

Peoria School District 150
EXTRACURRICULAR COMPETITION CODE

Extracurricular Competition is a Privilege and Strictly Voluntary

Because extracurricular activities and competition are voluntary and because those participating represent their school in a public way, we expect the behavior of those who try out and participate to be of the highest order. This is particularly true of academic requirements, honesty, school citizenship, sportsmanship and good conduct.

Since it is a privilege to participate and represent the school, it is logical that the school has the authority to revoke the privilege for those who do not conduct themselves in a responsible manner. This sense of responsibility extends to athletics as well as to conduct inside and outside the school.

To enjoy the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities and competition at Peoria Public Schools, each individual must read, understand and adhere to the following rules, regulations, responsibilities, conditions and procedures. The Extracurricular Competition Code must be signed by the individual and parent/guardian and be on file with the school before he/she practices.

I. This code is applicable to all extracurricular activities and competitions at District 150 High Schools, which involve interscholastic competition or performance at interscholastic competitions.

II. In addition to the general code, coaches, sponsors and directors may have additional rules and regulations which apply to their particular activity and also to their particular level of competition.

III. Once the students begin any participation in a District 150 High School extra curricular activity, they are subject to the Extracurricular Competition Code (ECC). Students continue to be subject to the ECC during the evenings, weekends, off season and vacation periods; being subject to the ECC ends only upon graduation or final participation in an activity.

IV. The individual, covered by this Code, as defined in (I) of this section, must:

(A) Be passing two (2) units of credit (20 hours of high school work) per cumulative semester average. The eligibility will be checked on a weekly basis, per IHSA Scholastic Standing Requirements.

(B) Have on file a current physical examination form, issued and signed by a licensed physician, each year of participation.

(C) Have purchased the school accident insurance or have on file with the school, the Certificate of accident insurance (waiver) form signed by the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) verifying adequate coverage by the family or group policy. It should be understood that Peoria Public Schools does not assume financial responsibility for an accident incurred in extracurricular activity, competition and/or practice.

(D) Agree to care, and be responsible for, school equipment and/or clothing used, or issued, and shall make necessary reasonable restitution whenever equipment and/or clothing is lost or damaged.

(E) Exception: Participants in non-physical (i.e. Debate and Scholastic Bowl) activities are not subject to IV (B) (C).

List of Violations and the Penalties

A. Violation: Smoking, possession or any other use of tobacco products.

Penalty: The first offense for smoking, possessing or using tobacco products in any other manner, will result in an automatic suspension for 1/3 of the regularly scheduled contests or events. However, the participant may attend all practice sessions.

(See letter H for further provisions)

B. Violation: Using, possessing or transporting alcohol, illegal drugs or any controlled substance

Penalty: The first offense for the use, possession, transportation of illegal drugs/controlled substances and/or alcohol, will result in an automatic suspension from all activities and practices covered by this code for one calendar year from the date of the incident(s) (See letter H for further provisions)

Option: The first offense for smoking, possessing or using tobacco products in any other manner, will result in an automatic suspension for 1/3 of the regularly scheduled contests or events. However, the participant may attend all practice sessions.

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C. Violation: Enters or remains on premises, including vehicles, where alcohol and/or drugs are illegally possessed or consumed. The issuance of any tickets, citations or complaint, including a violation of Peoria City Ordinance 20-104, shall create a rebuttable presumption that alcohol and/or drugs are illegally possessed or consumed.

Penalty: The first offense of entering or remaining on premises where alcohol and/or drugs are illegally possessed or consumed will result in an automatic suspension for 1/3 of the regularly scheduled contest or events. However, the participant may attend all practice sessions.

(See letter H for further provisions)

D. Violation: Commission of a misdemeanor and/or violation of City Ordinance/Code (excluding petty traffic offenses).

Penalty: The first offense for the alleged commission or charge of misdemeanor will result in an automatic suspension from all interscholastic and extracurricular activities and/or competitions, pending a resolution by the judicial system. However, the student will be allowed to practice during the suspension. In the event the participant is found guilty, pleads guilty, or is placed on Court supervision, the student will

automatically be suspended 1/3 of the regularly scheduled contests or events. However, the participant may attend all practice sessions.

(See letter H for further provisions)

E. Violation: Commission of a felony (as defined by law).

Penalty: The first offense for the commission of a felony (as defined by law), indicted by the Grand Jury or bound over for trial after a preliminary hearing, will result in an automatic suspension from all interscholastic activities and/or competitions and practices pending a resolution by the judicial system.

In the event the participant is found guilty, pleads guilty or is placed on Court supervision, the participant will be suspended from all interscholastic, extracurricular activities and/or competitions and practices for at least one calendar year from the date of the incident.

F. Violation: Violation of all other rules (school or district disciplinary rules, individual activity rules, failure to maintain a proper appearance conducive to the high ideals of extracurricular participation and/or display of poor citizenship during an event, practice or while traveling to and from an event).

Penalty: The Athletic Director, Activities Director, Principal and the Superintendent or their designee will meet. Following the meeting, the Athletic Director/Activities Director will administer the penalty recommended by this Committee.

