

Scottsburg High School

Warrior/Warriorette Code of Conduct

To: Parents and student-athletes of Scottsburg High School

The school is very happy to have your sons and/or daughters participating in athletics at Scottsburg High School. We believe that interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the school's curriculum. We believe that participation in a sound athletic program contributes to the development of health, physical skills, emotional maturity, social competence, moral values and self-discipline.

As a student of Scottsburg, the school welcomes your participation in our athletic program. We encourage each of our athletes to reap from athletics all it might have to offer. Since the rewards that you will receive from an athletic program correlate directly with what you, the athlete, are willing to give of yourself to that program, then it is certainly worth giving your all. No athlete has ever experienced total satisfaction without living with the concepts of discipline and sacrifice. These two concepts will be offered to you during the coming seasons. This year and in the future, you will be challenged to become a more disciplined individual and will be asked to make sacrifices for something in which you profess to believe. We hope that you will find the Scottsburg High School athletic program as a totally rewarding experience, but we again emphasize that you will acquire only what you are willing to invest.

As a member of one of our athletic teams, you are a part of a program that has become a proud tradition at Scottsburg. It is our sincere desire to be of assistance to each of you in any manner we can. Please feel free to discuss your problems or frustrations with our principal or any member of our athletic staff.

IHSAA ELIGIBILITY

1. **Physical Exams:** Each participant must have the Indiana High School Athletic Association Students/Parents/Physician Certificate on file with the athletic director before his/her first practice.
2. **Medical Coverage:** Student Accident Insurance paid by parents or a waiver signed by parents stating that the student is adequately insured must be on file with the athletic director before the first practice. The high school does not carry medical insurance on athletes. Scott County School District #2 provides accident coverage for all school supervised and sponsored activities. This plan is excess coverage and payment is made only after payment has been made by the primary carrier.
3. **Age:** A student who is or shall be (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be ineligible for interschool athletic competition in that sport; a student who is nineteen (19) years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be eligible as to age for interschool competition in that sport.
4. **Amateurism:** All athletes must be amateurs. (Students shall not play under assumed names nor accept money or merchandise, directly or indirectly, for athletic participation.)
5. **Outside Participation:** A student who participates in an athletic contest of any other similar team during that same season in which the athlete represent his/her school will become ineligible to compete on his/her high school team in that sport.
6. **Completion of Season:** If an athlete quits or is suspended for disciplinary action, he/she can not practice for another sport until the final contest of that sport season, unless released by the coach.

Scottsburg High School Athletic Programs

Fall Season:

Boys – Cross Country, Tennis, Soccer, Football

Girls – Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer

Winter Season

Boys – Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Cheerleading

Girls – Basketball, Swimming, Cheerleading

Spring Season

Boys – Baseball, Track & Field, Golf

Girls – Softball, Track & Field, Tennis

School Adopted Policies

Grades

1. The IHSAA requires that a student-athlete must be enrolled and maintain passing grades in 70% of the school's available full credit subjects.
2. Grades will be checked every 9 weeks. The semester grade will take precedence over the second 9-week grade. A student-athlete, who is declared ineligible following the spring semester, will serve their suspensions during the first sport they participate in the following school year.

Attendance

1. If an athlete is not in attendance by the end of 1st period and remain until the end of school on a particular day, he/she will not be allowed to practice or compete in any contest that particular day. If there is an emergency situation, it should be brought to the attention of the Athletic Director and/or Principal prior to their absence. A decision on participation status will then be made.
2. Athletes are expected to attend all practices. The coach must be notified personally by the athlete prior to practice if he/she cannot attend. Penalty for an unexcused absence will be left to the discretion of the coach.

Behavior

1. An athlete who has received a full day of out-of-school suspension will not be eligible for any contest or practice on the day in which the suspension is served. The consequence for an athlete who has received an in-school-suspension will be left to the discretion of the coach.
2. If an athlete is expelled from an athletic contest by a game official, the athlete will be suspended from the next played contest. A second expulsion during the same sport season will result in the athlete being dismissed from the team.
3. A demerit point system has been implemented for Scottsburg High School students. The infractions and consequences are outlined in the student handbook. If the student accumulates 6 demerit points, the student will be suspended and a recommendation for expulsion will be made.

The demerit policy is for an entire school year and is accumulative. If an athlete violates the policy prior to the start of the season, they will serve the suspension. If the athlete has reached 6 demerits prior to the start of the season, they will not be allowed to try out.

4. The consequence for an athlete who fails to obey directions issued by a coach or administrator will be left to the discretion of the coach, principal, or athletic director.

Transportation

An athlete involved in a school sponsored athletic event will be transported to and from the event on approved school transportation under the supervision of the coach. Athletes who submit a written request to the coach prior to the departure from Scottsburg High School may be permitted to ride home with their parents/guardian with the coach's consent.

Equipment & Uniforms

Any equipment given to the student for his/her use must be taken care of and returned in a satisfactory condition. If the equipment is lost, stolen, damaged, or abused, the student will be charged the price of replacing the equipment.

