

Pursuing Victory With
Honor

**Oroville High
School**

Student Athletic
Code of Conduct

Instruction

AR 6145.2(a)

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

Nondiscrimination and Equivalent Opportunities in the Athletic Program

No person shall on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color or mental or physical disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be denied equivalent opportunity in, or otherwise be discriminated against in interscholastic, intramural or club athletics. (Education Code 35179; 5 CCR 4920)

The Superintendent or designee may provide single-gender teams where selection for the teams is based on competitive skills. (5 CCR 4921)

When a school provides only one team in a particular sport for members of one gender, but provides no team in the same sport for members of the other gender, and athletic opportunities in the total program for that gender have been previously limited, members of the excluded gender shall be allowed to try out for the team. (5 CCR 4921)

When determining whether equivalent opportunities are available to both genders in athletic programs, the Superintendent or designee shall consider, among other factors: (5 CCR 4922)

- Whether the selection of sports and levels of competition offered effectively accommodate the Interests and abilities of both genders
- The provision and maintenance of equipment and supplies
- Scheduling of games and practice times, selection of the season for a sport, and location of the games and practices
- Travel and per diem allowances
- Opportunities to receive coaching and academic tutoring
- Assignment and compensation of coaches and tutors
- Provision of locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities
- Provision of medical and training facilities services
- Provision of housing and dining facilities and services
- Publicity

Before a student participates in interscholastic athletic activities, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notice to the student's parents/guardians which:

1. Contains information about the complaint procedures for filing a discrimination complaint that arises out of an interscholastic athletic activity
2. Explains that there is an element of risk associated with all athletic competitions and that the district cannot guarantee that students will not be injured, despite its commitment to provide for every participant's health and welfare
3. Requests parental permission for the student to participate in the program and, if appropriate; be transported by the school to and from competitions
4. States the Governing Board's expectation that students adhere strictly to all safety rules, regulations and instructions, as well as rules and guidelines related to conduct and sportsmanship.
5. Include a copy of the local California Interscholastic Federation league rules

STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE

The philosophy of the Oroville Union High School District stresses the belief an athlete is expected to represent high standards, more so than that of the regular student, and that the athletic code will apply to all athletes in our district. An athlete is described as any student participating in athletic practices and/or contests under the control and jurisdiction of the District. We are concerned with maintaining PRIDE in our athletic programs, and believe that outstanding physical condition and high moral standards are top goals for our athletes. The district embraces the CIF "Pursuing Victory With Honor" as adopted by CIF.

These guidelines are designed to promote the ideals of sportsmanship, pride in representing the school district, and insure acceptable standards of participation. They apply to each student athlete during their season of sport.

1. SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS

- A. To be eligible for any team, a student will not be permitted to have more than two (2) failing grades (F) or incomplete (Inc); regardless of the number of subjects he/she is taking. He/she must be passing at least twenty (20) credits.
- B. To be eligible, a student must have at least a 2.0 grade point average for all enrolled courses on a 4.0 scale at the time the athlete tries out for a team or invokes his/her one-time per year academic probationary status option.
- C. Students must show minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements prescribed by the governing board.

- D. Students who do not achieve satisfactory educational progress or maintain a quarterly 2.0 grade point average and are trying out for an initial season of sport, finishing a season of sport and preparing to try out for the next season of sport, can opt to invoke his/her one-time per year academic probationary status option. At the time the student invokes his/her probationary status option, the student must have a grade point average of 1.66 or above. The probationary status will begin from the date of the issuance of the student's report card plus three (3) days, to the issuance of the next quarterly report card plus three (3) days. Students will be placed on probation for a period of one quarter. An athlete will only be allowed to be on probation status one (1) occurrence per school year. The grading periods used for calculating the grade point average will be first quarter, first semester, third quarter and second semester and Summer School.
- E. Ineligible athletes to be considered scholastically eligible shall be required to make up **failed** graduation requirements. These failed courses must be made up by taking the equivalent class. The grades earned in the above scenario will **replace** the failed grades for the purpose of determining athletic eligibility. Ineligible athletes who have not failed a class may improve their G.P.A.'s by either **replacing** equivalent graduation requirements or taking additional courses for their own enrichment. Enrichment classes will be averaged into their G.P.A.'s.
Note: The student's official transcript will reflect all courses taken
- F. Summer school courses failed shall not impair athletic eligibility.
- G. Notice of probation and/or ineligibility will be given prior to the first official contest.
- H. All applicable CIF eligibility rules will be enforced as written

