

DOE CREEK ATHLETICS

There are a wide variety of sports teams at Doe Creek Middle School. Male students can choose from cross-country, football, soccer, basketball, wrestling, track, baseball, tennis, swimming, golf, and intramurals. Female students can choose from cross-country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, track, softball, tennis, swimming, golf, cheerleading, and intramural volleyball.

There will be 6th grade boy's intramural basketball and 6th grade girl's intramural volleyball offered this year. The sports offered in this program provide a more informal approach to athletics. Students are encouraged to participate in these fun, enjoyable offerings.

Students must be enrolled at Doe Creek Middle School to participate in extra-curricular activities.

The following Doe Creek Middle School Athletic Policies and Procedures will cover all athletes, student managers, and cheerleaders.

POLICY 2431 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Board recognizes the value to the Corporation and to the community of a program of interscholastic athletics.

The Board subscribes to the administrative guidelines of the Indiana High School Athletic Association so long as the Association complies with the requirements of I.C. 20-5-63-6 but maintains responsibility for enforcement of all rules.

As participation in interscholastic athletic competition is a privilege and not a right, the Board requires that each student-athlete adhere to the Interscholastic Athletics Code of Conduct for Student-Athletes for the school in which they are enrolled. Each athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign the Acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct for Student-Athletes and Consent to Release of Juvenile Information Form. This form shall be signed prior to participation in athletics at both New Palestine High School and Doe Creek Middle School. This Acknowledgement and Consent will remain in effect for the athlete's entire career at that school.

The Superintendent shall develop appropriate administrative guidelines for the operation of the Athletic Program.

DOE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

A. ATHLETIC STATEMENT

This Interscholastic Athletics Code of Conduct for Student-Athletes (Code) is designed to inform student-athletes and their parents or guardians of the rules, regulations and information that helped develop the rich tradition of competition in the Community School Corporation of Southern Hancock County (CSCSHC).

Participation in athletics is a privilege which carries with it varying degrees of honor, responsibility and sacrifice. Since athletic competition is A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT, those who choose to participate will be expected to comply with the Code and other specific coaches' rules for their sports.

Athletes represent their school and the student body and should be guided by the following CSCSHC Skills for Success: Motivation, Best Effort, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Initiative, Caring, Citizenship, and Acceptance. Athletes are to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on their families, the CSCSHC and the community.

B. ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

The goal of the Doe Creek Middle School Athletic Departments is to provide the best opportunities for student-athletes to excel in teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline and moral character. The purpose of athletics is to enhance the education of participating students with experiences that are positive, memorable and that help the athlete develop the capacity for commitment to a cause, acceptance of responsibility, and loyalty towards any chosen endeavor. Sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity characterize the manner in which the athletic program is conducted and the actions of those who participate.

All athletes represent the CSCSHC at school or out of school, in season or out of season. Any athlete who engages in behavior that causes dishonor to the CSCSHC will be subject to discipline under the Code. The Athletic Director of the school at which the athlete is a student will conduct an appropriate investigation and administer the penalty that is necessary to maintain a quality athletic program. It is impossible to list or anticipate all infractions that might be presented to the Athletic Director. Any penalty issued by the Athletic Director will serve as a precedent in all subsequent cases that are similar in nature in order to assure consistency in the distribution of discipline.

Prior to participating in athletics, athletes are to know that they will be held accountable for their actions in school and in season, as well as out of school and out of season.

C. ATHLETE DEFINED

The CSCSHC athlete is defined as and includes all young men and women who represent a team that engages in interscholastic competition, which includes participants in athletics, managers, student trainers and cheerleaders.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRINCIPAL

The Principal shall:

1. Be held ultimately responsible in all matters pertaining to interscholastic athletics; and
2. Fulfill all duties and responsibilities as they pertain to interscholastic athletics as prescribed by the Indiana High School Athletic Association and the School Board.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Athletic Director shall:

1. Direct and coordinate the activities of the Athletic Department and be directly responsible to the Principal;
2. Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for each interscholastic event;
3. Keep a record available at all times regarding the latest information on the eligibility of the current season sports squads, including cheerleaders and team managers;
4. Assure that all rules and regulations of the Indiana High School Athletic Association are upheld and enforced;
5. Assure that the Code is upheld and enforced;
6. Check the readiness of all facilities for teams and spectators prior to game time;
7. Prepare all game contracts;
8. Make arrangements for physical examinations for candidates for athletic squads;
9. Employ and pay all contest officials and personnel involved in operating a contest;
10. Make arrangements for emergency medical care; and
11. Arrange the ordering and presentation of letters and other athletic awards.
12. Ensure that he is the sole person who initially receives any information regarding an athlete that is provided by any probation department as the result of any Consent to Release of Juvenile Information.

