

ATHLETIC CODE

Your participation in interscholastic athletics at La Habra High School is both a PRIVILEGE and a RESPONSIBILITY. It also means that you are a representative of your school. It is your responsibility to maintain athletic eligibility and high standards of citizenship in addition to playing your sport to the best of your ability.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) rules and District Policy define a student's eligibility. CIF condensed eligibility rules are printed on the back of this page. A copy of the academic eligibility requirements established by our District is attached. Read them carefully. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the Administration. (Note: The NCAA Freshman Eligibility Rules are also attached for your information).
2. An athlete must attend school for all registered periods on the day of his/her athletic event unless an absence is excused by the Assistant Principal, Student Affairs.
3. A student must meet the academic eligibility requirements established by our District.

CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE:

In order to maintain athletic eligibility, a student must comply with the rules and regulations of this Athletic Code, the Fullerton Union High School District, La Habra High School, the CIF, and the Freeway League. Failure to do so may result in loss of athletic eligibility for all or part of an athletic season(s). The length of the suspension from athletic participation will be based upon the severity of the infraction and will be determined by the Principal or designee.

1. All student-athletes shall conform to their coach's standards for behavior, appearance, and team rules.
2. An athlete who quits or who is dismissed from one sport may not participate in an overlapping sport unless the first coach honorably releases him/her.
3. School equipment issued to the student is his/her responsibility and the student is expected to keep this equipment in the best of condition. **NO EQUIPMENT FOR ANOTHER SPORT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE PRIOR SPORTS' EQUIPMENT IS TURNED IN OR PAID FOR.**
4. The **USE OF PROFANE LANGUAGE** or **ACTS OF VULGARITY** on the practice field or playing field are positively **NOT ACCEPTABLE**. **HAZING** of another student/athlete of any kind, at any time, by any member of an athletic team is strictly prohibited. Student-athletes will not encourage, plan, or participate in any form of hazing, harassing, or initiation activities.
5. A student-athlete who has been subject to administrative action for the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs while on campus or at any school event **SHALL BE INELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION** in the athletic program until a fair hearing is held. After the conference, action will be taken which may include one or more of the following: **SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL, SUSPENSION FROM ATHLETIC COMPETITION, LOSS OF ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DISTRICT SCHOOL, POSSIBLE EXPULSION.**
6. Students are **REQUIRED** to report to the appropriate coach during sixth period for the entire semester in which they are enrolled in athletics.

C.I.F. CONDENSED ELIGIBILITY RULES

TO PROTECT YOUR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY YOU MUST:

- * Be under 19 years of age prior to September 1
- * Have reached the ninth grade
- * Participate in no more than four seasons of the same sport after enrolling in the ninth grade
- * Be scholastically eligible
 - * File an Application for Residential Eligibility 214 if you have transferred to another school without a corresponding **BONAFIDE CHANGE OF RESIDENCE** by your parents. If you transfer from one school to another without a bonafide change of residence by your parents, your eligibility is subject to special rules which may include non-participation at the varsity level
- * Since entering the ninth grade, not be in your ninth semester of attendance
- * Meet citizenship requirements
- * Maintain amateur standing
- * Not have participated in any tryout for a professional team
- * Maintain in your school files an annual physical examination certifying that you are physically fit to try out and/or participate in athletic activities
- * You cannot compete with an outside team during your high school season in the same sport

Section rules and regulations. You are urged to check with **YOUR ADMINISTRATION, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, or COACH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ELIGIBILITY**. Competing for your school team when you are not eligible will subject your team to forfeiture of contests won. If you are in doubt as to your eligibility status, **CHECK IT OUT BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS!**

- * Any athlete who physically assaults a coach, game official, or school official will be suspended from athletics for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.
- * Any athlete involved in an altercation or ejected from a contest as a result of an altercation, will be suspended from the next contest.
- * Any athlete who leaves the "bench/sidelines" to go on the playing area during an altercation will be suspended from the next contest.

DUE PROCESS

Prior to any action which may result in the student's loss of athletic eligibility, a fair hearing shall be held with the student, parents/guardians, and Principal or designee to review all information relevant to the situation, except in cases that involve failure to meet the academic eligibility requirements.

STUDENT/ATHLETE'S CODE OF ETHICS

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extra-curricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following Code of Ethics is presented.

As an athlete, I understand that this is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development of performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
11. Win with character, lose with dignity.

I/We have read the La Habra High School Athletic Code and agree to abide by it both in letter and spirit.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Special Note: The rules and regulations listed on this page represent only a summary of all State CIF and Southern Section Office.