2. PRE-PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

- A. All pre-practice requirements/clearances must be turned in to the Athletic Director's Office prior to beginning any athletic practice/competition.
- B. Pass a physical examination conducted by a licensed medical doctor.
- C. Turn in to the head coach, or have on file with the Athletic Director, the physical card signed by both the physician who supervised the examination and one of the athlete's parents or guardian.
- D. Parents must certify medical insurance is carried on the athlete, or purchase athletic insurance
- E. Turn in to head coach or have on file with the Athletic Director, the signed portion of the District's Athletic Code. **NOTE:** Both the athlete and a parent or guardian signatures are required. Once the District's Athletic Code is signed, it remains in effect for the duration of the student's athletic career.

3. ATHLETIC INELIGIBILITY

Eligibility status shall follow all prescribed CIF and NSCIF By-Laws. A student shall immediately become ineligible to participate in athletics for any or all of the following reasons.

- A. Quitting a sport without consent of the coach after a two (2) week tryout period.
- B. Being dismissed from the squad for cause. A coach may set and enforce rules that are more stringent than the minimum standards. Each coach shall establish written guidelines that are distributed and signed by each athlete and parent/guardian. Each of the plans will be approved by the site administrator prior to the start of the season of sport. These guidelines will establish team rules and regulations that clearly identify consequences for rule infractions through dismissal from the team
- C. Committed a suspension/expulsion offense as prescribed by California Education code Sections 48900 and 48915 that results in an out-of-school suspension during the season of sport.
- D. Any athlete who is recommended for expulsion for committing offences referred to in California Education Code Section 48900, 48900.2-4, or 48915, will immediately become ineligible until an administrative decision is rendered. When the final disposition is made by the administration/or Board of Trustees regarding the expulsion recommendation, the athlete will remain athletically ineligible for the duration of time as stipulated in the expulsion order/contract. All applicable CIF rules regarding expulsion will be

adhered to. Athletes on expulsion orders/contracts will not be able to practice during their period of ineligibility

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4. **PENALTIES AND CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY**

An athlete may again become eligible after fulfilling the following requirements:

- A. For violations of Education Code 48900, unless stated otherwise, which result in suspension and for quitting a sport (without coaches consent) or being dismissed for cause;

First Offense: (During season of sport)

The athlete will be ineligible for athletic competition for no less than the number of days suspended from school. For example: A one-day (1) suspension would equal one (1) day of athletic ineligibility, a three (3) day suspension would equal a three (3) day period of athletic ineligibility. The ineligibility period will include the days of suspension.

Athletes who quit a sport (without coaches consent) or are dismissed for cause will be ineligible for one-third (1/3) of scheduled season events.

Second Offense'(During season of sport)

The athlete will be ineligible for athletic competition for no less than one-third (1/3) of schedule season events.

Third Offense: (During season of sport)

Athletes will be ineligible for one-half (1/2) of scheduled season events.

Fourth Offense (During Season of sport)

The athlete will be ineligible for a period of one (1) calendar year from time of violation

Athletes, with coach's permission unless stated otherwise, may practice with team if not suspended from school but will not compete in an athletic contest during athletic ineligibility period.

- B. For violation of **Education Code 48900 (b), (c), (d), (h)**

Using, possessing or furnishing tobacco, alcohol, illegal drug, controlled substance, firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous objects, an athlete will be ineligible for a minimum of the following

First Offense' (School year)

Athlete will be ineligible for one-third (1/3) of scheduled season events.

Second Offense: (School Year)

Athlete will be ineligible for one-half (1/2) of scheduled season events.

Third Offense: (School Year)

Athlete will be ineligible for ONE calendar year from date of infraction, and will not be permitted to practice.

Athletes, with coach's permission unless stated otherwise, may practice with team if not suspended from school but will not compete in an athletic contest during athletic ineligibility period

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- C. Conditions for eligibility.

*Based on the number of contacts/contests **scheduled** on the seasonal sports calendar (scrimmages are not counted in these calculations, all tournament competition other than basketball will count as two contacts/contests. Basketball is the number of scheduled contests). When rounding, use the nearest whole number.