13. Not disclose to any other person, other than an athlete's parent(s) and/or guardian(s), any information regarding an athlete that is received from any probation department as the result of any Consent to Release of Juvenile Information, except as is reasonably necessary to prosecute an alleged offense before an athletic council that is requested by the athlete or the athlete's parent(s) and/or to defend an appeal that is taken by an athlete from a finding made by the Athletic Director.
14. The Athletic Director shall conduct his or her investigation into any alleged violation of the Code with independence, integrity, and fairness, and shall reach his or her own conclusions regarding whether an offense has been committed based upon the Athletic Director's own evaluation of the evidence he or she has gathered from all sources. The Athletic Director shall give such weight and consideration to any information received about an athlete from a probation department that the Athletic Director believes is appropriate under the circumstances, but shall not be bound by any information from any law enforcement agency or judicial authority in reaching a conclusion as to whether the Code has been violated.

F. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES

The Head Coach of every athletic team shall:

1. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership, adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards;
2. Be responsible for all matters relating to the organization and administration of the team under his/her direction;
3. Enforce all rules of the Indiana High School Athletic Association related to his/her sport;
4. Report any known or suspected violation of the Code, by any athlete, to the Athletic Director;
5. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials;
6. Maintain an accurate and current squad roster and submit copies to the Athletic Office;
7. Arrange for the presentation of team awards through the Athletic Office;
8. Enforce rules and regulations concerning conditioning of players and their health and safety; and
9. Report injuries to the Athletic Trainer.

G. ELIGIBILITY

You are ineligible if...

1. A physical signed by a physician is not turned in by the first day of practice or tryouts. For this physical to be valid for the current school year, it must have occurred no earlier than May 1 of the prior school year.
2. You wish to participate in football, volleyball, softball, cheerleading, or baseball and you turn 4 before the last contest of that sport's season of your sixth grade year, or turn 15 before the last contest of that sport's season of your seventh grade year, or turn 16 before the last contest of that sport's season of your eighth grade year. In all other sports if you turn 16 before the last contest of that sport's season.
3. You have been absent five or more consecutive days from school due to illness or injury and have not presented to your principal, a written statement by a physician licensed to practice medicine in Indiana, that you may resume participation.
4. Because of bad habits or improper conduct, you cannot represent your school in a becoming manner.
5. Students involved in athletic participation that have four discipline occurrences within a single grading period, or accumulate eight at any time during a semester shall be placed on a behavior contract relating to continued athletic participation.
6. A student serves a Saturday School or out of school suspension during the sports season in which they are currently participating, they will receive a minimum one game suspension per occurrence. The athletic suspension must be served after the Saturday School/Out of School Suspension is complete. The athlete must be present, but not in uniform at the contest for which the suspension is being served.

Doe Creek Middle School is a member of the Hoosier Heritage Conference.

H. ATTENDANCE

1. Class attendance and attendance for practices/contests should be excellent. A student-athlete may participate in two sports during the same season pending approval of all parties involved (coaches, parents, athlete, and athletic director). A primary sport will be declared.
2. It is the responsibility of the athlete to personally inform the coach in advance of an anticipated absence or tardiness. Players are expected to attend all practices and contests unless excused by the head coach.
3. Participation in an athletic practice or contest on the day of an absence due to illness, whether the absence is all day or any part of the day, is not permitted. The Principal or Athletic Director must approve participation on days of absence due to causes other than illness. Written documentation may be necessary in some situations. (i.e. note from the dentist)

