

**WILDCAT CODE
SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**

Athletes Name _____ Sport _____ Grad Year _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

PURPOSE

Participating in student athletics is considered an extension of, but separate, from the regular high school program. While the regular curricular program is a right afforded to each student, participation in the extra-curricular program is a privilege and, as such, carries certain expectations beyond those found in the normal classroom situation. The important goals of the activities program are to give students direction in developing healthful living habits, discipline, leadership, teamwork, opportunities to participate in fun activities and respect for rules and regulations. It is to these ends that a Wildcat Code is established for young people taking part in the student athletics program.

The acceptance of participation in student athletics involves a commitment by the participant to adhere to the Wildcat Code as developed by School District #600. It is the responsibility of the coaches and sponsors to inform participants of the code and to enforce the code in a fair and consistent manner; it is the participant's responsibility to be aware of the Wildcat Code and to adjust behavior accordingly so that it becomes unnecessary for a coach or sponsor to have to enforce the code.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Failure to be passing five classes at the end of any week will make the student academically ineligible for the following week. Failure to pass five classes at the end of a semester will make the student academically ineligible for the following semester.

EXPECTATIONS FOR WILDCAT ATHLETES

The Student should:

1. Strive for excellence in academics as well as extra-curricular activities.
2. Travel on school-arranged and approved transportation for all away-from-school events.
3. Be responsible for all equipment and/or clothing issued for an activity as well as its return at the end of the activity.
4. Submit to an annual physical exam for participation in athletic activities.
5. Adhere to all rules set forth in the Wildcat Code for Student Athletes.
6. In competition, in practice, in public, and in social media, a Wildcat should:
 - Play according to the rules
 - Be gracious in victory and emotions
 - Have control of his/her emotions
 - Respect the judgment of others
 - Be on time
 - Accept constructive criticism from coach or sponsor
 - Take pride in himself/herself and school
7. Be in attendance at school, practices, contests and performances.
8. Refrain and abstain from use or possession of tobacco, including e-cigarettes, alcohol, and prescription or non-prescription drugs. This statement shall cover a student's four year career at Salem Community High School. Violations do not return to the first offense at the start of a new school year.

TESTING POLICIES

Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must consent to random drug and alcohol testing in order to participate in any extracurricular activity. Failure to sign a "Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Consent" form will result in non-participation.

(Parent and student signature required on reverse side.)

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR DRUG AND ALCOHOL CONSEQUENCES

Code items 1-8: Penalties shall be determined by individual coaches/ sponsors or by policy.

Code item 9: SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- a. If a student, prior to being found in violation or selected for the Drug Testing Program, initiates contact with a school official indicating that the student has a chemical problem, and if the student consents to and participates in a treatment program, no penalties will be levied on the student.
- b. First Offense:
When an SCHS student breaks the school policy or tests positive in the SCHS Drug Testing Program, and/or is issued a citation, and/or is convicted, for substance related offenses, the student/athlete will be suspended from 20% of the total contest. The 20% of total contest/ performances may run into the next school year or sports season. The student may continue to practice/rehearse. Reinstatement will be after a conference with the concerned parties.
- c. Second Offense:
When an SCHS student breaks the school policy or tests positive in the SCHS Drug Testing Program, and/or is issued a citation, and/or is convicted, for substance related offenses, the student/athlete will be suspended from 60% of the total contest. The 60% of total contest/ performances may run into the next school year or sports season. The student may continue to practice/rehearse. The student must consent to and participate in an entry-level assessment program before being permitted to re-enter the extra-curricular program. Reinstatement will be after a conference with concerned parties.
- d. Third Offense:
The student will be removed from the extra-curricular program. If the student wishes to be reinstated to the program at any time, the student must appeal to the Wildcat Code Council, which will determine the status of the student, after a chemical dependency assessment is done.
- e. Summer Time:
A SCHS student/athlete who was a student/athlete the previous year and who is found breaking the school policy and/or is issued a citation and/or is convicted of a crime or substance abuse offense during the summer will be suspended as outlined above.

Code item 10: CRIMINAL OFFENSES

- a. Misdemeanor:
When an SCHS student is issued a citation for a misdemeanor, and/or is convicted the student/athlete will be suspended from 20% of the total contest. The 20% of total contest/ performances may run into the next school year or sports season. The student may continue to practice/rehearse. Reinstatement will be after a conference with the concerned parties. A second offense will result in a 60% of the total contests. A third offense will result in the student being removed from the extra-curricular program. If the student wishes to be reinstated to the program at any time, the student must appeal to the Wildcat Code Council, which will determine the status of the student.
- b. Felony:
When an SCHS student is issued a citation for a felony, and/or is convicted,, the student/athlete will be suspended for the remainder of the current season and one calendar year from the end of that season. Summer infractions will have a one calendar year suspension. Restatement will be after a conference with concerned parties. A second offense will result in the student being removed from the extra-curricular program permanently..
- c. Summer Time:
A SCHS student/athlete who was a student/athlete the previous year and who is found breaking the school policy and/or is issued a citation and/or is convicted of a crime or substance abuse offense during the summer will be suspended as outlined above.

I/we have read this entire document, understand all its terms, and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

(Student Signature)

(Date)

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