

# Sibley-Ocheyedan eSports Program

## Rules and Regulations

### Introduction

Esports is available to all eligible students, grades 9-12.

Esports should be an open and welcoming environment, where all parties involved feel safe, have fun, and develop their skills. To create such an environment, we need to take personal responsibility for how we behave toward our fellow players, tournament staff, and spectators. By following the rules set out below, we make the esports environment a place for everyone.

“Players” include those who are on the active roster, and those who are associated with the team in other capacities. As a player adhering to the rules below, you ensure that your event promotes an open and welcoming esports environment.

### Equipment, Costs, Fees

Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District will provide a practice location, five gaming computers, and a high-speed Internet connection at the provided practice location. Students club members are responsible for providing all gaming consoles, games, and accessories for practice and competitive events when those practices and competitive events require a console (Xbox, Xbox One, and PS consoles) gaming system(s). Sibley-Ocheyedan eSports athletes are responsible for paying all league entry fees, competition fees, and all other applicable fees to participate in the S-O eSports Program.

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The S-O eSports Program is sponsored by the Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District and follows all [Activity Codes and Eligibility Requirements required by the S-O Community School District](#).

### Player Code of Conduct

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3.1.1. Offensive expression. Avoid expressing ourselves in an offensive manner toward other players or their actions in the game, regardless of whether they are opponents or teammates.

3.1.2. Offensive language. Avoid using language, nicknames or other expressions that insult another player's gender, gender identity, origin, physical ability, sexual orientation, religion or age.

3.1.3. Team dynamic. Always support our team, communicating positively and with respect.

3.1.4. Violent language. Avoid using language or actions that refer to sexual violence or other violence.

3.1.5. Violent actions. Avoid acting in a threatening or violent manner.

3.1.6. Cheating. Cheating, hacking, and all other forms of malicious activity is prohibited.

3.1.7. Private information. Avoid sharing our account information or any other private information that could put ourselves or our peers at risk.

3.1.8. Harassment. You may not harass other players, team members, or other associated parties.

3.1.9. Sexual Harassment. You may not sexually harass other players, team members or other associated parties. There is zero tolerance for any sexual threats or coercion or the promise of advantages in exchange for sexual favors.

3.1.10. Discrimination and Denigration. You may not offend the dignity or integrity of a country, private person, or group of people through contemptuous, discriminatory, or denigratory words or actions on account of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ability status, gender identity, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, sexual orientation, or any other reason.

5.1. Subjection to consequences. Any team member found to have violated or attempted to violate the Code of Conduct is subject to consequences. The nature and extent of the consequences shall be made at the sole discretion of the club officials.

5.2. Options for consequences. Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may result in any of the following:

5.2.1. Warnings. Low severity or first-time offenses may be offered a written warning, along with supplemental opportunities for mediation. The severity or level of offense shall be decided by club official(s).

5.2.1.1. Additional warnings. After a minimum of two written warnings, a club official reserves the right to impose more severe consequences, as seen in Section 5.1.2-6.

5.2.2. Loss of side selection for current or future game. In this case, the opposing team may be given the privilege of side selection.

5.2.3. Immediate forfeit of game or match. In this case, the tournament referee has the right to call for immediate forfeiture due to misconduct.

5.2.4. Player suspension from the entire tournament. In this case, a single player may be suspended, while the team may continue to compete with a replacement.

5.2.5. Player suspension from tournament live events. In this case, this bars a player from attending the live events in totality.

5.2.6. Team disqualification. In this case, if three or more players on a single team have violated the Code of Conduct, the entire team may be disqualified.

5.3. Administering consequences. The club officials will review any reports of misconduct at meetings scheduled at their own discretion.

5.3.1. Protocol for administering consequences. If a party is found guilty of misconduct, the protocol for administering consequences is followed as such:

5.3.1.1. Email. For written warnings, an email may be used to notify the guilty party. If the guilty party is under the age of 18, their parent must receive a copy of the email.

