

Andress High School Athletic Code of



2010-2011 School Year

The Andress Athletic Code of Conduct is a leadership commitment by the student to represent self, school, family and community in a positive manner, on and off school campus. Here at Andress, we expect our student-athletes to be leaders and they are expected to represent themselves, and the school, in a positive manner. Participation in athletic activities is an integral and valuable part of student development, good citizenship, good character and important life skills. Students not only develop physical, mental, and social skills, but also positive values and attitudes they will take with them into adult life.

Students who decide to make a commitment to the Andress Eagles Athletic Program need to realize it is an honor and privilege, **not a right**. This privilege comes with inherent responsibilities, and is dependent upon compliance with applicable rules and regulations. The student-athlete's behavior on and off school campus reflects not only on the individual, but on his/her family, the athletic program, and Andress High School. Students who participate in school athletics must be aware of who they associate with and carefully consider their actions. Andress students deviating from the standards set in this Athletic Code of Conduct will be subject to appropriate discipline, suspension, and/or expulsion from the athletic program.

All athletes at Andress will submit a Code of Conduct form that has been signed by the student and his/her parent or legal guardian. The form will need to be completed once a year. The Code of Conduct will be in effect from the first day the sport begins until the last day of the school year. Student athletes will abide by this seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

1. Students must fulfill the responsibility and obligations that go with participating on an athletic team by adhering to school rules and school board policy.

2. Academics come first, and students must strive for success in the classroom as well as in athletics. Address realizes the importance of athletics in the overall school program. Therefore, to participate in these activities, students must be in good academic standing.
3. Students must attend classes as required by law and policy. In order for an athlete to participate in athletic practices and games, a student must receive 3.5 hours of instructional time. Exceptions for religious services, college visits or medical appointments must have prior approval by the coach. Student-athletes who develop unacceptable patterns of school attendance may be subject to suspension from a team until acceptable levels are achieved.
4. Students must recognize they represent their school and community, and both are judged by the student's actions. Therefore, students should demonstrate good citizenship in public and in school and they should adhere to high standards of appearance, conduct, and performance.
5. Students must complete the season of the sport they have been participating in to qualify for, and receive, any awards and honors.
6. Students must respect and encourage excellence of performance and conduct among opponents as well as teammates.
7. Students must demonstrate respect for those in authority, including coaches, teachers, advisors and officials.
8. Students must use language that is socially acceptable on and off the field/court.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Student-athletes must show proper respect for teammates, opposing players, coaches, parents and officials at all times. Disqualification from an event due to poor sportsmanship or an official's ruling is unacceptable.

Parents and fans are reminded that good sportsmanship, respect for rules, respect for others and fair play are the heart of all interscholastic athletic programs.

Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of parents or fans will result in immediate removal from the contest area. Verbal attacks of officials, players, coaches or our fans will not be tolerated. Repeated displays of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in the offender being banned from athletic events.

IMPROPER BEHAVIOR

Athletes who are found guilty of violating the code of conduct or team rules such as breaking curfew, classroom disruption, skipping school, skipping practice, etc. shall be dealt with appropriately by each individual coach. The punishment could range from extra conditioning to being suspended from athletics for the entire school year.

All athletes are expected to be leaders by showing proper social behavior and respect for those in authority in school and within the community. Any athlete who becomes involved in problems with school officials is subject to disciplinary action as outlined above.

In addition, improper behavior includes criminal behavior, fighting, participation or affiliation with gangs, arguing with officials or coaches, vandalism, attending a party where drugs and/or alcohol are being used, dishonesty, disruptive behavior, or use of inappropriate language. Athletes who are found guilty of improper behavior will be punished by the coach of that sport. When a violation of rules occur with less than 14 days in that sport, the suspension can be carried over into next season.

Athletes should never be truant or late for class. They should model compliance with the student code of conduct.

Any of the penalties imposed by the Athletic Code of Conduct are in addition to the school district's penalties.

APPEAL PROCESS

An athlete who has been accused of a violation or is presently serving a suspension has the right to due process. The process for appeal is as follows:

- (a) The athlete has a right to know in writing the rule(s) he/she has violated.
- (b) The athlete has the right to know why Andress High believes a rule was violated.
- (c) The athlete will be given the opportunity to explain themselves.
- (d) The athlete has the right to appeal a suspension to the Athletic Review Board.

An athlete who violates the Code of Conduct may choose to appeal the suspension in front of the athletic review committee. The committee will consist of the assistant principal overseeing athletics, the school athletic coordinator, a teacher and the coach for the activity.

PRACTICE SESSIONS

All athletes, including injured players, are expected to attend all practices unless excused by the coach.

TRANSPORTATION

Part of being a team member is traveling with the team. This promotes unity and team spirit as well as proper supervision. It is expected that all student-athletes will travel to and from games with the team. Appropriate behavior is expected when student-

athletes are being transported on school buses. Reasonable noise levels must be maintained for the safety of the team. Under severe circumstances a coach may allow a student to ride home with parents or legal guardians from an away event if notified in writing ahead of time.

EQUIPMENT

Student-athletes are required to return all uniforms and equipment at the completion of the season or when the student has quit a team. Failure to return uniforms or equipment will result in after school detention and ineligibility to participate in other sports. If equipment is not returned by the end of the school year, students will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities. In addition, students will not be allowed to request transcripts.

CLOSING

A student will not be permitted to participate in practices, scrimmages, or games until the athlete and parent/guardian have signed the Code of Conduct.

Your signature represents your understanding of the Code of Conduct and that you will abide by its provisions.