The unexpired portion of the penalty will be carried over into the athlete's post-season competition or the

next season of participation. Failure to complete the above assigned penalties will result in the athlete being ineligible for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

The fraction of the penalty is adjusted to apply to the scheduled number of contests for that sport (Example: an athlete serves two (2) games of a three (3) game penalty in football. He would have one (1) game or one-third (1/3) of the penalty yet to serve. The next sport he goes out for is basketball, which may have (20) contests. If the athlete committed a first offense in basketball he would have to miss seven (7) contests. Since he has to serve one-third (1/3) of the remaining penalty carried over from football, he would miss two (2) basketball contests --one-third (1/3) of seven (7) equals two (2) (nearest whole number).)

The athlete's ineligibility period begins with a formal notification from the coach, the Athletic Director, or an administrator. The remaining contests of the season of sport will be counted for the ineligibility penalty. However, if an athlete quits a season of sport without the coach's consent, the unexpired season of sport will not count towards the penalty and will carry to the athlete's next season of sport.

An athlete will be placed on a probationary period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the infraction. If the athlete has not completed the conditions for eligibility but does not commit another violation during this period, then his/her record will be cleared. A subsequent violation would then be treated as a first offense.

5. RIGHT OF APPEAL

- A. Athletes shall have the right to appeal, with their parents or other designated advocate, to the Athletic Council within 1 () school days of the athlete's ineligibility notification (See Athletic Council' Membership, Responsibilities, Procedures) A written decision of the appeal will be sent to student and parent/guardian within three school days after the hearing.
- B. Any offense, including those not specifically listed in the Code, may be considered by the Athletic Council.
- C. If the student or parent/guardian is not satisfied with the Athletic Council's decision, they may submit a written appeal of the decision within five school days to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee will meet with the student and/or parent/guardian and render a written decision of that appeal within three school days.
- D. If the student and/or parent/guardian are not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, they may submit a written appeal to that decision to the Board of Trustees within five school days The Board will hear the appeal in Closed Session at the next regularly scheduled meeting if the written appeal has been received by the Superintendent within timelines set forth for board agenda preparation The Board will render a written decision to the student and parent/guardian within three school days. The Board of Trustees' decision shall be final and binding
- E. During the appeal process, the athlete's ineligibility will remain in effect.
- F. Failure by the student to meet any appeal timelines will result in the appeal automatically being dropped.

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6. ATHLETIC COUNCIL: Membership, Responsibilities, and Procedures

When an appeal is filed, the Athletic Council shall convene and shall consist of

- Principal, or his designee
- Athletic Director
- Three (3) coaches -one from each season, selected by their peers

Athletic Council Responsibilities:

- Serve as the board of appeals when requested by athlete(s).
- Serve as athletic advisory committee to District Administration and Board of Trustees.

Procedures of Appeal:

Refer to Right of Appeal (A-F) on page (e) of this Administrative Regulation.

7. ATTENDANCE

Athletes must be in school all day in order to participate in practice or games that day. The exception to this rule must be justified by the athlete to the Assistant Principal and/or Athletic Director. An unjustified excuse will cause the athlete to be ineligible for the next scheduled athletic contest.

8.

WHEN AN ATHLETE IS SUSPENDED ON CAMPUS FROM SCHOOL

- A. Students assigned to Suspension On Campus for four periods or more will result in the athlete being ineligible to practice or play that day.
- B. Students assigned to Suspension On Campus for less than four periods will be allowed to practice or play at the coach's discretion.

9. EQUIPMENT RETURN

Athletic equipment issued for a previous sport must be returned, or arrangements made for payment, before student is allowed to participate in any game or contest in another athletic activity

10. TRANSPORTATION

In all athletic contests played away from school, the athlete will ride to and from games in school transportation (when provided by school district) unless prior arrangements are made by the parents with the approval of the coach.

11. TEAM TRAVEL

When students are attending an "away" school sponsored function for athletic purposes, and that travel time to the venue, the event itself, and return travel from the event would include a meal(s), the expectation is that the student will bring a bag lunch or money to cover the expense of the meal(s) missed.

In the event that transportation breakdown or inclement weather prevents travel back to Oroville that day, the District will assume the reasonable cost of lodging. The School District will also assume reasonable meal expense for the team if they miss the next meal not planned for by the coaches. For example. "if the coach planned for lunch but due to bus breakdown the time away from home extends into the dinner hour, the District will refund the coach for the reasonable cost of a dinner."

