# **SOMSAC SANCTIONED EVENTS**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL: GRADES 6-8** 

Cross Country\*+× Boys Basketball\*+ Football\*+

Girls Basketball\*+ Girls Volleyball\*+ Track & Field\*+×

Wrestling\*+×

# **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Brain Bowl** 

FFA # Leadership

National Jr Honor Society Yearbook

\* Activity requires a physical + Athletic fee \$20.00

× - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are allowed to play those sports (XC, TRK, WR)

Please note: All other sports are 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade only according to SOMSAC (FB, BB, GB, VB)

Please note: Listed Sports and Activities are not guaranteed to be offered each year.

# EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the belief of the Jackson County School District 9 that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege granted to Students who have demonstrated a commitment to meeting the academic and behavioral standards of the School District. Students participating in extracurricular activities are expected to exemplify high standards of moral conduct and to serve as role models and representatives of our School District and community. During the time a Student is participating in an extracurricular activity, the code of conduct is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The rules within the code of conduct are enforceable at all school and non-school activities and events.

All Students representing Jackson County School District 9 secondary schools must comply with the standards of conduct listed in the board policy and school's handbook. This policy is a minimum conduct standard. Coaches and advisors may add additional expectations specific to their activity, within District standards and with administrative approval at the building. Participation in treatment programs may be considered in the administration of this procedure. Violation of the law or violation of the rules may result in disciplinary action, even if the misconduct occurs at times/places other than on-campus or during school activities.

Prior to participating in Athletics, clubs and school activities, the Student, and parent/guardian are required to sign the Student participation contract to ensure their reading and understanding of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct expectation.

# DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND CONDUCT POLICIES

If the superintendent or his/her designee determines either by a preponderance of symptoms or by reasonable evidence that a Student involved in Athletics, clubs and school activities is using alcohol, illegal drugs or other controlled substances, the District may require the Student to be tested immediately at the parent, guardian or Student's expense and submit the results to the District as a condition of participation. A positive test shall cause the Student to receive consequences as specified in the district's Student Assistance Program manual and/or Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

#### USE, POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS

Participants will not use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol, other drugs, drug paraphernalia, or items purported to be drugs at school sponsored activities, school related activities or at any Student gathering under the auspices of any local, state, or national Student or school organization or at any other time, including evenings, weekends, and holidays during the entire term of the activity from the official starting date established by SOMSAC, the District or the school as the case may be, until the final date of the activity in which the participant is involved.

Students shall not be present at any site where illegal activities occur such as consumption of illegal drugs or alcohol by minors. Students shall be expected to leave immediately. If it is substantiated that leaving did not occur immediately, disciplinary actions will apply.

Students who are involved in Athletics, clubs and school activities and who violate the District's policies on the use, possession, transport, distribution and/or sale of a controlled substance including alcohol and mind altering drugs, and the not leaving, will receive the following minimum penalty.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> Violation

- Suspended from participation in any Athletic, club or activity for a minimum of 15 school days (Practice is at the discretion of District AD).
- May be removed from Athletic, club or school activity participation for an extended time depending on the circumstances surrounding their violation of the policy.

#### 2nd Violation (during the same school year may result in the following penalties):

- Require a suspension of all extracurricular activity including practice for 20 school days.
- Removal from the team for the remainder of the season.
- Lose the Athletic privilege for the remainder of the school year.

#### USE, POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF TOBACCO

Student participants who are using, possessing, distributing, or selling tobacco will receive the following penalty.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Violation

• The Student will not participate in any Athletic, club or school activity for a period of 5 school days.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation

- The Student will not participate in any Athletic, club or school activity for 20 school days or the remainder of the season if they are on a sports team.
- For Students involved in other school activities the Student will be removed from the activity for 20 school days or the remainder of the nine weeks.
- The Student will also not be allowed to practice or participate with the team or group during this period.

#### ARREST AND CONVICTION

If a Student is arrested and convicted of any felony or misdemeanor the Student will receive the following penalty:

<sup>\*\*</sup>Violations that occur at the end of the season can and will roll over to the following school year.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Violation

- Be suspended from participation in any Athletic program, club or activity for a minimum of 15 school days.
- May be removed from Athletic program, club or activity participation for an extended time depending on the circumstance surrounding their violation.

#### 2nd Violation during the same school year may:

- Require a suspension of all extracurricular activity including practice for 20 school days.
- Removal from the team for the remainder of the season.
- Lose the participation privilege for the remainder of the school year.

#### **GOOD CITIZEN OBLIGATION**

Athletes shall conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the high standards and ideals of their team, school and community. Conduct that is unbecoming of an athlete will lead to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or removal from participation. Negative behavior will include, but is not limited to, cyberbullying, inappropriate content on social media, inappropriate texting, cheating, truancy, excessive tardiness, defiance, fighting, referrals to discipline, etc.

Extra-curricular penalties are cumulative during the school year. For example, in the event that a Student who

has received a prior extra-curricular penalty during the school year also receives a penalty during another extracurricular activity in the same school year, he/she will enter the current extra-curricular penalty at the next violation level. This is inclusive of all personal conduct rules including those established by the coach.

#### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

The coach or activities sponsor may have additional regulations, which will be defined in writing to the participating Student. These policies will be subject to the approval of the administration and supported and enforced by the same.

# ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Jackson County School District9 EPMS WMMS SCMS

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

The values and lessons learned by Students through participation in interscholastic Athletics and co-curricular activities are numerous. The development of responsibility, sacrifice, good sportsmanship, and accepting victory and defeat graciously are just a few of the lessons our Students learn while participating in sports. Along with the privilege of participating in interscholastic Athletics comes the responsibility to attain the most important facet of education: academic and behavioral success. Therefore, the following regulations have been developed in order to provide Students with the motivation, support, and encouragement needed to learn the many positive lessons of Athletic competition while maintaining high academic standards.

#### **ATHLETIC COSTS**

A yearly Athletic fee of \$20 is required to play Middle School sports for Students attending Eagle Point Middle School, Shady Cove School, White Mountain Middle School, and homeschooled Students. D9 resident Students who attend charter schools are required to pay \$150 per sport.

#### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Students must have 92% attendance or higher and earn "S" marks ("satisfactory") in citizenship, preparedness, assignments, and personal management in all courses in a quarter preceding the opening of the season or during the season to be eligible to participate unless they meet the mandatory Learning Center Criteria or meet the summer school criteria list below.

#### **APPLICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility policies and procedures will be only enforced based on SOMSAC sponsored events.

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF MARKS

The Middle School Athletic Coordinator is responsible for checking marks and submitting lists to the Principal and coaches. Notification from the Athletic Coordinator to the administration of the academically ineligible Students and their removal from the activity is the responsibility of the coach or advisor. The coach is responsible for the follow through on the removal from activity.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Student athletes must be in good standing in all classes to maintain eligibility. This will be determined by behavior records reported for every Quarter (1-4) and the Fall Progress report. Students must have "Satisfactory" or higher marks for all classes in citizenship, preparedness, assignments, and personal management. An appeal to be reinstated prior to the beginning of a quarter may be submitted to the building principal and Athletic Coordinator to finish the season. Behavior grades will be determined by the following grading periods.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CHECK POINTS:**

Fall Season: Football/Volleyball/Cross Country

Spring Quarter (4) - Initial Eligibility to participate Fall Progress (1) - Middle of Season Eligibility Check

Winter Season: Boys Basketball

Fall Progress (1) - Initial Eligibility to participate
Fall Quarter (1) - Middle of Season Eligibility Check

Winter Season: Girls Basketball/Wrestling

Fall Quarter (1) - Initial Eligibility to participate
Winter Quarter (2) - Middle of Season Eligibility Check

**Spring Season**: Track

Winter Quarter (2) - Initial Eligibility to participate Spring Quarter (3) - Middle of Season Eligibility Check

#### **INELIGIBLE ATHLETES:**

A Student who becomes ineligible at the most recent Grading Checkpoint or who fails to attend three 90 minute sessions at the Learning Center will get to participate in %75 of the SOMSAC scheduled contests and not finish the remainder of the season.

#### **LEARNING CENTER CRITERIA:**

Ineligible Athletes can regain eligibility if the following criteria has been met and approved by the Athletic Coordinator and Principal

Attend Learning Center for three 90 minutes sessions. This may cause missed practice or games. Failure complete criteria will mean an ineligible athlete

#### **SUMMER SCHOOL MAKE-UP:**

Participation in D9 summer school academic programs may be accessed to remediate for 4th quarter classes. In order to retrieve credit for summer school, the Student must meet the following criteria:

Communication with the Middle School Athletic Coordinator. 92% attendance in the designated program. A Satisfactory "S" mark or higher in that class.

# SOMSAC (GAME BREAKDOWN PER SPORT, PER SEASON):

SPORT	# of CONTEST	75% OF SEASON	CONTESTS MISSED
Football	6 games	4 games	2
Cross Country	5-6 meets	4 meets	1-2
Volleyball	12 matches	9 matches	3
Basketball	10 games	8 games	2
Wrestling	9-10 matches	8 matches	1-2
Track & Field	4-6 meets	3 or 5 meets	1

<sup>\*</sup>Track and Field - Excludes prelims and District meets.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

- A Student must attend school all day on the day of the scheduled activity.
- If the Student misses **ANY** class, on the day of a scheduled event, he/she will be **INELIGIBLE** to participate in the scheduled event.

#### **SUSPENSION**

- If a Student is suspended from school, he/she cannot participate in a practice, contest, or activity during the period of suspension.
- If a Student is in in-school suspension, the Head Coach, or Activity Advisor, along with the Athletic Director will determine eligibility for the next practice and/or contest or event.

## HAZING/BULLYING

- Hazing or Bullying will not be tolerated in our Athletic/activity programs and will result in suspension or dismissal from the team.
- An individual or group who engages in humiliation, intimidation, and pressure to perform dangerous/harmful activities as a prerequisite to inclusion, excluding or singling out team members in a negative manner, and/or cyber bullying in connection with the team will be in violation.

#### THEFT-VANDALISM

A Student, parent or legal guardian will be financially responsible for:

- Theft from or vandalism to school property by named Student.
- Theft from or vandalism to private property (motel rooms, restaurants, etc.) by named Student.
- There will be no award or participation until financial obligations are met.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

- A Student who rides to an Athletic contest or activity by District transportation may return with his/her own parent/guardian
- The parent/guardian must sign their Student out on the Athletic/activity transportation waiver sheet and inform the head coach.
- Students will not be allowed to ride home with anyone other than their own parent/guardian.