5.3.1.2. Phone call or in-person. For consequences in relation to Section 5.2.2-6, the club officials must speak with the guilty party via phone call or in-person. If the guilty party is under the age of 18, the parent, guardian, teacher or school administrator must be present.

5.3.2. Right to publish. The club officials reserve the right to publish or notify team members, including general managers, and the public on any consequences administered.

# Sibley-Ocheyedan Activities Code and Eligibility Requirements

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES CODE

Participation in school activities is a privilege. Students who wish to have the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral or unhealthy.

Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures. The principal shall keep records of violations of the good conduct rule.

The following regulations for the student activities program and/or organizations have been adopted by the Board of Education of the Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - FIRST SECTION

1. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY: In order to participate on a competitive basis, a student must be passing all classes. An F in any subject area makes you ineligible as follows:

No Pass No Play: This is a state mandated requirement for students who earn a failing grade in any course we offer or dual enrollment through any higher institution. Earning a failing grade at the semester or end of the year will result in a 30 day suspension of the next sporting activity the student is involved in. This suspension is enacted on the first state approved day of the activity. This is a state rule and Sibley-Ocheyedan will abide by this policy.

Mid-Term Grade Checks and Progress Reports: Sibley-Ocheyedan has grade reports turned in every 4 weeks. The new policy states that if a student is failing any classes at grade check, he or she will be ineligible for 10 school days. Following the 10 school day suspension, the ineligible student regains eligibility ONLY if the failing grade is now a D- or better. If you are still failing that class after 10 school days, you will remain ineligible until you are passing.

All other activities including the FFA trip, the band trip, and the vocal trip – ineligible for the next 30 consecutive days.

2. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Attendance hereby becomes a part of eligibility. Students who are scheduled to participate in a public performance or interscholastic activity on any day that the and senior high schools are in session, are required to attend scheduled classes, study halls and activities for the half-day immediately preceding the performance or activity. Highly unusual

exceptions may be granted to this rule at the discretion of a building administrator. Illness, however, is not to be an exception.

3. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: No student shall participate in an athletic activity or cheerleading activity (including any practice) without having filed a doctor's certificate (physical) and concussion form with the activity sponsor.

#### GOOD CONDUCT RULE REGULATION

Code No. 503.4R1

(Student Eligibility For Extracurricular Activities)—Matriculates July 1, 2019

The following policy will apply to any student in the Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School who participates in any extra-curricular program of the school.

#### ELIGIBILITY AND PHILOSOPHY OF EXTRA CURRICULARS:

The Board of Directors of the Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District offers a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors. The principal shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule.

The following activities are covered by the board's policy and these rules:

Athletics, instrumental and vocal music performances, drama productions, speech contests, FFA, all co-curricular clubs, all honorary and elected offices (e.g., Homecoming King/Queen/court, class officer, student government officer or representative), state contests, and performances for cheerleading and drill team, or any other activity where the student represents the school outside the classroom. The National Honor Society has its own rules in regards to this and that sponsor will follow those rules.

## STUDENT GOOD CONDUCT-RELATED RULES

To retain eligibility for participation in Sibley-Ocheyedan Junior High/High School extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to the members of the community.

A. Any student who is found to have violated the school's Good Conduct Rule will be deemed ineligible for a period of time, as described below. A student may lose eligibility under the Good Conduct Rule for any of the following behaviors:

- Possession, use, or purchase of tobacco products or nicotine products, including e-cigarettes, vaporizers or other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, regardless of the student's age;
- Possession, use or being under the influence of alcohol, or purchase of alcohol, including powder, crystal, or other condensed or concentrated forms. ("Use" includes having the odor of alcohol on one's breath);
- Possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of illegal drugs, or the unauthorized possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of otherwise lawful drugs;
- Engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor offenses such as traffic or hunting/fishing, violations), regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s);
- Being in attendance at a function or party where the student knows or has reason to know that alcohol or other drugs are being consumed illegally by minors and failing to leave despite having a reasonable opportunity to do so (Being in the presence is being in possession). Only way not to be in violation is to leave immediately. The same violation occurs if a person is riding in a vehicle where banned substances, aforementioned, are located. Being in the vehicle with banned substances is possession of the banned substances.;
- Exceedingly inappropriate or offensive conduct such as assaulting staff or students, gross insubordination (talking back or refusing to cooperate with authorities), hazing or harassment of others.