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12. ATHLETIC DRUG TESTING

Policy Statement:

In order to provide for the health and safety of the individual athlete and other athletes, to provide a legitimate reason for students to say "no" to drug use and to provide an opportunity for those taking drugs to receive help in locating a program of assistance, the District is conducting a mandatory drug testing program for student athletes. The program is not punitive. It is designed to create a safe, drug-free environment for student athletes and assist them in getting help when needed.

Definitions:

- Drug: Any substance considered illegal or controlled by the Food and Drug Administration.
- Student Athlete: Any student participating in athletic practices and/or contests under the control and jurisdiction of the Oroville Union High School District.
- Sport Season: Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons begin on the first day of practice allowed by the California Interscholastic Federation or Oroville Union High School District and end with the last sanctioned event.

Procedures:

- Consent: The parent and/or guardian and the student athlete are required to sign a written consent for drug testing prior to participating in the athletic program. Testing will be conducted in the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons of sport at District expense.
- Medication: Student athletes who have taken or are currently taking prescription medication must declare this fact on the day of testing. The student must provide verification (either by a copy of the prescription or by doctor's authorization) if the drug test is positive. Students who refuse to provide verification and test positive will be subject to actions specified on page (b)
- Student Selection: All student athletes may be tested at the beginning of each season Random

testing will be conducted during the sports season. Students selected for random testing will be selected by having their names drawn from a "pool" of student athletes.

"Positive" Test: if the student's test indicates positive results, a split sample will be tested to confirm the results. Parents will be notified only when the second test is positive.

The refusal of an athlete to take a urine test will be considered the equivalent of a positive test.

First Offense: (if results indicate "positive" testing of drug(s) presence)

1. Notify parent or guardian. (All test results are confidential.)
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the principal or his designee with the parent/guardian and the student.

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3. The student will be required to complete twenty-four hours of drug counseling offered by the Oroville Union High School District; that a letter of verification stating the student completed the counseling program be submitted to the Athletic Director.
4. The student will be ineligible for one-third (1/3) of the season as set forth by NSCIF.
5. The student will be re-tested before the beginning of the next season of sport for which he/she is eligible.

Second Offense (during high school career)

1. Notify parent or guardian.
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the principal or his designee with the parent/guardian and the student.
3. That the student be suspended from participating in interscholastic sports for one (1) calendar year from the date of the drug test.
4. The student will be required to complete twenty-four (24) hours of drug counseling offered by the Oroville Union High School District; that a letter of verification stating the student completed the counseling program be submitted to the Athletic Director.
5. The student will be re-tested before beginning the next season of sport for which he/she is eligible.

Third Offense (during high school career)

1. Notify parent or guardian.
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the principal or his designee with the parent/guardian and the student.
3. The student is suspended from participating in athletics, and will not be eligible for any more high school sports.

Amnesty Provision

Prior to the random selection of athletes for testing on a one (1) time basis only, an athlete may disclose to the coach, athletic director, or site administrator, to declare his/her substance abuse status, (all disclosures will remain confidential) without having to participate in a drug screening. The athlete will be required to immediately enroll in the Oroville Union High School District Substance Abuse Program, and provide the athletic director with proof of completion within three (3) calendar months. The athlete will be re-tested before beginning the next season for which he/she is eligible.

CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

- 1 A co-curricular activity is defined as a program that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom and requires practice and preparation time after the regular school day and involves performing in front of the public.
- 2 For the purposes of this regulation co-curricular activities include but are not limited to the following Band, Cheerleaders, Choir, and Drama.

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3. To be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities a student must have a least a 2.0 grade point average for all enrolled courses on a 4.0 scale.
4. Students must show minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements prescribed by the governing board.
5. Students who do not achieve satisfactory educational progress or maintain a quarterly 2.0 grade point average and are trying out for or beginning a co-curricular activity season (i.e., Band, Cheerleading, Choir, Drama, etc.) can opt in invoke his/her one-time per year academic probationary status option. At the time the probationary status option is invoked, the student must have a grade point average of 1.66 or above. The probationary status will last either part of or one full quarter. Students utilizing their one-time per year academic probationary status option must improve their grades to no less than 2.0 GPA by the issuance of the mid-quarter progress report. Failure to obtain a 2.0 GPA by the mid-quarter progress report will result in the student becoming ineligible until the next grading period. Definition of Season For Co-Curricular: Since Band, Cheerleading, Choir, and Drama are year round activities, the policy shall be in effect for these activities on a year round basis.
6. The grading periods used for calculating the grade point average will be first quarter, first semester, third quarter and second semester and Summer School.
7. Summer school credits and grades may be counted for making up scholastic deficiency incurred at the second semester. All grades, second semester and summer school, will be averaged together in order to determine the students grade point average.

