

## **BVSD ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

The athletic code of conduct must be signed by all students at the beginning of the student's HS athletic career. The code of conduct is **in effect for the ENTIRE high school career for all athletic activities**. Because not every conceivable incident can be covered by any contract, based on specific circumstances, the school administration reserves the right to determine appropriate consequences. As per long standing BVSD and CHSAA policy, a school administrator may impose athletic consequences for poor citizenship inside and outside the school environment.

### **Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Use, Possession, or Distribution**

#### First Offense:

1. The student is suspended for 20% of total scheduled contests. Any fractions of games are rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. The period of suspension from school supersedes the 20% game suspension. For example, if a student is suspended from school for 5 days, the student may miss more games than required by the code of conduct.
3. Suspensions must be served at the highest level of competition for that athlete as determined by the athletic director. The athlete may not compete at any level until the suspensions have been served. For example, a player who plays JV and Varsity must serve his/her suspensions at the varsity level before regaining eligibility. In order for games sat out to count, the athlete must complete the season in which the suspension occurred in good standing.
4. Game suspensions not fulfilled during the season in which the incident occurred are carried over into the next athletic season the athlete competes in (in the same school year). Administrator will determine suspension carry-over from season to season.
5. Game suspensions not fulfilled during the school year in which the incident occurred are carried over into the following school year for the first offense. Consistent with BVSD School Board policy, incidents of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use are carried over for 3 calendar years. For example, a student violates the code of conduct in the spring season, following the completion of that season he/she will be suspended for any games during the fall season (if he/she competes). Another incident (within 3 calendar years) will be considered the second for purposes of determining consequences.
6. BVSD will honor any disciplinary consequences imposed by a previous school district before a transfer student becomes eligible to compete at any level in any athletic activity for any BVSD school.

#### Second Offense within 3 Calendar Years:

1. The student is suspended for 50% of total scheduled games. Any fractions of games are rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. Suspensions must be served at the highest level of competition for that athlete as determined by the athletic director. The athlete may not compete at any level until the suspensions have been served. For example, a player who plays JV and Varsity must serve his/her suspensions at the varsity level before regaining eligibility.
3. Game suspensions not fulfilled during the season in which the incident occurred are carried over into the next athletic season the athlete competes in.
4. Game suspensions not fulfilled during the school year in which the incident occurred are carried over into the following school year.

#### Third Offense within 3 Calendar Years:

1. Student is suspended from participation in all athletic activities for one calendar year.
2. The athlete may petition the Athletic Director for re-admittance to the athletic program after a period of four (4) months, if the athlete participates (at his own expense) in a pre-approved (by school administrator) rehabilitation or treatment program. The rehabilitation or treatment center must provide a written recommendation for re-admittance before the petition can be considered.

#### Reminders:

1. A school suspension may produce more than 20% of missed games.
2. Incidents carry over from season to season.
3. Incidents carry over from year to year for 3 calendar years.

4. Students may not transfer between school/districts to avoid penalties.

#### Student Acknowledgement

I desire to be a participant in the interscholastic athletic program representing BVSD. Participants include team members, team managers, and other students eligible to receive an athletic letter award. My signature acknowledges that I have read and understand this code and agree to comply with it. I agree to the Code of Conduct expectations and acknowledge that they are in place throughout my student athletic career.

### **CHSAA RESPECT PLEDGE**

All people in our community need to know that respect is a lifetime value taught through inter-scholastic activities; it is a principle of good citizenship. By taking this pledge, a person chooses to accept the responsibility for his or her actions, whether as a participant or spectator.

Why do we need to demonstrate respect for each other?

1. To decrease the emphasis on winning or losing.
2. To promote ethics and integrity in all walks of life.
3. To learn the attitudes necessary for responsible behavior.
4. Respect is about the relationships - not the game.

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**The CHSAA Student Participant Respect Pledge:** (to be read and signed by the student)

I will focus my actions as a student participant on respecting my opponents, coaches, sponsors, parents, fans and officials. I believe that by demonstrating respect for all people involved in my activity, I am a catalyst for positive interaction among participants in interscholastic activities and athletics. By taking this pledge, I accept the responsibility of serving as a role model for all students in my community.

**The CHSAA Spectator Respect Pledge:** (to be read and signed by the parent/guardian)

I will focus my actions as a spectator of high school athletics and activities on respecting all participants, coaches, sponsors, and officials. I believe that by demonstrating respect for all people involved in activity, I am a catalyst for positive interaction among participants and fans of interscholastic activities and athletics. By taking this pledge, I accept the responsibility of serving as a role model for all members of my community.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Please note: In some cases, school transportation will be provided to the competition, but it will be the parents' responsibility to provide transportation home from the event location. Please communicate with your athletic director and head coach regarding which competitions will and will not have school transportation.

When District transportation is not available and/or other alternative forms of transportation are utilized, the District cannot and does not assume any responsibility for the safety, training of drivers, condition of vehicles, adequacy for the use or purpose intended or any other matters related to any non-District transportation.

We, the undersigned parent/guardian and student, hereby acknowledge, agree and understand that the District does not insure, endorse, approve or sponsor any form of non-District transportation, whether by parents, students or otherwise, to and from District off-campus activities, events or competitions. We, the undersigned parent/guardian and student, further acknowledge it is our responsibility to provide or arrange for our child's transportation to District events when District transportation is not available.