

**HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS  
CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT, VIOLATIONS, AND CONSEQUENCES  
FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION**

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege in schools and not a property right. It is understood by all students, parents, coaches, and sponsors that the top priority is academic progress. Everyone involved in these activities will make every effort not to interfere with that ultimate goal. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to establish a minimum standard of behavior. Therefore, **coaches or sponsors may establish rules and consequences that are more severe than the stated code**. Organization rules must be in writing and approved by the administration of each school. This policy will be enforced in Henry County Middle and High Schools. However, consequences for violations A thru D below will start over when the student begins high school. Consequences for violation E below will carry from middle to high school.

**NOTE:** *Parents must report any arrest of the student to the athletic director or sponsor within 72 hours of the arrest, even during school breaks. Failure to do so will result in the student being suspended for one (1) calendar year upon evidence proving an arrest occurred.*

**VIOLATIONS and CONSEQUENCES**

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| <b>A.</b> | <b>VIOLATION:</b>    | <b>Violation of school rules resulting in In-School Suspension (ISS) or Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) during the season.</b>  |
|           | <b>CONSEQUENCES:</b> | The student may resume participation when:<br>(1) All assignments are completed and released from ISS, and/or<br>(2) The student returns to school on the next school day upon completion of OSS.  |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>VIOLATION:</b>    | <b>Assigned to Long Term Suspension (LTS) or Expulsion (EXP).</b>  |
|           | <b>CONSEQUENCES:</b> | Dismissed from extracurriculars while serving LTS or EXP.  |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>VIOLATION:</b>    | <b>If found to have been charged with a delinquent act identified as a misdemeanor under the laws of Georgia, regardless of location or time of the alleged act and whether in or out of school.</b>   |
|           | <b>CONSEQUENCES:</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 1<sup>st</sup> Conviction of a delinquent act identified as a misdemeanor under the laws of Georgia: Meeting with athletic director or principal, head coach or sponsor, parents, and student, and a one (1) game or activity suspension.</li><li>2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Conviction of a delinquent act identified as a misdemeanor under the laws of Georgia: Suspended one (1) calendar year from all extracurriculars (begins with date of charges).</li><li>3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Conviction of a delinquent act identified as a misdemeanor under the laws of Georgia: Suspended from all extracurriculars for the rest of his/her 7-8 or 9-12 education.</li></ol> |
| <b>D.</b> | <b>VIOLATION:</b>    | <b>If found to have been charged with a delinquent act identified as a felony under the laws of Georgia, regardless of location or time of the alleged act and whether in or out of school.</b>  |
|           | <b>CONSEQUENCES:</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Suspended until case is adjudicated</li><li>2. 1<sup>st</sup> Conviction of a delinquent act identified as a felony under the laws of Georgia: Suspended one (1) calendar year from all extracurriculars (begins with date of arrest).</li><li>3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Conviction of a delinquent act identified as a felony under the laws of Georgia: Suspended from all extracurriculars for rest of his/her 7-8 or 9-12 education.</li></ol>  |

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**E. VIOLATION:** If found to have been charged with an act identified as Murder, Rape, Armed Robbery, Aggravated Child Molestation, Aggravated Sodomy, Aggravated Sexual Battery, and/or Voluntary Manslaughter under the laws of Georgia, regardless of location or time of the alleged act and whether in or out of school.)

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1. Suspended until case is adjudicated
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Conviction of such an act under the laws of Georgia: Suspended from all athletics for the rest of 7-12 education.

**NOTE:** *A second or subsequent arrest for a misdemeanor charge will result in the student being suspended until the case is adjudicated.*

**NOTE:** *A combination of a felony conviction and a misdemeanor conviction will result in the student being suspended from all extracurricular activities for one (1) calendar year. A combination of a felony conviction and two (2) misdemeanor convictions will result in the student being suspended from all extracurricular activities for the rest of his/her 7-8 or 9-12 education.*

#### **APPEAL PROCEDURE**

(1) Any student wishing to appeal an athletic suspension must submit in writing to the County Athletic Coordinator the reason(s) why he/she should not be disciplined as outlined. This request will then be forwarded to the members of the review committee for their consideration. Parents will be given a written statement of decision from the committee. The review committee will be made up of the Henry County Schools Athletic Coordinator, one (1) building level Administrator, and one (1) system level administrator.

(2) Any student wishing to appeal a suspension from any other extracurricular activity must submit in writing to the principal the reason(s) why he/she should not be disciplined as outlined. This request will then be reviewed by the principal and the organization sponsor. Parents will be given a written statement of decision from the sponsor or principal.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_