

This middle school athletic code of conduct (Code of Conduct) applies to students participating in any Adams 12 Five Star Schools' interscholastic athletics program. Student participants include team members and team managers (Participants).

Participants represent their team, middle school, and community. It is important, therefore, that Participants maintain high standards of conduct at all times. Since participation in interscholastic athletics programs of Adams 12 Five Star Schools (the District) is a privilege, not a right, maintenance of such high standards, as reflected in District Policy and each District middle school's rules and procedures, is a condition of team membership and participation.

Participants are responsible for knowing District Policy and school rules/procedures.

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a commendable manner at all times during interscholastic athletics, and toward opponents, teammates, officials, and spectators, regardless of where the activities occur.

The following activities are prohibited by this Code of Conduct at any time, whether on or off District property:

1. Consumption or possession of tobacco/nicotine (including electronic smoking devices), drugs, or alcohol in any form and any quantity
2. Physical altercation
3. Theft
4. Property damage
5. Any form of hazing, bullying, intimidation, harassment or discrimination
6. Any other behavior prohibited by District Policy or school rules/procedures

Sanctions

The following progressive discipline protocol represents the minimum sanctions for violation of this Code of Conduct. A Participant may also be required to complete an education-based program or activity as a consequence of violating this Code of Conduct. At the discretion of the principal or designee, a serious violation of District Policy/school rules may result in more severe discipline and more limited team participation than what is listed here.

- The first violation will result in an immediate suspension from one contest.
- A second violation will result in an immediate suspension from two contests.
- A third violation and any subsequent violation will result in an immediate suspension from participation in all District middle school athletics programs for one calendar year. Future participation following the suspension will be at the sole discretion of the principal.

Participants who are suspended from contests may be required to attend all practices if they have not also been suspended from school, but may NOT dress in team uniform or compete in any contests while suspended. For purposes of this Code of Conduct, scrimmages are not considered contests.

School suspension is separate from a suspension pursuant to this Code of Conduct and will be treated as such. Therefore, suspension from contests do not count during days of school suspension. Participants must re-establish their student status through re-entry after school suspension before serving the suspension imposed pursuant to this Code of Conduct.

Process

- Prior to imposition of any suspension pursuant to this Code of Conduct, the principal or designee shall have an informal conference with the Participant regarding an allegation that the Participant has violated this Code of Conduct, and allow the Participant to respond to such allegation.
- A Participant who has been determined to be in violation of this Code of Conduct may be granted an appeal to a District-wide committee composed of two middle school athletic directors and two athletic coaches, one from the building of the appealing Participant, and chaired by the District athletic director. Requests to appeal must be made within one week from the date of the decision to suspend the Participant pursuant to this Code of Conduct.
- The Participant and/or Participant's parent/guardian shall be responsible for providing any documentation in support of the appeal.
- Decisions made by the District-wide appeal committee shall be final.



**ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE
OF CONDUCT & SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS**

Spectator expectations

Parents/guardians, family members, and other spectators play a vital role in the middle school athletic programs' experience; their words and actions can serve to build up or tear down Participants. As a result, District and school staff are asking for spectators' support in providing a positive environment at middle school athletic contests.

The District is committed to safety, good sportsmanship, and fair play. Respect for the opposing team, all coaches, game officials and each other before, during and after each contest is of the utmost importance.

Adams 12 Five Star Schools encourages the following at athletic contests:

- Enthusiastic support of your team/Participants
- Good sportsmanship
- Family friendly atmosphere
- Commitment to safety
- Welcoming attitude to all spectators and visitors

Unacceptable behaviors at Adams 12 Five Star Schools athletic contests include:

- Verbal abuse of Participants, students, spectators, officials or District staff
- Disruptive or unruly behavior
- Lewd or obscene comments or gestures
- Entering the playing surface at any time
- Approaching officials before, during or after the contest
- Being under the influence of or the use, possession, distribution, service or sale of alcohol, drugs, other controlled substances and other illegal contraband. This includes marijuana, even if legally purchased through retail establishments or prescribed.
- Any other behavior prohibited by applicable District Policy

School administrators and/or their designees may direct spectators who fail to behave in a positive and respectful manner to leave the event and may impose conditions or a total ban on the spectator's future attendance at athletic contests, in accordance with District Policy. We encourage all spectators to "cheer for your team!"

We have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and Spectator Expectations.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Athlete Signature _____ Date _____