G. In the event that a student is participating in two activities that are subject to the extracurricular activities and/or competition code, the following will apply:

Penalty:

- (1) All penalties will be applied to extracurricular activities or competition.
- (2) If the full penalty is not served during the season in which the offense occurs, the remainder of the penalty will be completed in the next interscholastic season. Any post-season activities and/or competitions will be subject to, and included in, the penalty period.
- (3) If the suspension occurs out of season, the suspension will be applied to the next interscholastic activity in which the student participates. In addition, the season of the next interscholastic activity must be completed in good standing.

H. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply to Violations A – H of the Extracurricular Competition Code:

Penalty:

- (1) A second offense of the Extracurricular Competition Code will result in an automatic suspension from all interscholastic, extracurricular

activities and/or competitions and practices for one (1) calendar year, from the date of the second incident.

(2) If a full penalty is not served during the season in which the offense occurs, the remainder of the penalty will be completed in the next interscholastic season. Any post-season contests or events will be subject to, and included in, the penalty period.

(3) If a suspension occurs out of season, the suspension will be applied to the next interscholastic activity in which the student participates. In addition, the season of the next interscholastic activity must be completed in good standing.

VI. Vacation:

Varsity athletes will not be permitted to take a vacation during the regularly scheduled season. The penalty may be exclusion from the team. Freshman, sophomore, and junior-varsity athletes, who are not members of the varsity team, may take a vacation when requested by their parents. The penalty will be that they will not play in the same number of games as were scheduled during the vacation.

VII. Quitting:

If a student quits any activity after the start of the season, the student cannot participate for another activity until the activity which the individual quit has completed its season, unless written permission is obtained from the sponsor of the activity the individual has quit.

VIII. Suspensions:

If the individual is suspended from school for disciplinary problems, the student will not be allowed to compete in any activities and/or competition or practices during the time of the suspension.

IX. Code violation during Vacation:

Appropriate disciplinary action will be administered at the beginning of the fall school term or from the IHSA official starting date for interscholastic activities if a violation of Extracurricular Competition Code occurs during the summer vacation period.

X. Transfers:

Once students of Peoria Public Schools establish IHSA eligibility at a high school then transfer to another high school within District 150, their eligibility is subject to IHSA by-laws and policies with regards to transfers. This includes, but is not limited to, change of residence, change of legal guardianship, and change of legal custody.

Students who transfer to or from a "special program" within District 150, and who have established IHSA eligibility at their current high school, will be subject to a penalty of being ineligible for 30 school days and/or the remainder of the current season whichever

applies according to IHSA by-laws and policies. Individual school athletic directors shall enforce the provisions of this procedure.

B. Students of District 150 will lose their IHSA eligibility (possibly for their entire high school career) if they accept either directly or indirectly any benefit or fail to report any undue influence, by any person or group of persons, to secure their attendance at a given high school. Any person who exerts or attempts to exert such undue influence either directly or indirectly, to secure a student's attendance at a given high school shall be recommended to the Board of Education for exclusion from District activities per IHSA by-laws.

XI. A student who has violated this Code and transfers schools within District will serve the remaining portion of the suspension at the receiving school per IHSA by-laws.

XII. The above Code is a minimum requirement. Each individual Coach, Sponsor or Director has the right to set additional rules, etc. A student may be dismissed from an activity at any time if, in the judgment of the Sponsor, the student's attitude, performance or ability does not warrant participation in the activity

DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSIONS FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. If a sponsor or director is forced to remove a student from a squad/team because of a rule infraction, such removal shall be considered a suspension.

Upon receipt in writing from a sponsor that a student has been suspended and the reason(s), the Athletic Director/Activities Director shall notify in writing the individual and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) of the specific Activity Code violation(s) and the period of suspension.

3. The individual will also be notified that he/she may have a hearing if a hearing request is submitted within the (10) days of notification of the suspension. If hearing is waived, the suspension from activities will follow guidelines set forth in the code. The student may not engage in the extracurricular activity until a hearing has been held.
4. The following rules will be applicable to the review hearing:
 - (a) All review hearings will be held in private sessions.
 - (b) The review will be held at a place and time set by the Principal or Athletic Director/Activities Director in charge of student activities.
 - (c) The Extracurricular Activity Council hearing the specific code violation, shall be composed of the Principal, or his designate representative, the Athletic Director/Activities Director in charge of student activities and the Superintendent or their designee.

- (d) The individual and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) may be present. The individual may have one witness at a time in the hearing room to give his/her report on the violation.
 - (e) The certified school personnel bringing the charges shall report first, and then the student may respond.
 - (f) The hearing shall be informal.
 - (g) The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the individual, if present, may discuss the violation with the Committee.
 - (h) The individual and his/her parent(s)/ guardian(s) will be notified in writing of the findings by the Athletic Director/Activities Director in charge of student activities.
 - (i) The findings of the Committee shall be binding upon all parties concerned.
5. Removal of a student from an activity for violation of team requirements, coaches'/sponsor rules, or failure to meet performance standards is not appealable to the Extracurricular Activity Council.

PERMIT

Please read, sign and return this page. Keep the Extracurricular Activities Handbook for your records. This form must be signed and returned to Peoria Public Schools in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

I have read, understand and accept the Peoria Public Schools, District #150 **Extracurricular Competition Code**.

I also, confirm that I live within the boundary for District #150, with a parent or legal guardian.

Date: _____

Print Student's Name: _____

School: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Sport(s): _____

