

# AVON ATHLETICS

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A number of athletic teams are available to students at Avon High School. Students are encouraged to become members of teams and to take leadership roles in the school's athletic programs and organizations. Parents and community members are encouraged to become members of the various parent groups that are also available through athletics. Participating in athletics at Avon High School is a privilege, not a right.

## ATHLETIC CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is an expectation at Avon High School. In order to encourage ORIOLE PRIDE, Avon High School expects that the players will be allowed to play; coaches will be allowed to coach; officials will be allowed to officiate, and spectators will remain positive and support student efforts.

## AVON ATHLETIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY POLICY

### I. ACADEMIC

The Indiana High School Athletic Association regulations determine the minimum academic standards which a student must meet in order to participate in athletic contests with students of other schools. These regulations require a student, at the time of participating in such a contest, to be currently enrolled and to have been passing in the previous nine-week period, a minimum of five (5) full credit courses; semester grades take precedence.

All students representing Avon High School in extra-curricular athletic activities are subject to these same standards.

### II. ATTENDANCE

To be eligible to participate in any athletic extra-curricular school activity, including practice sessions, a student must have been in school at least part of the day. On days when school is canceled, if school permits conduct of an activity, everyone is considered present as pertaining to this regulation. Any student serving an out-of-school suspension period, which will include weekends and holidays if suspensions extend beyond such periods, a student will not be allowed to actively participate in practices or contests. Coaches, sponsors, and/or directors of activities are responsible for enforcement.

### III. CODE

The Avon Community Schools encourages participation in extra-curricular and inter-scholastic activities because they provide students the opportunity to cultivate good habits and to develop their mental and physical abilities. Following are rules of conduct for students participating in these activities. These rules shall apply throughout the calendar year, beginning from the time the student participates in open facilities (June 1) until the time the student's senior season is completed. **BE WARNED: THESE RULES APPLY EVEN WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.**

## RULES OF CONDUCT

### A. Category A Rules

1. All rules prescribed by the Student Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy listed in the Student Handbook currently in effect shall apply to participants at all times.
2. Participants shall not possess, use, consume, buy, sell or transfer any tobacco products or e-cigarettes/vape pens at any time.
3. Participants are held to a higher standard and shall conduct themselves at all times to promote knowledge and learning generally and to maintain an orderly and efficient educational system and portray themselves and their team in a positive manner at all times.
4. Participants shall follow any additional rules and regulations established by the individual sponsor or coach responsible for the field of activity in which the participant is engaged. These rules will be established by the sponsor or coach prior to the beginning of said activity, in writing and distributed to the participant. Coaches in each sport, with the consent of the Athletic Director, shall have the discretion of extending these penalties or terminating participation in that sport when the athlete has had previous discipline problems. (The coach must provide documentation and a rationale for extending the penalty to the Athletic Director for approval.)

### B. Penalties for violation of Category A Rules

1. *First Offense* - The student will be suspended for 10% (minimum of one (1) contest) of the scheduled contests during that sport season. If the total punishment cannot be fulfilled during that sport season, the remaining percent of the penalty will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete had previously participated during the prior year.
2. *Second Offense* - The student will be suspended for 30% of the scheduled contests during that sport season. If the total punishment cannot be fulfilled during that sport season, the remaining percent of the penalty will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete had previously participated during the prior year.
3. *Third and any Subsequent Offense(s)* - The student will be suspended for 50% of the scheduled contests during that sport season. If the total punishment cannot be fulfilled during the current sport season, the remainder of the penalty will carry over into the season of the same sport in which the athlete participated.
4. \*Jamborees and IHSAA controlled scrimmages do not count toward suspensions. The athlete will be allowed to participate in these contests. If a disciplined athlete tries out for a sport that he/she has previously participated and is cut or dismissed the penalty carries over to the next sport of previous participation. Athletes who have completed the term of their out-of-school suspension, but have not yet fulfilled these penalties will be permitted to practice with the team.

### C. Category B Rules

All students will be subject to the following penalties for possession, use, consumption, distribution or transportation of any "controlled substance" as that term is defined under the Avon Community Schools Substance Abuse Policy (which definition includes, without limitation, alcohol or any alcoholic beverage), any extended suspension/expulsion or criminal activity, even if the violation occurs off school premises and/or at a non-school sponsored activity, at any time while enrolled at Avon Community Schools.

#### **D. Penalties for Violation of Category B Rules**

All students will be subject to the following penalties for possession, use, consumption, distribution or transportation of any "controlled substance" as that term is defined under the Avon Community Schools Substance Abuse Policy (which definition includes, without limitation, alcohol or any alcoholic beverage), even if the violation occurs off school premises and/or at a non-school sponsored activity, at any time while enrolled at Avon Community Schools.

1. *First Offense* - Suspension for 25% of scheduled contests during that sport season. If the total punishment cannot be fulfilled during that sport season, the remaining percent of the penalty will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete had previously participated during the prior year.

2. *Second Offense* - Suspension for 50% of scheduled contests during that sport season. If the total punishment cannot be fulfilled during that sport season, the remaining percent of the penalty will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete had previously participated during the prior year.

3. *Third and any Subsequent Offense* - Student shall be prohibited from participation in any athletic extra-curricular activity for a period of one (1) year from the date of determination of the commission of the violation.

4. \*Jamborees and IHSAA controlled scrimmages do not count toward suspensions. The athlete will be allowed to participate in these contests. If a disciplined athlete tries out for a sport that he/she has previously participated and is cut or dismissed the penalty carries over to the next sport of previous participation. Athletes who have completed the term of their out-of-school suspension, but have not yet fulfilled these penalties will be permitted to practice with the team.

5. *Voluntary Referral*: Students who have never been subject to the penalties of this policy may voluntarily refer themselves to school for help in solving an alcohol/drug abuse problem. No penalties will be assessed for previous use if the student undergoes a Drug/Alcohol Assessment and the recommendations are followed. Subsequent voluntary referrals or violations will cause the student to be subject to the penalty schedules at the next higher level.

#### **IV. APPEALS PROCESS**

Any athlete who is penalized, or his/her parent(s), may request an appeals hearing by notifying the Principal in writing: within five (5) days after the receipt of written notification of the athletic suspension. A review committee appointed by the Principal shall hear such appeal and decide its outcome. The determination of the committee is final and binding.

#### **V. DROPPING OR QUITTING A SPORT**

An athlete who desires to quit must notify his/her coach as soon as possible. An athlete who quits a sport will not be allowed to participate, or condition for any other sport during the same season without the permission of both coaches. If the two coaches do not agree to release the student, the athlete may appeal his case, within five (5) days, to the Athletic Director for resolution.

#### **VI. AWARDS/LETTER CRITERIA**

Awards will be determined by the coaches and athletic department. Lists of awards are available in the Athletic Office or at our website <http://www.avon-schools.org/Domain/8>. Criteria for earning an athletic letter are to be determined by the head coach and approved by the Athletic Director. These guidelines will be shared with players before their season begins.