

ALMIRA AND COULEE HARTLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ACTIVITY CODE

(Adopted by the Coulee Hartline and Almira School District Board of Directors on 07-18-12)

The opportunity to participate in any athletic or activities program offered by ACH is a privilege granted to all ACH registered students. Participants in these voluntary programs will conform to specific conduct and GPA's established by the ACH student activity code. Those who participate in ACH activities are not only members of a team, club, or class, but also are representatives of their student body, family and community. Therefore, it is necessary and desirable that high standards be maintained in academics, citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty, and student conduct, both in and outside of the school's activities. Lowering standards by an individual, team, club, or class, defeats the purpose and value of any ACH activity.

Students involved in activities shall abide by all rules and regulations established by the coaches, advisors, school administration, ACH activity code, and the WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Activities Association). This activity/athletic code will be signed yearly and is in effect year round, beginning from the first day of school or when signed by the student and ending on the last day of summer vacation. Violations are accumulated in middle school when students begin activities/sports through the last school day of 8th grade. Middle school violations do not carry over to high school. Violations are accumulated in high school the day after the student graduates from 8th grade through 12th grade. Provision is made for an ACH student who has allegedly violated one or more of the ACH student activity code standards to appeal the disciplinary action against him or her.

SECTION I: GENERAL RULES

1. I will maintain at least a 2.00 grade point average and have no failing grade.
2. I will have on file in the appropriate district office the following:
 - Current physical examination of the past 24 months. A participating student must present school officials with a physician's written release to resume participation following an illness and/or injury which was serious enough to require professional medical care.
 - Proof of sufficient insurance by a health and accident insurance company.
 - Completed medical emergency authorization form.
 - Completed parent permission form.
 - Completed concussion and sudden cardiac arrest awareness form.
 - Paid ASB and sport fee.
 - Signed student activity/sport code.
3. I will conduct myself in an appropriate, orderly manner, both on and off the school grounds, so as to bring credit to my team, school, community and family. This item includes, but is not limited to the use of appropriate, acceptable speech (no profanity); modeling only the kind of behavior that is consistent with unquestionably good sportsmanship.
4. I recognize and am willing to accept as my responsibility to actively cooperate with teachers whose classes I miss because of activities, so as to prepare and complete my assignments in advance or as required by the teachers.

5. I agree to ride to and from all away activities in school transportation unless my parent or legal guardian personally signs me off the bus. If I am going to ride home with another adult (one who is 21 years of age) I must have approval granted in writing by my parents and the note signed by the Principal/Designee or Athletic Director prior to the bus departure time. The note will be filed in the high school office and a copy given to me for the coach/advisor. I agree to submit a note to the high school office if I am planning to drive within the district in my own vehicle to practice/away games to Hartline or the Almira School District. I agree to not transport any other students other than my siblings.
6. I accept personal responsibility for all school equipment checked-out to me and agree to return it promptly as requested in good condition.
7. I will follow the specific activity rules established and enforced by the coach and/or advisor.
8. I agree to report all injuries promptly to the coach and/or advisor.
9. I understand and agree that any violation of the criminal laws of the State of Washington, other than traffic infractions shall constitute a violation of this activity code.
10. I agree not to use, consume, possess, transmit, or sell alcohol, tobacco (including smokeless tobacco, nicotine (e-cigarette), controlled substances, or legend drugs (not prescribed by a licensed physician). I agree to remove myself as soon as possible from any area where other minors are involved with these activities or I will also be in violation of this code, regardless if adults are present.
11. I agree to abide by any and all rules applicable to me as stated in the current WIAA Handbook.
12. I agree to be in school for a full day or have a preplanned medical/dental appointment if I am to participate in either practice or contests. If students have *other reasons* to be absent from school, *please check with the high school office* to see if the student can participate in the daily activity, practice, or game. If an unforeseen medical or family emergency occurs, approval may be granted by the Principal to participate in the daily activity/sport.
13. I agree to comply with all school rules.
14. I understand that this activity code applies to any school sponsored event/activity that I qualified for during the regular school year that takes place in the summer months.

