

**STAPLES HIGH SCHOOL  
2010 - 2011  
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a student athlete, I understand that participation on an interscholastic team is a privilege and a commitment. The following Athletic Training Rules are in effect during an athlete's season of play beginning with the first day of practice. **Reminder to students: This is a 24-hour rule and includes beyond the school day and applies on and off school property.**

As a member of a team, I am dedicated to keeping myself in the best physical condition possible in order to perform to the best of my ability and to contribute to the success of the team. **As such, Staples H.S. athletes are prohibited from the following:**

1. NO possession, sale and/or use of tobacco products.
2. NO possession, sale and/or use of alcohol.
3. NO possession, sale and/or use of illegal drugs, steroids or performance enhancing substances.
4. Knowingly hosting an event in which alcohol/drugs are used.

In addition to refraining from use or possession of drugs, alcohol or tobacco, it is expected that student-athletes conduct themselves at all times in a manner, which reflects positively on our athletic teams, our school, and our community.

A student athlete's violation of any of these rules will result in his/her removal from the team for the remainder of the current sport season and all future sport seasons unless the athlete requests and fulfills the conditions of the reinstatement process. (\*SEE OTHER SIDE)

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and am aware of the consequences for its violation:

SIGNATURE OF PLAYER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT PARTICIPATING IN \_\_\_\_\_

WE HAVE READ AND WE UNDERSTAND THIS CONTRACT AND WE HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH OUR SON/DAUGHTER. WE RECOGNIZE OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN ENSURING THAT OUR SON/DAUGHTER ABIDES BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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I/We give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in organized High school athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury which is inherent in all sports. I/We acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of appropriate protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or even death.

I/We acknowledge that I/We have read and understand this warning.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Signature of Athlete**

## **PETITION PROCESS FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM**

When a violation of this contract during this sport season is reported and verified by the coach and/or administration, a meeting will be held with the student athlete, coach, and high school principal and/or athletic director to explain the reinstatement process. Subsequent to the student-athlete completing the conditions of his/her reinstatement, a meeting will be held with the principal and/or athletic director before the athlete is eligible for competition. Furthermore, if the suspension period should exceed the sport season in which the infraction occurred, the remaining period of time shall carry over to the next sport season and be served from the date of the first contest in that subsequent season. The regular school disciplinary policies and procedures supersede this contract. When those disciplinary procedures have been completed, the provisions of this contract will commence.

### **FIRST OFFENSE**

- A. If the athlete admits to a violation in the initial meeting with the coach or school representative, the athlete shall be suspended from the team for a minimum of 20 calendar days from the initial meeting.
1. The athlete must attend all practices, but is not allowed to participate.
  2. The athlete must attend all contests but may NOT participate and may NOT be in uniform.
  3. The athlete completes a reentry interview with the athletic director and coach.
- B. If the athlete does not admit to the violation in the initial meeting, and it is subsequently shown or admitted that a violation did occur, the athlete shall be suspended from the team for a period of 30 calendar days from the time that a violation was determined.
1. The athlete must attend all practices, but is not allowed to participate.
  2. The athlete must attend all contests but may NOT participate and may NOT be in uniform.
  3. The athlete completes a reentry interview with the athletic director and coach.

### **SECOND OFFENSE**

Should a second violation occur, the athlete will be suspended from the team for the entire season. After a second offense, to become eligible to participate on another team, he/she must show evidence to the Principal and/or Athletic Director of having participated in a school approved substance abuse counseling program.

### **ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES**

An athlete will be suspended from participating on any team for the remainder of the school year.

### **TOBACCO PRODUCT OFFENSES**

Any tobacco product violation will result in a suspension of 5 calendar days from the initial meeting. Each consecutive violation will be doubled. The suspension (in terms of practices and games) is handled in the same manner as above.

### **PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS OFFENSES**

The CIAC has put in a policy regarding performance enhancing drugs and their use by high school athletes. The policy states "Any student-athlete who has been determined to have used, in or out of season, androgenic/anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing substances, shall be declared ineligible for all CIAC-controlled activities for 180 school days on each occurrence.

**In cases of severe behavioral or criminal infractions including but not limited to student arrest both on and off campus, the administration of Staples High School reserves the right to exclude an athlete from participating in athletics for at least a portion of the remainder of the athlete's current season. In more serious incidents the exclusion may carry over into the next season/school year. As with alcohol, tobacco or drug use or possession, the student will be granted due process rights, and the administration will conduct a thorough investigation of any allegation or incident.**