



Ahwahnee Athletics



STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

All students participating in Ahwahnee Middle School extra-curricular activities and their parents/guardians must read and sign a copy provided to them of the following District and Ahwahnee Middle School Athletics Code of Conduct.

A. FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS (For students representing FUSD in all school related activities, including interscholastic athletics)

1. Students must display acceptable standards of behavior and citizenship at school and in the community.
2. Students must cooperate in a mature, sportsmanlike manner in all events whether it is as a participant or spectator.
3. Students must show respect for other participants, supervisors, coaches, and officials.
4. Students must comply with Board of Education Policies, District Regulations, and the State Education Code.
5. Schools and students must comply with the rules and regulations established by the appropriate governing bodies of their activity.
6. The use of intoxicants, tobacco, drugs or substances, or the sale or possession of them will not be tolerated.
7. Students must carry an accident insurance policy (either their own or one available at the school).
8. All athletes must be passing four classes to be eligible.
9. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average. A student falling below 2.0 for one quarter will be placed on probation. A student falling below 2.0 for two or more quarters in a row will be ineligible.

MINOR violations are those which do not require suspension from school.

- Any student who commits a **MINOR** violation of the Code of Ethics may be immediately suspended from all activities for a period ranging from one day to 14 calendar days. This penalty may be imposed by coaches, athletic director, or the school administration.

MAJOR violations are defined as those which result in suspension from school.

- Students who commit a **MAJOR** violation of the Code of Ethics will be suspended from all activities for a period of not less than 14 calendar days and not more than one calendar year. *This penalty must be imposed by the school administration.*
- Students who quit a sport before its completion can be suspended from all sports for one year. The exception to this rule occurs with approval of coach and the athlete agreeing that dismissal is in all parties' best interest.
- The administration reserves the right to prohibit a student from participation in other school activities as is deemed appropriate. Code of Ethics violations which occur when a student is not under the supervision of the school may be considered for penalties.

B. CODE OF ETHICS ENFORCEMENT & APPEALS PROCESS

1. Students who fail to comply with the Code of Ethics may be declared ineligible to participate in school activities.
2. Ahwahnee Middle School has an established Appeal Review Panel for athletic department suspensions for major infractions only. The student athlete must request an appeal in writing within three (3) school days of the penalty. An appeal board will be set up. The student athlete must state their case in writing one (1) day prior to the appeal hearing.
3. The Appeal Review Panel may only maintain or reduce the length of the athletic suspension.
4. The Athletic Director has the option to extend any penalties imposed by a coach.

C. AHWAHNEE ATHLETIC TEAM POLICIES

As an athlete, habits and conduct both in and out of school must be such as to make the athlete represent the ideals and standards of Ahwahnee Middle School. Individual sports programs will have additional expectations that pertain to that specific sport. Coaches will review those expectations with the team and inform parents in writing.

D. ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. FOOTBALL ONLY--Annual physical examination by a licensed physician/licensed nurse practitioner dated after May 1st.
2. Before an athlete is issued a uniform or officially added to a team roster, the parent or guardian and athlete must have signed all required paperwork.
3. Be passing 4 classes and maintaining at least a 2.0 GPA.
4. Have a signed copy of this Code of Ethics on file with the Head Coach & Athletic Director.

E. PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

1. Be informed
 - a. Ask your player for the team calendar
 - b. Sign up for team-specific Apps (ie: Remind, Band, Group me, . . .)
 - c. Know how to contact the coach
2. Plan, in advance, to ensure your athlete is at all practices and program commitments.
3. Pick your athlete up from practices and after-games in a timely manner.
4. Once practice ends athletes need to check-in to the after-school program or be picked up within 15 minutes of practice ending. Late Bus leaves at 4:40
5. If you are picking your athlete up from an away-game, you must enter the athletic facility and sign your athlete out from Coach's Supervision.
6. Support the entire program. The team consists of children between the ages of 11-14 please, keep that in mind when making comments in the stands and on social media.
7. Please, be partners with us, as we attempt to provide the best athletic experience possible for your student-athlete— support the coaching staff in their decisions. We will not discuss playing time, strategy or other student-athletes with you
8. **Please understand that middle school athletics are meant to prepare students for High School. Playing time is not guaranteed.** The coach will have the final decision on all team line ups and minutes played.