

Somerville Intramurals

Student-athlete Responsibility and Code of Conduct

- As student-athletes, you have become leaders representing your school and community. The student-athletes role requires that you as a team member serve as an exemplar of high moral character and demonstrate appropriate academic commitment. Student-athletes are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior on and off the field.
- All equipment issued to the student-athlete is property of Somerville Public Schools. Once issued, it is the athlete's responsibility to take care of equipment and to return it within one week of the end of the season. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. The loss of equipment is the financial responsibility of athletes.
- Somerville Public Schools and the MIAA have a "no tolerance" policy regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and the possession and use of non-prescribed drugs.
 - ⇒ First violation: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests (regular season and tournament) totaling 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at practice for the purpose of rehabilitation. During the suspension the disqualified student may not be in uniform and his/her attendance at the competition site is determined by the high school principal. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 25% of the season.
 - ⇒ Second and subsequent violations: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests (regular season and tournament) totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 60% of the season. If after the second or subsequent violations the student of his/her own volition becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MIAA activities after a minimum of 40% of events provided the student was fully engaged in the program throughout that penalty period. The high school principal in collaboration with a Chemical Dependency Program or Treatment Program must certify that student is attending or issue a certificate of completion. If student does not complete program, penalty reverts back to 60% of the season. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 40% of the season.
- It is not the policy of Somerville High School to police non-school activities, but if a violation is brought to our attention, the administration will evaluate the incident. If the incident, after being clearly proven, is deemed to have brought discredit upon the team/school, disciplinary action will occur.
- Student-athletes not in attendance at school may not participate or play on the day unless approval is given by the Principal or Assistant Principal. Student-athletes suspended from school will not be allowed to attend, practice or play while on suspension, whether it is out of school or in-house. Students—athletes absent on a Friday will not be allowed to attend, practice or play on the weekend.
- Hazing is prohibited at Somerville Public Schools. Any athletes involved with hazing in any capacity will be disciplined in accordance with the law, school code of conduct and will no longer be allowed to participate in interscholastic sport for at least the remainder of the sport season the incident took place.
- Good sportsmanship is the only type of sportsmanship tolerated at Somerville Public Schools. There will be no deviation in the position of the athletic department regarding sportsmanship. Un-sportsmanlike acts will be dealt with in the most severe manner.
- Each coach has the prerogative to establish additional rules pertinent to his or her sport. These may include but are not limited to attendance at practice, tutorial assistance, proper dress and general conduct during practice, games and in school.
- In accordance with banned substance policies, as well as our athletic department commitment to fostering the health and welfare of our student athletes, we have agreed to limit beverage consumption during competitive events and practices to water and/or hydrating sports drinks only, except where another beverage is medically necessary. (Please note, WATER ONLY allowed at Dilboy Stadium). Furthermore, no cans or glass containers are allowed on the bench or in the locker room and other participating areas throughout the city.
- For the privacy and safety of all, the use or appearance of use (showing the device in such a way that could lead an individual to believe they are being photographed or recorded) of any electronic device is not permitted in any locker room or bathroom in the SPS or in any locker room or bathroom at any school sponsored event. Photographing or recording is prohibited in the SPS unless authorized for educational or school purposes.
- The Director of Athletics will be notified of all violations of the Code of Conduct and consequences of the infractions. If deemed necessary further disciplinary actions may occur.

Student-athletes Name—PRINT _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sport(s): _____