

### Co-Curricular Code for ALL Buckeye Central Athletes

An athlete/member of a co-curricular activity in the Buckeye Central School district shall not harm himself/herself, his/her team/organization, or his/her school by violating the following code. All drug related issues will default to the discipline that is determined via the Drug Policy.

- I. **Suspendable Offenses** - A member of the team/organization will be suspended from team/organization activity if he or she is involved in any of the following:
  - a. The use and/or possession of tobacco/E-cigarettes (or the like) would result in the minimum of step one of the Drug Policy dependent on the athletes drug history.
  - b. The use and/or possession of alcohol would result in the minimum of step one of the Drug Policy dependent on the athletes drug history.
  - c. The use and/or possession of illegal or counterfeit drugs not prescribed by a physician would result in the minimum of step one of the Drug Policy dependent on the athletes drug history.
  - d. An arrest for a misdemeanor or felony charge.
  - e. Stealing or willful destruction of school or personal property as a member of a Buckeye Central activity. (Discipline will be based upon administrative review and discretion).
  - f. A violation of the school student code of conduct. (Based upon administrative review and discretion).
  - g. Unsportsmanlike conduct in an athletic contest. As an athlete, the OHSAA policy for ejections will be followed.
  - h. Participation (knowingly involved) at a non-approved/unsupervised party where one of the above violations occur.
- **First Violation**
  - o The student will be denied participation for 20% of the sports season or activity period. The student will be denied participation in the current season, activity period, with any remaining percentage of the denial of participation applied to the next season, activity period, if needed. The parent/guardian/custodian and student will meet with the Athletic Director, the coach or advisor, and a building administrator to determine reinstatement date. The student athlete will also be restricted from any leadership role for the extent of the suspension.
- **Second Violation**
  - o The student is denied participation in 40% of the sports season or activity period. The student will be denied participation in the current season, activity period, with any remaining percentage of the denial of participation applied to the next season, activity period, if needed. The parent/guardian/custodian and student will meet with the Athletic Director, the coach or advisor, and a building administrator to determine reinstatement date. The student athlete will also be restricted from any leadership role for the extent of the suspension.
- **Third Violation**
  - o The student is denied participation from all activities for one calendar (365 days) year from the official notice of failure. The student will lose any leadership role for one calendar (365 days) year.

- Fourth Violation
  - Student athlete is suspended from all activities and leadership roles indefinitely.

**II. Due Process**

- a. Any violations of the co-curricular code will result in a hearing before the principal.
- b. A student or his/her parents may follow the same procedures of the school's due process rules, if they so choose.
- c. After the hearing, the principal will make a determination of the charges brought forth and if a suspension occurs the suspension will take place as stated in the report.
- d. All appeals will be presented to the superintendent and must be within three workdays of the suspension.

**III. Rules**

- a. The head coach/advisor of the activity is responsible for the co-curricular code being presented to the students before the start of the season of the activity.
- b. The coaching staff/advisor of any extracurricular activity has both the right and the responsibility to recommend suspension to the principal for any violation of this code.
- c. This code is in effect for all students for the entire school year. The school year begins when the fall athletic season begins and concludes with the last contest or the school year closes, whichever occurs last in the calendar year. Infractions out of season will result as violations for the upcoming season and receiving the assigned penalty to begin the season.
- d. Each coach has a set of rules that the team members must follow in addition to the co-curricular rules. They include –
  - i. A curfew of 10:30 PM on weekdays and 12:00 AM on weekends. Exceptions to this curfew must be obtained through the head coach/advisor.
  - ii. Missing practices – an athlete or member of the co-curricular activity must have a satisfactory excuse for missing practice and must inform the coach prior to the missed practice.
  - iii. School rules – all school rules apply to all participants in co-curricular activities and athletes. All coaches/advisors have the right to enforce their own set of rules in addition to the school rules.
  - iv. Eligibility – Each athlete must meet the OHSAA minimum for eligibility.

**Agreement and Understanding**

- I agree to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Buckeye Central Co-Curricular Code.

**Participant Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_