

# CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in school activities is a privilege that carries with it varying degrees of responsibility, recognition, and reward. Participating students represent their school and other members of the student body, and it is their duty to conduct themselves in a way that is positive for themselves, their families, their school, and their community. Your conduct should not reflect discredit in any way upon you or upon those whom you represent. Respect of the body and mind God has blessed you with are qualities that should be characteristic of those who are of great influence on young America.

The Concordia Lutheran High School Athletic Code of Conduct applies to all students who are connected with any school-sponsored or IHSAA-sanctioned athletic team and governs the participation of the student/athlete in athletic activities. This includes cheerleading and the 20 IHSAA sanctioned sports.

In addition, and with the approval of the principal or designee, each head coach of an athletic team or cheerleading team may develop and impose eligibility rules with respect to attendance or other matters. These eligibility rules may be in addition to the general behavior requirements of the Concordia Lutheran High School Athletic Code of Conduct. Any additional penalty imposed by the coach shall not be more than the penalty imposed for violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct in regard to participation. These rules and regulations will be properly distributed to and reviewed by all participants in that particular sport before that sport season begins.

Members of athletic programs are also reminded of the IHSAA rules regarding conduct of contestants, both in and out of school (Rule 8, Section 1), and scholastic eligibility (Rule 18, Section 1).

## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Students participating on athletic teams are expected to follow the same rules of conduct expected of all students, and avoid those areas of prohibited student conduct identified in the Athletic Handbook & the Student and Parent Handbook of Concordia Lutheran High School and rules of each sport.

- Any student arrested on a charge other than a traffic violation may be suspended from any participation pending investigation of the arrest both by civil and school authorities and may be denied participation. If found guilty of the offense, a suspension will be administrated.
- Any student found to possess, use, or consume a controlled substance or substances purported to be a controlled substance and the use of alcohol and tobacco products (including vaping) will be considered guilty of a code of conduct violation.

If a student approaches school personnel for help with a problem, he or she will not be penalized by school personnel for this admission. He or she must come forward before being caught in a violation of the athletic code of conduct. In such cases, the school will help the student in finding help.

Athletic participants are reminded that the rules contained in this code prohibiting certain conduct applies both on and off school property for the entire year. (12 months)

## ENFORCEMENT

The principal or his or her designee will investigate any alleged violations of the athletic code of conduct. Before the initiation of any penalty under this code, a conference between the principal or his or her designee and the student/athlete will be held, during which an informal fact-finding session and discussion, if appropriate, will occur. If the principal or the principal's designee determines that a violation has occurred and that an appropriate remedy involves or includes suspension from athletic contests, the suspension from athletic contests will be in accordance with the following guidelines:

**FIRST OFFENSE:** The student/athlete will be suspended from participation for 25% of the sports season. If less than 25% of the season remains, or the violation occurs between seasons, the penalty will be extended into the next season in which the student/athlete participates for the equivalent remaining percentage of that next season or activity until the total suspension equals 25%. (A student/athlete cannot go out for an athletic team to avoid suspension in their main sport. The past interests of the student/athlete will determine this. Example: Student/athlete is suspended during a fall sport and elects to participate in a winter sport, even though they have never participated in a winter sport, to avoid a penalty in a spring sport that they normally participate in.) The offense and action taken will be recorded and filed in the office of the principal or the principal's designee.

**SECOND OFFENSE:** The penalty will be suspension from participation and forfeiture of eligibility for any honors and awards related to any sport season from which the student/athlete is suspended for one calendar year from the date of the second offense. The offense and action taken will be recorded and filed in the office of the principal or the principal's designee.

**FURTHER VIOLATIONS:** The penalty will be suspension from participation in all sports for the remainder of the student/athlete's high school career. The offense and action taken will be recorded and filed in the office of the principal or the principal's designee.

## APPEAL PROCEDURE

Any student/athlete has the right to appeal a decision. The Principal of Concordia Lutheran High School will conduct appeal proceedings for Concordia Lutheran High School. All sanctions will remain in force pending the appeal hearing and the final decision.

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This is to certify that the undersigned have read, understand, and agree to abide by these rules of conduct for athletic participants.

**STUDENTS NAME: (PLEASE PRINT)**

**GRADE:**

**STUDENTS SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

**PARENTS SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**