Citrus County School

Protocol for Off-Season Athletic Participation

Pursuant to Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) policy, student athletes are not required to participate in any off-season program. FHSAA policy states, “Participation shall be voluntary and shall not be required, either directly or indirectly, for membership on an interscholastic team.” This includes but is not limited to, the following outside agencies; AAU, USA, USOC, USGA, AJGA, FIFA, ASA, USSA, USS, NISCA, ASCA, CSCAA, FTA, USTA, ITF, USVBA, or any team affiliated with a school.

By signing below, I attest that I understand my/my child’s participation in any off-season program is entirely voluntary and has no implication for my/my child’s participation on any Citrus County School interscholastic team.

Student Name (PRINT)          Parent Name (PRINT)

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Student Signature              Parent Signature
Where Learning is the Expectation  
And Caring is a Commitment

STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The actions of a student-athlete are a reflection of themselves, their parents, their teams, their school and their community. A student-athlete’s involvement in school sports provides opportunities and experiences that are important to the development of a well-rounded student. However, student-athletes must understand that participation in school sports is not a right but a privilege, and a high standard of conduct will be demanded on and off the field. Student-athletes shall adhere to Citrus County Schools Student Code of Conduct.

Student-Athletes shall:
- Treat everyone with respect.
  - Treat teammates, coaches, school staff, opponents, event organizers and spectators with respect.
  - Respect and accept with dignity the decisions of officials.
  - Be generous in winning and gracious in losing.
- Exercise self-control at all times.
  - Remember that there is no place in sports for drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
  - Refrain from the use of foul or profane language.
  - Refrain from the use of physical force outside the rules of the game.
- Play Fair
  - Play within the rules and the spirit of the rules of the game at all times.
  - Learn the safe practices of the sport and demonstrate those practices in competition.
- Practice Safety
  - Notify the coach in the event they witness a team member in physical distress or experiencing the following symptoms: vomiting, loss of consciousness, inability to walk correctly, or being in a state of obvious disorientation and confusion.

My signature verifies that I have read and will comply with The Citrus County Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

Student Signature

SPECTATOR’S CODE OF CONDUCT

Spectators are encouraged and welcomed to attend secondary school sporting activities.

Spectator’s must:
- Treat everyone with respect.
  - Cheer in a positive manner.
  - Respect the decisions of officials.
  - Not interfere with the play or competition.
  - Be courteous and respectful to other spectators, all competitors, coaches, event organizers and officials.
- Exercise self-control at all times.
  - Respect the rules and regulations of the facility.
  - Refrain from the use of foul or profane language.
  - Refrain from the use of physical force of any kind.

Failure to comply may result in a spectator being removed from the school facilities and banned from future events.

My signature verifies that I have read and will comply with The Citrus County Spectators Code of Conduct.

Parent Signature
Student Conduct:
As members of athletic teams, students are high-profile representatives of Citrus County Athletics both on and off the field of play. All student athletes are expected to act in an appropriate manner. The following behavior is inappropriate and will not be tolerated:

- Fighting and/or Profanity
- Possession of, use of, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct
  - Any act of unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct will be dealt with swiftly.
  - If the act occurs during an athletic contest, the student will be removed from the contest.
  - A student who strikes, curses or threatens an official, coach, or opponent during a game or at any other time because of resentment over occurrences or decisions, or who fails to maintain a standard conduct satisfactory to the FHSAA and/or the school administration, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for a period of up to six weeks.
  - A student who is ejected from a contest for a flagrant foul or unsportsmanlike conduct cannot participate in any contest for a minimum of one week, or if no contests are scheduled during that week, the next two contests.
- Rude or disrespectful behavior toward any person (i.e. teacher, parent, coach, official)
- Taunting opponents or official.
- Any act of which moral turpitude or a criminal act is in question (Internet, Cyber Bullying, Theft, Harassment, etc...)
- Destruction of property

Students who exhibit any of the above behaviors may be suspended from athletic competition for a period of time as per FHSAA regulations. Additionally, the student may be permanently removed from the team, suspended from the team, or expelled from school and face disciplinary action per the Citrus County Schools Administrative due process.

X
Student Signature
Parent and Spectator Conduct:

Everyone associated with an athletic event plays an important role in seeing that standards of sportsmanship are upheld. Fans are reminded that their sportsmanship and behavior reflects upon the reputation of Citrus County Schools.

A Spectator should---

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
- Censor fellow spectators who display negative behavior.
- Respect the property of the school and the authority of the school officials.
- Never heckle, jeer, or distract members of the opposing teams.
- Never criticize the athletes or coaches for the loss of a contest.
- Accept the decisions of the officials.

Parents and spectators, who do not adhere to sportsmanship guidelines, may be removed from an athletic contest(s) for a period of time as determined by School Administration.

X

Parent Signature

Date

Citrus County Schools Athletic Non-Negotiables

1. Any student athlete who is found to be in possession of or using any type of alcohol or illegal drugs on any school campus, will be suspended from any athletic participation for the remainder of that school year. The student will also be disciplined at the school level according to the Citrus County Student Code of Conduct.

2. Any student athlete who displays inappropriate behavior or acts, that represents the school or athletic team that is captured by a picture or displayed on social media avenues will be disciplined in the following ways:

   A) First offense- athlete is suspended for two weeks
   B) Second offense- athlete is suspended from any athletic participation for the remainder of the school year.

3. Any student athlete who is found to be in possession of or using any type of tobacco products will be disciplined. That discipline will include but not be limited to suspension of games to dismissal from the team.

4. Any student athlete that receives a level 2 or higher ejection per FHSAA guidelines, will be handled at the school level according to the Citrus County Student Code of Conduct as if the infraction had occurred in school.

Student Signature

Parent Signature