SECTION II: RULE VIOLATION

1. CONSEQUENCES

- A. Participants in violation of Rule #1 may continue to practice but may not participate in games until cleared by the school office. A student shall be on academic probation for one week following a grade check in which he/she did not have a 2.00 or higher GPA nor had a failing grade. If at the end of the one

week probation the student does not have a 2.00 or higher GPA or has a failing grade then he/she is ineligible to participate in games or competitions for one week and will continue to be ineligible until his/her GPA is 2.00 or higher and he/she has no failing grades. Student grades shall be checked once a week.

- B. Participants in violation of Rule #2 may not participate until they comply with the rule.
- C. An administrator and/or coach and/or advisor will administer appropriate discipline for violations or rules, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8.
- D. Violations of Rule 9, 10, and 11 will be investigated for the following reasons.
 - a. Confession by a student to staff/administrator. Administrator will call parent for a meeting with student, parent, and administrator. The staff member will be called if needed.
 - b. Citation by police
 - c. A signed letter by an adult in the community. Administrator will call parent for a meeting with student, parent, and administrator. The adult will be called if needed.
 - d. Written/verbal report by a staff member. Administrator will call parent for a meeting with student, parent, and administrator. The staff member will be called if needed.
 - e. Reasonable cause

SECTION III: RULE 9 – 11 VIOLATIONS

1. FIRST VIOLATION

If the participant is found to be in violation of the athletic/activity code and has no previous violations, the following shall result:

- Exclusion from all extra-curricular activities and athletics for 50% of the regular season games/competitions. A student must have the required amount of WIAA practices completed before the games count towards the violation. Post-season games will be counted towards the violation. The athlete will not be eligible to participate in post-season games unless the violation has been served. Students

will be allowed to practice during the violation. The student athlete is required to fulfill the same responsibilities as the rest of the team members. If the athlete demonstrates disruptive behavior, the coach and athletic director can have the player removed from the team. Completion of the violation will carry over from one season and school year to another. Example; At the end of the season, if (3) games are missed in a 16 game regular season (18.75%), and (2) playoff games are missed (12.5%), 31.25% of the season has been missed. An additional 18.75% of games would be missed in the new season. If the new season had 20 regular season games, 18.75% would equal (3.75) games missed, round up to (4) games.

- At the expense of the violator, the student must consent to an appropriate Drug/Alcohol Assessment by a Certified Drug and Alcohol Assessor, sign a release of information to the school, and follow the recommendations made by the assessor.

2. SECOND VIOLATION

If a participant is found to be in violation of the athletic/activity code and has had at least one previous violation, the following shall result:

Exclusion from all extra-curricular activities and athletics for 100% of the regular season games/competitions. A student must have the required amount of WIAA practices completed before the games count towards the violation. Post-season games will be counted towards the violation. The athlete will not be eligible to participate in post-season games unless the violation has been served. Students will be allowed to practice during the violation. The student athlete is required to fulfill the same responsibilities as the rest of the team. If the athlete demonstrates disruptive behavior, the coach and athletic director can have the player removed from the team. Completion of the violation will carry over from one season and school year to another. Example; At the end of the season, if (4) games are missed in a 20 game regular season, and (2) playoff games are missed (30%), an additional 70% of games would be missed in the new season. If that new season had 20 regular season games, 70% would equal (14) games missed.

- At the expense of the violator, the student must consent to an appropriate Drug/Alcohol Assessment by a Certificated Drug and Alcohol Assessor, sign a release of information to the school, and follow the recommendations made by the assessor.

3. THIRD AND ALL SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS

If a participant is found to be in violation of the activity/athletic code and has had at least two previous violations, the following will result:

- Exclusion from all extra-curricular activities and athletics for one full calendar year. If a student wants to practice for a particular sport, they must have permission from

the head coach and athletic director. If the athlete demonstrates disruptive behavior, the coach and athletic director can have the player removed from the team. Example; if the violation begins on November 5, 2015, the penalty runs into the following year through November 4, 2016.

- At the expense of the violator, the student must consent to an appropriate Drug/Alcohol Assessment by a Certified Drug and Alcohol Assessor, sign a release of information to the school, and follow the recommendations made by the assessor.

SECTION IV: APPEALS PROCESS

1. Violations can be appealed through notifying the Principal and using District policy 3241, #5 (Appeal process for disciplinary action).

CLARIFICATIONS:

1. The activity code will be included in our student handbook and all students/parents will sign a form stating they have received and read the contents.
2. Non qualifying events or activities such as camps and tournaments in the summer months are not considered in this activity code.