve to build up or tear down athletic participants. Verbal abuse of athletes, coaches, and game officials will NOT be tolerated. Spectators who fail to behave in a positive and respectful manner will be removed from the event and future attendance at school activities will be at the discretion of school administration. We encourage all spectators to "cheer for your team!"

We have read and we thoroughly understand the rules given above regarding the conduct of an Adams 12 high school athlete. We understand that these rules are important in helping the student become a good athlete and citizen with a strong sense of moral integrity, a competitive spirit, and the ability to be honest and forthright in all endeavors. **We agree to abide by these rules.**

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date