

SHS Athletic Code of Conduct

Established 2017

Purpose: Provide baseline requirements and accountability standards for Yellow Jacket student athletes. The guidelines contained in this document cannot be reduced without the approval of the athletic director, athletic administrator, or administration.

1) Academic Standards

- a. **TSSAA** – Student athletes will meet TSSAA standards for academic eligibility.
- b. **Grade Level** – Student athletes will be on the appropriate grade level. For example, 2nd year students are sophomores, 3rd year students are juniors, etc.
- c. **Grade Report(s)** - Coaches will receive a grade report beginning the week following progress reports of each grading term. The students with any current D or F will be on the grade report. This report will continue once a week until the end of the grading term. There will be a grace period the first time the student appears on the grade report. During this grace period, the student athletes are expected to correct the concerned grade(s). The second appearance by the student athlete on the grade report will result in a week of suspension from competition. If the student athlete corrects the grade by the next week's grade report, the student athlete is reinstated to participate in competition.
- d. **Academic Ineligibility** – At the conclusion of a grading period, any .5 credit attempted must end in a .5 earned credit in order to be eligible to participate in SHS athletics.
- e. **Academic Reinstatement** – In order for a student athlete to be reinstated to competition after failure to comply with the standards set forth in this code, he or she must -
 1. Improve his or her coursework to a C average before the next grade report.
 2. Redeem the .5 credit lost, from failing part of a class, on a transcript at the conclusion of a transcribed grading period.
 3. Replace the .5 credit lost from an introductory level course in a program of study with that of another introductory level course in a different program of study.
 4. Replace the .5 credit lost from an advanced class or higher, with the same graduation requirement at a lower level.

2) Discipline Standards

- a. Coaches will administer appropriate discipline for student athletes receiving ISS or OSS.
- b. No student athlete will participate in a contest on a day in which he or she is serving out of school suspension (OSS).
- c. Students returning from alternative placement must meet the approval of the coach and athletic director in order to return to play. Consideration for return will be given to the nature of the offense, student behavior history, and mitigating factors.

3) Attendance Policies

- a. Coaches will have standards for practice/game attendance. These standards shall be explained annually at the parent meeting.
- b. It is appropriate and required for teams to require make up work for missing practices or games regardless of reason. This is no different than school policies requiring students to complete missed work due to absences.
- c. Students are expected to be present at school on the day of contests. For the absent portion of the day, the absent student must meet the requirements of an excused absence to be eligible to play. The athletic director or athletic administrator is the deciding official on such matters.