

York Community High School Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct

Enforcement

The Code of Conduct applies to all competitive and performing school sponsored activities and is administered by the Administration. It applies to all school-sanctioned athletic teams and activities where students perform and represent the school in a public forum. Students are responsible for adhering to the Code throughout the calendar year when school is in session and when school is out of session during the summer and all holidays, both on and off campus. The Code takes effect the first day a student joins a competitive team or activity.

Procedures

Investigations of the Code may be initiated as a result of reports from:

- Law enforcement officials
- Credible testimony from a witness
- Credible evidence presented to the York Administration

Investigations are conducted by the Administration and generally include a review of evidence, student interviews, and student statements. In some instances, other administrators or deans may be involved in the investigation process.

Once the Administration has determined a violation has occurred, the parents of the student will be notified verbally or in writing within a reasonable amount of time.

Prohibited Conduct

A student may receive a consequence in athletics or activities for behavior that violates school policies, local, state or federal laws which includes:

Penalties

Consequences are assigned a point value according to severity of the offense. Points are cumulative throughout a student's high school career.

- Distribution or dealing illegal drugs (8 pts)
- Driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance (8 pts.)
- Hosting a party where alcohol or controlled substances are present (8 pts.)
- Possession or use of drugs or alcohol (6 pts.)
- Being present in any situation where alcohol or controlled substances are available to minors (5 pts.)
- Hazing (3-8 pts.)
- Deceptive practices or refusal to cooperate during a school investigation (3-6 pts.)
- Possession or use of tobacco products (3 pts.)
- Gross disobedience, misconduct, or fighting (3-6 pts.)
- Cheating or plagiarism (1-4 pts.)
- Any additional behavior, including suspensions from school, that could be considered conduct unbecoming an athlete or activity member (1-4 pts.)

Further clarification of the above-mentioned offenses can be found in the York Student Handbook and District 205 Policy Manual.

Consequences

(1-7 Points) Suspension up to 20% of the competition or performance dates. The student will retain the right to practice at their coach/club sponsor discretion.

(8-11 Points) Suspension up to one full season of competition/performance dates. The student will retain the right to practice at their coach/club sponsor discretion.

(12-15 Points) Suspension up to one full calendar year of competitions or performances from date of the infraction.

(16+ Points) Probable termination of all extracurricular opportunities for remainder of high school career. A student's suspension will be assessed based on the number of competitions or performances in a season.

Students who violate the Code and avoid any further infractions for one calendar year from the time of the first infraction may have their point total reduced in half. This practice would only be allowed once during student's tenure in extra-curricular activities. All requests for a reduction must be made, in writing, to the appropriate administrator.

In unusual situations involving egregious or serious criminal conduct, the Administration will have the authority to impose more serious consequences beyond those established in the Code of Conduct including immediate and permanent loss of athletic or activity participation.

A student may not attempt to join a sport or activity in which they have not previously participated in the previous school year to avoid an athletic or activity consequence.

Self-Reporting Provision

Students who present themselves to a member of the Administrative Team, head coach or activity sponsor as having a substance abuse problem will retain full practice and playing privileges as long as the following conditions are met:

- The admission of the said abuse is initiated by the student and is not made in an attempt to escape disciplinary action.
- The student receives counseling at an approved treatment center within two weeks of admission.

This provision is written with the express intent to encourage students to seek treatment for a substance abuse problem.

Appeal Process

Upon written request of the student or parent, any suspension by the Administrative Team shall be reviewed by the Code of Conduct Committee. This request must be communicated to the Athletic Director or Assistant Principal for Finance and Activities within 48 hours (not including weekends) of receiving the initial consequence. All suspensions will be upheld until the Committee can be convened and a hearing can be scheduled. The Athletic Director or Assistant Principal for Finance and Activities will provide the Committee with the necessary facts of the case and a hearing will be scheduled.

The Committee is composed of a school administrator not involved in the investigation, two coaches and two teachers, appointed by the Principal prior to the start of the sports season. If any member of the panel is a coach or club sponsor of the student making the appeal, that panel member shall be excused from the appeal. The panel must have a quorum in order to hear an appeal. The Panel shall make one of three recommendations to the Principal: to uphold, overturn, or modify the original consequence. The Principal will make a final decision.

The sports and activities that are regulated by the Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct have a competition or a performance component including, but not limited to:

Boys' Sports Baseball Basketball

Cross Country Football

Golf

Gymnastics Lacrosse

Soccer Swimming Tennis

Track Volleyball Water Polo Wrestling

Girls' Sports Badminton Basketball Bowling Cheerleading Cross Country Golf

Gymnastics Lacrosse

Poms

Soccer

Softball Swimming

Tennis

Track

Volleyball

Water Polo

Competitive/Performance

Clubs and Activities

Bass Fishing

Chess Team

DECA

Drama

Economics Club

FCCLA

Fine Arts Week

Group Interpretation

Law Team

Math Team

Model U.N.

Scholastics Bowl

Science Olympiad

Sketch Comedy Club

Skills U.S.A./V.I.C.A.

Speech Team

Student Council

York Dance Company

Yorkettes

Young Politicians