Dual Sport Participation Policy

An athlete who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must receive permission from both coaches involved. A schedule of the events that the athlete will attend in each sport must be agreed upon by both coaches prior to the start of the season. The schedule will be given to the Athletic Director to keep on file.

Athlete Participation After Quitting One Sport

An athlete who has participated in a sport for five or more days and quits, may not participate in another sport during the same season without the written permission of the coach of the sport the athlete quit. If cuts have been made for the second sports team, the athlete may not participate on that team. After quitting a sport during one season, an athlete may not begin participation in another sport during the next season until the previous sports regular season has been completed.

Chemical Abuse/Criminal Activity Policy

1. Felonies – an athlete convicted of a felony will not be allowed to participate in athletics for the remainder of the athlete's high school career.
2. An athlete found to be in possession of or using alcohol, non-prescription drugs or controlled substances will adhere to the following:
 - 1st Violation – suspension from 33% of regular scheduled season contests or suspension of 10% of regular season contests with the successful completion of a reputable alcohol and drug abuse program
 - 2nd Violation – suspension from all athletics for one calendar year
 - 3rd Violation – suspension from all athletics for remainder of athlete's high school career
3. An athlete found to be in possession of or using tobacco products will adhere to the following:
 - 1st Violation – suspension from 10% of the regularly scheduled contests
 - 2nd Violation – suspension from 33% of the regularly scheduled contests
 - 3rd Violation – suspension from all athletics for one calendar year
4. The enactment of penalties dealing with violations of this policy will be made by the Athletic Director based on:

- a. admission by the athlete
 - b. observation and confrontation by a member of the athletic council, a member of the coaching staff, or a member of the school administration
 - c. a determination of fact resulting from an investigation by school administrators
 - d. charges established by law enforcement officials or agencies
5. If an athlete violates this policy during the off season, the penalty will be served during the next season in which an athlete participates.
 6. If an athlete does not serve his/her suspension completely during one season, the remaining suspension will be served during the next season he/she participates in.
 7. This policy is in effect 365 days a year and all violations/penalties will be carried over for the athlete's entire high school career.
 8. If the athlete feels that he/she has been treated unfairly with the initial decision, they may request a hearing before the Athletic Council. This request must be made in writing to the Athletic Director.
 9. The Athletic Council consists of the following members: Scottsburg High School Principal, head coaches of the varsity sports at Scottsburg High School, one SCSD2 board member, and the Athletic Director of SCSD2.

Athletic Transfer Reports

Athletes who are new to Scottsburg High School must complete an *IHSAA Athletic Transfer Report*. The athlete is NOT eligible until the IHSAA declares the athlete eligible. This process uses the following procedure:

1. Athlete and parent complete first section of the transfer report. According to IHSAA rules, the parent must meet with the Principal/Athletic Director face to face.
2. Scottsburg High School sends the transfer form to the student's previous school.
3. The Principal/Athletic Director at his/her previous school must sign and approve the transfer. The school sends this back to Scottsburg High School.
4. Scottsburg High School then sends the completed form to the IHSAA for approval.

NOTE: Transfers must be academically eligible based on their last report card at their previous school. Transcripts will be requested.

Awards

An athlete must complete the season (i.e. elimination of the team from the IHSAA tournament or the last scheduled event) and be in good standing with the coaching staff, the athletic office, and the school to be eligible for an award. If athletes cannot complete the season due to injury, they may still receive an award if they remain involved with the team in some capacity as directed by the coach.

Athletic Award Guidelines

The varsity coach of each sport will determine, prior to the season, the awards that will be awarded to the student athletes. The list of awards will be presented to and kept on file in the Scottsburg High School Athletic Office.

1. Baseball – the athlete must play in 50% of the total games unless injury prevents them from competing
2. Basketball – the athlete competes in 25% of the varsity quarters AND is a member of the sectional team
3. Cheer – member of varsity team that cheers during sectional competition
4. Cross Country – member of the conference and/or sectional team
5. Golf – the athlete must compete in at least 10 matches
6. Soccer – the athlete must play in 60% of the regular season matches and be a dressed member of the sectional team
7. Softball – the athlete must play in 50% of the total games unless injury prevents them from competing
8. Swimming – the athlete must achieve 3,000 power points
9. Tennis – the athlete competed in a varsity match at any time during the season
10. Track – the athlete scored a point in a varsity event during a regular season meet
11. Volleyball – the athlete competes in 33% of the total games
12. Wrestling – the athlete dresses for sectional competition
13. Football- the athlete must compete in 50% of the season's quarters of varsity games
14. Managers/Trainers/Statisticians – a varsity award may be earned by working with a varsity team on a daily basis for one complete season. If the position does not require attendance

Note: The head coach of each sport is responsible for determining letter winners and award winners and reporting them to the Athletic Director.