8. CO-CURRICULAR INELIGIBILITY

Students committing a suspension/expulsion offense as prescribed by California Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915 that results in an out of school suspension during the school year will receive the following sanctions:

1. Suspension ranging between 1-- 4 days of suspension will result in the student being ineligible from the co-curricular activity for five days after the suspension is served.
2. Suspension issued for five (5) days will result in penalties listed below:
 - a) **First Offense :** The student shall be ineligible for six (6) weeks after the suspension is served.
 - b) **Second Offense :** The student shall be ineligible for nine (9) weeks after the suspension is served.
 - c) **Third Offense :** The student shall be ineligible for one calendar year from the date of the infraction and will not be permitted to practice.

CO-CURRICULAR DRUG TESTING

Policy Statement:

In order to provide for the health and safety of students participating in co-curricular programs; i.e., band, cheerleading, choir, and drama, to provide a legitimate reason for students to say "no" to drug use, and to provide an opportunity for those taking drugs to receive help in locating a program of assistance, the District is conducting a mandatory drug testing program for co-curricular participants

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Definitions:

Drug:	Any substance considered illegal or controlled by the Food & Drug Administration
Participant:	Any student participating in co-curricular programs; i.e., band, drama, choir, cheerleading
Season:	Year round activity

Procedures:

Consent:	The parent/guardian and the participant in the co-curricular program are required to sign a Written consent for drug testing prior to participating in the co-curricular activity. Testing will be conducted in the Fall, Winter, and Spring at District expense.
Medication.	Participants who have taken or are currently taking prescription medication must declare this fact on the day of testing. The student must provide verification (either by a copy of the prescription or by doctor's authorization) if the drug test is positive. Students who refuse to provide verification and test positive will be subject to actions specified on page (g) of this Administrative Regulation.
Selection:	All participants are subject to random drug testing in the Fall, Winter, and Spring of the school year. The random selection will be conducted by impartial district employees and students will be selected by having numbers drawn from co-curricular participant lists provided by the respective activity Director. If the student's test indicates "positive" results, a split sample will be tested to confirm the results. Parents will be notified only when the second test is positive. The refusal of a participant to take a urine test will be considered the equivalent of a positive test.

First Offense: (when results indicate "positive" testing of drug(s) presence)

1. Notify parent or guardian. (All test results are confidential.)
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the principal or his/her designee with the parent/guardian and the student
3. The student will be required to complete twenty-four (24) hours of drug counseling offered by the District; that a letter of verification stating the student completed the counseling program be submitted to the activity Director.
4. The student will be ineligible for nine (9) weeks of the co-curricular season from the date of the drug test

Second Offense: (during high school career)

1. Notify parent/guardian.
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the principal or his/her designee with the parent/guardian and the student.
3. The student will be suspended from participating in co-curricular activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the drug test.
4. The student will be required to complete twenty-four (24) hours of drug counseling offered by the District; that a letter of verification stating the student completed the counseling program be submitted to the activity Director.

Third Offense: (during high school career)

1. Notify parent/guardian.
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the principal or his/her designee with the parent/guardian and The student
3. The student will be permanently suspended from participating in co-curricular activities for the remainder of his/her high school career.

Amnesty Provision

Prior to the random selection of participants for testing, on a one-time (1) basis only, a student may disclose to the activity Director or site administrator, to declare his/her substance abuse status (all disclosures will remain confidential) without having to participate in a drug screening. The student will be required to immediately enroll in the District's Substance Abuse Program and provide the activity Director with proof of completion within three (3) calendar months.

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OROVILLE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO YOUR COACH OR ACTIVITY DIRECTOR.

O.U.H.S.D AGREEMENT

**I HAVE READ THIS ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ITS
REQUIRED PROCEDURES. I ALSO CONSENT FOR MY SON/DAUGHTER TO BE DRUG TESTED
AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DRUG TESTING POLICY STATED WITHIN THIS REGULATION.**

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Date