

## **WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL Athletic/Activities Code of Conduct**

**THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND HONOR PLEDGE WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR AND ALL SUBSEQUENT HIGH SCHOOL YEARS.**

### **ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Administration, Coaches and Activity Sponsors consider student participation in activities and athletics a privilege and not a right. To be eligible for designated activities and athletics, secondary students must sign the Western High School Activity/Athletic Honor Pledge and must abide by the Western Athletic/Activity Code of Conduct which is founded on the assumption that students whose behavior violates the law may lose activity or athletic eligibility. The principal is authorized and directed to take actions necessary to implement this policy, including the creation of the pledge and code of conduct for Administration approval and distribution to secondary students and families.

The code of conduct is designed specifically to establish high expectations and standards for all participating student-athletes. These expectations embody total lifestyle approach with emphasis on RESPECT for self, others and property, LOYALTY to self, teammates, coaches and school. PRIDE in yourself and what you stand for, pride in your team or club and pride in your school. MENTAL DISCIPLINE to develop the ideals of true sportsmanship and the integrity needed for success, and MATURITY to fully accept all choices made and the consequences they each carry.

The implementation and effectiveness of this code is dependent on a collective commitment from students, parents and school personnel, along with a proactive approach to prevention and assistance. The athletes or activity members will be governed, at the minimum, by the following rules. Each club sponsor or head coach may establish additional, individual rules for his/her team or club regarding curfew, attendance at meetings or practice sessions, personal appearance and personal conduct.

### **RATIONALE**

Secondary students who participate in athletics and co-curricular activities are thought of as school leaders. They represent the school in the eyes of the community. They serve as role models for other students. As such, these students should be held to a high standard of behavior. Such students need to maintain their physical and mental well-being not only while at school and school sponsored activities, but at other times as well. In an effort to achieve these goals, Western has developed a prevention program which includes an Athletic and Activity Student Honor Pledge. To participate in school sponsored athletics and designated school sponsored activities, an Athletic/Activity

Honor Pledge must be signed by students and their parents to indicate support of the Code.

## **THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following Code of Conduct applies to secondary students who participate on sports teams sponsored by Western High School and activities governed by the FHSAA. The activities will also include Student Government and National Honor Society. The Code is as follows:

1. There shall be no use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, substances, look- alike drugs or tobacco in any form by any student-athlete member of a team or club associated with Western High School.
2. Student-athletes and club members of Western High School shall not engage in any criminal activity. Examples are as follows, but not limited to: acts of violence, theft, breaking and entering, criminal damage to property, bullying.
3. Repeat violations of school policies or rules that result in an athlete being suspended, (Internal or External), may effect their athletic or club eligibility.

This Code applies to students during their athletic season or to students involved in school sponsored activities for their time frame. However, during that time period, the Code applies to students twenty-four hours a day whether or not students are on or off campus.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATION**

- The first violation shall result in the student being suspended from team competition or from all co-curricular activities for two weeks. During the two-week suspension, students seeking reinstatement to a team or activity, must attend drug and alcohol education meetings, if applicable. After completion of the two week suspension a reinstatement meeting will be held involving the student, his or her parents/guardian, the coach or sponsor and the assistant principal in charge. If, in the judgment of school officials, the student recommits to being drug and alcohol free, if applicable, he or she will be allowed to participate in team competition or the designated co-curricular student activity.
- A second violation will result in the student being removed from all athletic and school sponsored activities for a one year period dating from the time of the second offense. Prior to reinstatement, the student must have once again attended a drug and alcohol treatment program, if applicable, and recommitted to being drug and alcohol free at his reinstatement meeting, if applicable.

- ☒ A third violation will result in the student being permanently disqualified from participation in all school sponsored athletics or activities at Western High School.
- ☒ If the sport season remaining is less than the violation punishment, then the suspension will be extended into the next sport season.
- ☒ **DURING THE SUSPENSION THE ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL PRACTICE SESSIONS AND CONTESTS. CLUB SPONSORS CAN DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WISH SUSPENDED MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES.**
- ☒ **VIOLATIONS OF THE HONOR CODE WILL BE DEEMED AUTHENTIC BASED ON THE WORD OF AN AUTHORIZED ADULT, DEFINED AS A COACH, SPONSOR, ADMINISTRATOR, TEACHER, POLICE OFFICER, STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN OR BY ADMISSION OF THE STUDENT.**
- ☒ **STUDENTS IN ATHLETICS OR ACTIVITIES WHO VIOLATE THE SCHOOL'S RULES AND REGULATIONS ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE OR POSSESSION AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS, ARE SUBJECT TO THE BROWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT DISCIPLINE POLICY IN ADDITION TO THE CONSEQUENCES SET OUT HEREIN.**

### **IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES**

Prior to the suspension of a student from team competition or co-curricular activities, the coach or sponsor shall hold an informal conference with the student wherein: (1) the student shall be informed of the alleged violation; (2) parents will be contacted immediately; (3) if the student denies the allegation, the student shall be given an explanation of the facts which form the basis for the suspension; (4) the student shall be given an opportunity to present his version of the incident and write a statement.

- ☒ In determining whether there has been a violation of the Code of Conduct, coaches and sponsors should decide, based on statements of all interested parties, whether they believe a violation has occurred. Good judgment is an essential part of this process.



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**STUDENT PLEDGE**

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As a participant in designated sports or co-curricular activities, I agree to abide by all laws and rules regarding the use of alcohol and other illegal drugs; and all other criminal acts. Chemical dependency is a progressive but treatable disease characterized by continued drinking or other drug use in spite of recurring problems resulting from that use. Knowing that athletics and activities are a privilege, not a right, I accept and pledge to abide by the **HONOR CODE AND ALL OTHER RULES ESTABLISHED BY MY COACH OR SPONSOR.**

**TO DEMONSTRATE MY COMMITMENT, I PLEDGE:**

1. To abstain from the use and possession of alcohol and other illegal drugs.
2. To seek information and assistance in dealing with any chemical dependency problems.
3. To approach my parents, coach, or sponsor about my needs and problems.
4. To follow training rules established by my coach or sponsor to promote my health and well-being.
5. To understand that to **REPRESENT WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL ON A TEAM OR IN A CLUB IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.**

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Student Date

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Parent / Guardian Date

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