Note: If a coach feels that an athlete should qualify for a varsity letter but does not meet the criteria above (i.e. medical condition that prevents competition...), then that coach may appeal to the Athletic Director and the SHS Athletic Council for consideration.

Parents

1. It is important for parents to understand that, just like the student-athlete, they play an important role in every contest.
2. Parents must realize that the student-athletes are playing the game because of their love and enjoyment of that sport.
3. Parents must remember that the athletes are trying to succeed and give their best effort every time.
4. Parents should recognize and appreciate the successes that the athlete enjoys, but should not criticize their failures. It is the responsibility of the parent to show the athlete how to react to success and failure with proper attitude.

5. Always remember that you are a role model. Make the team and community proud to say that you are one of their fans.

Concussions

A new law “*Student Athletes: Concussions and Head Injuries*” (IC 20-34-7) will take effect on July 1, 2012.

The law requires that each year, before beginning practice for an interscholastic or intramural sport:

1. A high school student athlete and the student athlete’s parents must be given an information sheet regarding the risk of head concussion and
2. Both must sign and return a form acknowledging receipt of the information to the student athlete’s coach.

The law further states that a high school athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game, shall:

1. Be removed from play at the time of injury and
2. May not return to play until the student athlete has received a written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries.

IHSAA PROTOCOL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFHS) SPORTS PLAYING RULES FOR CONCUSSIONS

“Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.”

The language above, which will appear in all National Federation sports rule books for the 2010-11 school year, reflects a strengthening of rules regarding the safety of athletes suspected of having a concussion. During the 2009-10 school year, some rules codes required officials to remove from play any athlete who was “unconscious or apparently unconscious.” This new language reflects an increasing focus on safety, given that the vast majority of concussions do not involve a loss of consciousness. This protocol is intended to provide the technicalities to follow during the course of contests when an athlete sustains an apparent concussion.

1. **The Official’s Role in Recognizing a Concussive Event:** If an official observes a player who is exhibiting concussive signs, including appearing dazed, stunned, confused, disoriented, to have memory loss, or the athlete is either unconscious or apparently unconscious, he/she shall notify a coach that a player is apparently injured and advise that the player should be examined by a healthcare provider.

2. If it is confirmed during the contest by the school's *designated health care professional* that the student did not sustain a concussion, the head coach may so advise the officials during an appropriate stoppage of play and the athlete may re-enter competition pursuant to the contest rules.
3. In the event the contest continues and the *designated health care professional* does NOT clear the athlete for return during said contest the athlete is subject to the return to play protocol as listed below:
 - a. Only an MD or DO may clear the individual to return to competition.
 - b. The clearance must be in writing.
 - c. The clearance may not be on the same date on which the athlete was removed from play.
4. Regardless of whether the athlete returns to play or not, following the contest, an official's report shall be filed with a removed player's school by the contest official that removed the athlete from play due to an apparent concussive event. This report shall be filed with the athletic director of the school and may be found on the IHSAA website at www.ihsaa.org.
5. In cases where an assigned IHSAA tournament physician (MD/DO) is present, his or her decision to forbid an athlete to return to competition may not be overruled.

The IHSAA member school's *designated health care professional* may be one of the following individuals:

- A medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine in the state of Indiana, or;
- A certified athletic trainer (ATC/L) licensed in the state of Indiana.

Impact Testing

In order to keep our student-athletes protected from long-term effects of concussion, Scott County School District 2 highly recommends that each athlete take the impact baseline test.

Summary

Scottsburg High School is a member of the IHSAA and abides by their rules and regulations. As stated by the IHSAA by-laws, any school may establish their own set of guidelines above and beyond those established by the state.

Athletic Emergency Health Form

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Home Address: _____ **D.O.B.** _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Emergency Contacts:

Emergency Contact Phone:

(please list 2)

Doctor's Name: _____
In case of emergency, if the school is not able to contact me. I give permission to take (Name) _____ to the hospital or appropriate facility for medical attention.

Parent Signature: _____
If it is necessary to contact ambulance service, it will be the responsibility of the parent to pay for this service.

Medical History

Please indicate any other condition that would need special consideration by the school (please explain)

Medications: _____

Allergies _____ **Heart** _____ **Seizures** _____
Asthma _____ **Diabetes** _____ **Ect.** _____

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Acknowledgement Card

Name of Student _____

Graduation Year: _____ Sports: _____ / _____ / _____

We have received a copy of the Scott County School District 2 Athletic Code of Conduct. We have read the information published in this handbook and agree to comply with the rules and regulations as stated. Please read each of the following statements and sign.

1. I have read and agree to comply with the Warrior/Warriorette Code of Conduct Policy.
2. Notice of disclosure for the IHSAA: I hereby consent to the disclosure of scholastic and attendance which relate to or concern my child.
3. I understand that this code is in effect 365 days a year.
4. I understand that if I would happen to violate the Code of Conduct, my participation in athletics at SHS may be limited or even terminated.
5. I understand that the school does not provide insurance coverage other than the excess coverage discuss on page 2.

Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature: _____