

J.M. Olds Collegiate School Sports Policies

September 2021

- All students, parents, teachers and coaches participating in school sporting events have to sign and submit a School Sports Code of Conduct. Coaches and/or teacher sponsors are responsible for collecting these documents and submitting them to the office. These forms will be kept in a common file in the main office with a complete list of all students involved in school sports.
- There is a school sports committee in place at JMOC. The committee includes all coaches, teacher advisors/sponsors and the administration. This committee may convene whenever necessary to discuss student conduct and potential discipline.

Coaches and/or teacher sponsors will consult with the committee and administration before making decisions regarding player suspensions or expulsion.

Players

Behavior detrimental to the team (practice, games, tournaments):

- There may be instances when a coach has issues with a player that may result in suspension or removal from a team (unsportsmanlike conduct, use of profane language towards players and/or officials, arguing with officials, not attending practice, attitude problems, conflict with players and/or coaches, etc.). **Team issues should be addressed by the coach in consultation with the teacher sponsor and administration.**
- Students who conduct themselves inappropriately may be suspended for a period of time deemed appropriate (suggested two weeks). Any recurrence may result in removal from that particular team.
- A team member who represents the school and is found to be fighting will be removed from all school sports teams for 30 school days. Any recurrence will result in expulsion from all school teams for the equivalent of one school year (from the district Code of Conduct).

Absence from School:

- A student who misses a school day without a reasonable explanation from parent/guardian cannot participate in sporting events on that day.
- Players on school teams are expected to be in regular attendance.

Code of Conduct (in-school):

- If deemed appropriate, a student who fails to adhere to the Code of Conduct can be suspended and/or removed from any given team.
 - Category 1 – Specific incidents (suspensions, fighting, bullying, smoking, etc.)
 - Students who are suspended from school are automatically prohibited from playing sports for that given day or longer.
 - Unless otherwise decided, the first suspension from a team for a student will be two weeks. If the student has another incident they may be removed from the team.
 - Category 2 – Ongoing behavior and academic issues (disrupting class, low grades due to lack of effort, not completing assigned work, etc.)
 - Behavioral and academic issues will result in a two-week probationary period. The student is responsible for improving behavior, work habits and/or grades before he or she can rejoin the team. If the student shows no sign of improvement, this probationary period can be extended or the student can be removed from the team.
 - During the probationary period the student is to attend practice but not participate.
 - ***It should be noted that removal from a school team should not be the primary form of discipline for a student. Teachers and/or administration are responsible for enforcing other means of discipline before removing a student from a team.***

Coaches/Teachers (from the official Code of Conduct)

- Volunteer non-teaching coaches must submit the required documentation to coach a school team.
- Any non-teaching coach violating the Code of Conduct may be suspended from the team.
- Employees of NLESD violating the Code may be dealt with through district policy.

Transportation

- Students and parents/guardians are responsible for arranging rides to and from sporting venues.
- Students are **not permitted** to drive a vehicle to and from sporting events.
- All non-staff (volunteer drivers) must be twenty-five years of age or older.
- Parents may drive their own children to and from sporting events without having a Code of Conduct in place.

Sport Funds

All monies collected from students by team coaches and/or teacher-sponsors are to be brought to the school secretary to be receipted and deposited in the team accounts. All team purchases will be paid by the school secretary upon presentation of invoice/receipt.

Teacher sponsors and coaches may be reimbursed for meals and mileage upon presentation of receipts. These costs must be reimbursed from team accounts, **NOT** from general school funds.

Role of Teacher Sponsor

See District Policy

Protection of Instructional Time

Students are expected to attend what classes they can on the day of a tournament/game and will be excused from classes by the principal only for the time required for travel. All other absences, with the exception of medical appointments and illness, are deemed unexcused and will be recorded as such in the register.

The committee recognizes that there can be extenuating circumstances in all of the aforementioned categories that may require decisions that contravene this policy. While the committee may be involved in such decision making, the final decision is that of the principal.

The committee agrees to meet every September with coaches, teacher-sponsors and administration to review policy and make any necessary revisions.

Where JMOC Sports policy is in conflict with District policy, District policy will stand.

2021-22 Committee Members

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