

# PENNRIDGE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR CODE

## **Introduction:**

The Pennridge Code shall govern all students during the time they are participating in any program or athletic team as identified and created by the Pennridge School District.

The purpose of Pennridge's Code is to add to our student's mental, physical, social, emotional, moral, and ethical well-being. It is a positive step to prepare and enrich our students in becoming productive young adults.

Participation in any programs at Pennridge Central Middle School is a privilege and not a right. In the exercise of this privilege, all students shall comply with the Code beginning with the first day of each school year. As a condition precedent to a student's participation in any program or the first practice or contest, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall acknowledge receipt of this Code by signing and returning to the program director or coach the attached consent form. The director or coach will send all consent forms to Administration for the students' eligibility.

A director or coach may distribute a separate Code, which shall govern students who participate in a particular program or sport. The student and his/her parent/guardian shall also acknowledge receipt of this Code and return the acknowledgment to the director or coach.

The same standard of behavior and discipline for the regular student shall apply to the extracurricular participant. Therefore the **PENNRIDGE EXTRACURRICULAR CODE** shall supplement the Pennridge School District Code of Conduct or Student Handbook.

### **1. Athletic/Event Eligibility**

- A. Eligible if a student has not reached the age of 15 prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> (athletics only).
- B. Eligible if a student is passing 4 full-time subjects.

If a student becomes ineligible because of failing grades, he/she will remain ineligible for one week at a time (Monday through Friday until he/she is no longer failing).

### **2. Attendance in School**

- A. To participate in any activity or practice, **a student must be in attendance at school before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the activity.**
- B. Exceptions to the above rule would be a doctor's appointment, a family or medical emergency, or extenuating circumstances. These exceptions require a note from the student's parent or guardian, and are subject to review by the Administration.

### **3. Pennridge Extracurricular Code – General Requirements**

- A. All students shall be governed by and are subject to the Code during the time they participate in the program.
- B. The student athletes shall conduct themselves at all times showing good sportsmanship, courtesy to fellow players/participants, referees and opposing team members.
- C. All students shall abide by the Pennridge School District Student Code of Conduct or Student Handbook as printed or explained. The Administration and/or the Athletic Director will handle any infraction by the student.
  - 1. If a violation involves an exclusion/suspension, in school or out, the student will be suspended from the program, practice, games or event during the exclusionary period. He/she becomes eligible the next calendar day following the last day of exclusion. If multiple days occur for the exclusion, the student is ineligible until the exclusion is completed. A student who is a continuous behavior problem in school or has problems attending school as stated by the Pennridge School District Student Code or Student Handbook may be suspended or dismissed from the team/activity for a period of time until behavior becomes satisfactory as determined by the Administration.
  - 2. A student who is assigned a detention, after serving the required time, he/she will report to the director or coach immediately after the detention.
- D. If a student is late to practice because of academic reasons, the student must bring a note from the teacher stating the dismissal time.

- E. A student athlete must abide by the health and training routines as set forth by his/her coach.
- F. A student athlete may be permitted to move from one sport to another with the approval of the Athletic Director and the coaches involved.

#### 4. The Pennridge Extracurricular Code – Unacceptable Actions and Sanctions

- A. Ejection for misconduct during an athletic contest or event.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense – Coach/Director’s Discretion
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – One Game/Event Suspension
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Administrative Review; removal from activity for entire season.
- B. Use of profanity is prohibited. All offenses will be addressed by the coach/director.
- C. Conduct unbecoming a student during an activity or athletic contest or related activity, out of school or off the property, will be addressed by the Administration, the Athletic Director and Director/Coach and may result in:
  - 1. 1<sup>st</sup> offense – One Event Suspension
  - 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Two Event/Game Suspension
  - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Removal from Program/Team
- 4. **Gross misconduct by any athlete/participant will mean immediate removal/suspension from the team/activity. This may include, but is not limited to: verbal/physical abuse of player, official, teammate, coach, and teacher or staff member. Coach/director and Administration will determine the outcome in each case.**
- D. Tobacco
  - 1. No student shall use, possess or distribute tobacco products during the season/event/duration of program.
  - 2. If the offense takes place on school property, the Administration shall enforce the code of conduct as stated in the student handbook.
  - 3. The commission of the offense, whether on or off school property, shall result in one week suspension from team/program if verified by the coach/director. If a second offense occurs, the student will be dismissed from the team or program.
- E. Alcohol and Other Drugs

These regulations have been developed in order to discourage our students from using harmful drugs and alcohol and to foster the good health and welfare of all our students.

  - 1. No student shall use, possess, or distribute alcohol, drugs, steroids, controlled substances, look-alikes, or possess drug related paraphernalia on or off school property.
    - a. If the offense takes place on school property or during a school sponsored activity, the following will apply:

Possession/Distribution – 5-10 day suspension from school and dismissal from the activity/team for the remainder of the season; referral to the Student Assistance Program; if appropriate, referral to the proper law enforcement agency; referral to the Superintendent for possible expulsion; placement in Alternative School, if appropriate.
    - b. If a student is arrested/cited for drug/alcohol use, distribution or possession, he/she will be dismissed from the team for the season.
- F. Hazing/Initiation Ceremonies

The Pennridge School District believes that students must be protected from hazing and/or initiation ceremonies. All verbal, written, or physical conduct, which harasses, humiliates, or persecutes students, or disrupts or interferes with any student’s curricular or extracurricular experiences, will not be tolerated.

  - 1. Any student or Pennridge School District employee who is found, after appropriate investigation, to have engaged in the hazing of any student or the filing of false charges will be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion or termination.
  - 2. Any student or Pennridge School District employee who witnessed or has knowledge of hazing activities and fails to report such actions will also be subject to appropriate measures.

**Pennridge School District Emergency Consent/Medical Release Authorization**

Athlete's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in organized high school or middle school athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury which is inherent in all sports. I acknowledge that on rare occasions athlete injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or even death. I give consent for the athletic staff (team physician, certified athletic trainers emergency medical technicians and coaches) or school representative to administer appropriate medical treatment in the event of illness or injury during sanctioned practices/game, on or off campus and while traveling to and from events scheduled by Pennridge School District. I understand that in some cases additional medical care may be needed such as ambulance service and/or hospital admittance. In the event that hospital care is needed and time allows, I prefer that my child be taken to \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital.

The athletic trainer or head coach has my permission to provide over the counter medications to my child as necessary: antacid (Tums), Tylenol (acetaminophen), ibuprofen (Advil/Motrin).

I here by authorize the athletic trainer/team physician/EMT to release information regarding the health status of my son/daughter or self (over 18 years old) injury/illness to their coach or other medical professionals as it relates to their ability to participate.

This Consent Authorization/Medical Release form will be in effect for the 20\_\_/20\_\_ school year, unless notified in writing by the athletic trainer or Pennridge school representative.

I certify that I have read the consent/medical release form and that I consent for my child to participate in Pennridge School District athletics.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Please)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pennridge Central Middle School Extracurricular Code Agreement**

I have read the Pennridge Central Middle School Extracurricular Code and agree to abide by the code.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

