

## **CROOK COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC POLICY**

Student/athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner when representing Crook County Middle School. Our students are expected to adhere to the following:

- A. Appropriate behavior on and off the court or field is mandatory. Violations of general school policies set down in the CCMS Code of Conduct and the CCMS Student Handbook will be reported to the coaches and the athletic director. A violation may result in a temporary/permanent suspension from the team.
- B. A participant who has been dropped from a squad for disciplinary reasons will not be allowed to become a member of any other sport during that same season. A student may appeal. (See Appeals Process)
- C. No athlete will be allowed to participate in a subsequent sport until all equipment from a prior sport has been returned or proper restitution has been made.
- D. Students will be responsible to have a current physical and written forms completed by parents/guardians on file with the coach and athletic director prior to participation.
- E. Pay-to-play is the responsibility of each student. Arrangements for payment must be completed prior to competition.
- F. Athletes must meet any other eligibility requirements set forth by the Crook County School District and any other governing bodies.
- G. Athletes must be present in all classes the day of a game. Exceptions must be approved by the Principal or Athletic Director.
- H. Unauthorized absences from practice will not be tolerated. Any absences from practice on a day you attended school will require a written excuse from your parents. More than two (2) unexcused absences will result in suspension from the team. Verbal excuses will not be accepted and the validity and nature of the excuse must be reasonable.
- I. Tardiness to practice is unacceptable. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action which may include exclusion from games or suspension from the team.
- J. Games and practices are NOT excuses to miss detentions. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the appropriate staff member when there is a conflict.

- K. Following an athletic event off of our campus, students may only be released to their own parents and only after a written/signed note by the parent has been obtained.
- L. Although it may cause an athlete to miss a practice or game, the athlete will serve all assigned school detentions. Students will be notified of any detentions one day in advance and a parent will be contacted by the teacher.
- M. An athlete will not participate in any event that takes place on a day when he/she is suspended or on non-participatory status.
- N. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics or drugs (not authorized by a physician), or the possession or use of a weapon or any object that could be used as a weapon may be cause for immediate dismissal from the team.
- O. Any school disciplinary action which results in suspension shall affect the athlete in the following manner:
  - 1. First offense—non participation in the next event.
  - 2. Second offense—dismissal from the team.

### **ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY AND ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**

- A. Grades will be reviewed weekly using the Athletic Grade Report (AGR) form.
- B. Students with two or more D's or any F recorded on the Athletic Grade Report (AGR) will not be eligible for the following week's contests. They may still practice.
- C. A student that has become ineligible for two or more consecutive weeks may be dismissed from the team.
- D. If at any time a teacher has concerns about a student athlete's performance in class, the teacher is encouraged to work with the student's coach on a plan to correct the problem.
- E. Each week during the season a list will be made available to all coaches concerning eligibility of the athletes.
- F. It is the coach's responsibility to inform the athlete of his/her probation.

## **APPEALS PROCESS**

A student who feels that a disciplinary action taken against him/her is unwarranted may appeal through the appeals process. It is expected that this course will be taken only when other avenues of mediation are exhausted.

- A. Within five (5) days of the first notice of discipline, the student must submit, in writing, a statement of appeal to the athletic director.
- B. The principal, a coach, and a teacher will serve as the appeals board. The appeals board will render a decision after hearing all sides, based upon the terms of this athletic policy.
- C. If the student is still aggrieved, he/she may appeal to the Superintendent of Schools.