B. When the administration believes it is more likely than not that the student violated the Good Conduct Rule during the school year or summer, the student is subject to a loss of eligibility as follows:

- First Occurrence. Offenders are subject to suspension from a minimum of (3) public performance dates. An additional (2) event suspension will be added to students who do not admit their guilt to the principal within (3) school days of the violation. Violations that occur during the summer must be self-reported with (3) business days.
- Second Occurrence. Offenders are subject to suspension from a minimum of (6) public performance dates. An additional (2) event suspension will be added to students who do not admit their guilt to the principal within (3) school days of violation. Violations that occur during the summer must be self-reported with (3) business days.
- Third Occurrence. One-year suspension from all extra-curricular activities.

Special Circumstances – A student who has not been convicted of a policy violation, but voluntarily seeks help by entering a 30- or 45-day inpatient treatment program for substance use/abuse will be eligible for extra-curricular activities immediately upon his/her return to school.

C. All students will begin high school with a clean slate. High School begins in the summer following 8th grade and the Good Conduct Policy remains in effect year around.

D. Students who go 365 days without a violation will be placed back on Step 1 (First Occurrence) if they incur another Good Conduct Policy violation.

E. The period of ineligibility attaches immediately upon a finding of the violation if the student is currently engaged in an extracurricular activity and, if not or if not completed during the

current activity, is begun or carried over to the time the student seeks to go out for the next activity or contest. However, if the period of time between a violation and an activity is twelve calendar months or more, the student shall not serve an ineligibility period for the violation.

F. An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals but may not "suit up" nor perform/participate. If the student drops out of an activity prior to completion of the period of ineligibility, the penalty or remainder of the penalty will attach when the student next seeks to go out for an activity.

G. The head coaches lettering criteria will be used to determine if students who are ineligible at the conclusion of an activity shall or not receive a letter or award for that activity.

H. If a student transfers in from another Iowa school or school district and the student had not yet completed a period of ineligibility for a violation of a Good Conduct Rule in the previous school, the student shall be ineligible in our school district.

I. If a student violates the Good Conduct Rule while ineligible due to an earlier violation, the penalty for the subsequent offense will attach at the completion of the earlier penalty.

J. Violations Occurring During Ineligibility: If a student is ineligible at the time of a violation of the Good Conduct Rule, the penalty for the violation will not begin until the student regains eligibility. Example: A student academically ineligible for a quarter [or "semester"] is found to have been in possession of alcohol, a Good Conduct Rule violation. When the student is again academically eligible, the penalty attaches.

K. Under no circumstances may a student begin an activity mid-season/year for the sole purpose of avoiding consequences in his or her favored area(s) of participation.

L. Appeals:

- Any student who is found by the administration to have violated the Good Conduct Rule may obtain review of this determination to the superintendent by contacting the superintendent within 3 days of being advised of the violation. The penalty will be in effect until reversed.
- If the student is still dissatisfied, he or she may seek further review by the school board by filing a written appeal with the board secretary at least 24 hours prior to the next board meeting. A special meeting of the board will not be called. The review by the board will be in closed session unless the student's parent (or the student, if the student is 18) requests an open session. The grounds for review by the school board are limited to the following: the student did not violate the Good Conduct Rule; the student was given inadequate due process in the investigation and determination; or the penalty is in violation of the Handbook Rule or Board Policy. The penalty will remain in effect pending the outcome of the meeting with the board.
- If the school board reverses the decision of the administration, the student shall be immediately eligible and shall have any record of the ineligibility period and violation deleted from the student's record.