I. GRADE ELIGIBILITY

If an athlete receives one "F" on his/her report card or mid-term, he/she will be placed on academic probation for two weeks. (Note: grades do carry over from the fourth grading period to the first grading period of the following school year). An athlete on academic probation may try out for athletic teams and practice, but may not participate in interscholastic contests. If all grades are passing at the end of the two-week probationary period, eligibility will be fully reinstated. However, if any grade is failing at that time, the athlete will lose eligibility. Should the probationary period extend beyond the conclusion of the sport season, the coach will have discretion to determine whether the athlete remains on the team. If two or more failing grades are received on the most recent report card or mid-term, an athlete will be ineligible to try-out for teams, practice, or participate in contests. Full eligibility will be restored if there are no failing grades on the next mid-term or report card, whichever is sooner. (Restored eligibility means the athlete will be able to participate or try-out for the next sports season. It may be possible to be reinstated on the same team he/she was on when eligibility was lost). Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the coach, subject to the approval of the Athletic Director. It will not be possible for an athlete to begin participation in a try-out sport after the team has been selected. An athlete may begin participation after the season has begun in sports that do not require a try-out only with the approval of the coach and Athletic Director. An incomplete grade for any subject for the grading period or midterm will be considered a failing grade if the grade is an 'F' when figured using all of the athlete's completed work at that time. The eligibility rules above would then apply. The athlete's eligibility will be revised accordingly, if completion of the work results in a passing grade.

J. CHANGING TEAMS DURING A SEASON

Any athlete who begins practice in one sport and is released by the coach for any reason other than being "cut" due to lack of ability may not participate in any other sport during the same season except by mutual consent of the coaches involved.

K. PARTICIPATION IN NON SCHOOL-SPONSORED SPORTS

The participation of an athlete on an athletic team in the CSCSHC shall take priority over AAU or any other non-school sponsored team activities. The Indiana Association of AAU has, as a part of its rules, a statement regarding the above mentioned fact. At the direction of the Indiana Association of AAU, any AAU coach found by Doe Creek Middle School to be abusing this rule will be reported to the Indiana Association of AAU.

L. PRIOR TO THE FIRST PRACTICE

1. Each athlete (excluding managers who do not practice with the team) must have a physical signed by a physician on file in the Athletic Director's office. A physical is valid from May 1 through the following school year.
2. Each athlete must have an Emergency Medical Information card on file in the athletic office to be eligible to participate in a practice or contest.
3. Each athlete and his/her parent or guardian shall sign the Acknowledgement of the Code of Conduct for Student-athletes and Consent to Release of Juvenile Information Form. This form shall be signed prior to participation in athletics at Doe Creek Middle School. This Acknowledgement and Consent Form will remain in effect for the athlete's entire career at Doe Creek Middle School.

M. ATHLETIC SEASONS

Individual sport seasons for Doe Creek Middle School have been defined by dates as follows:

Fall: Monday of IHSAA Week 6 through Friday of IHSAA Week 16

Winter: Monday of IHSAA Week 17 through Friday of IHSAA Week 37

Spring: Monday of IHSAA Week 38 through Friday of IHSAA Week 46

Individual dates may appear in the Student Handbook.

N. EQUIPMENT

School-owned equipment issued to an athlete may be used in camps. The restriction on the use of uniforms and jerseys is still in effect. School-owned uniforms and jerseys may not be used in camps or for non-school teams.

All equipment must be turned in or accounted for in one sport before an athlete may participate in another sport. Lost or stolen equipment must be paid and receipted for in the office of the athletic director.

O. AWARDS NIGHT

Athletic awards will be presented, with the public invited, in an evening program. All athletes are highly encouraged to attend. Coaches should make this night a priority for themselves as well as members of their team. Athletes must finish the season in good standing to be eligible for awards.

P. TRANSPORTATION

Students are not allowed to stay after school if their practice or game does not require them to be here until 4:00 or later. If an athlete must be here for a practice or game before 4:00, supervision will be provided and athletes may stay after school.

Athletes will not be allowed to leave the gym area following practice. Athletes should bring anything they wish to take home with them to the gym, if their practice is after school, or home if their practice is later. Parents should plan on picking up their son/daughter at the south gym doors.

Athletes who violate the rules regarding when and where they are in the building can face disciplinary action not to exceed loss of eligibility for the remainder of the current sports season

Athletes who leave school on school-provided transportation are expected to return the same way. "A special request must be made to the staff member or sponsor by the parent, in writing or in person, to allow an exception." (Policy 8640) Parental requests that their athlete ride home with someone other than the athlete's parent(s) are to be denied.

Coaches and sponsors will continue to encourage athletes to go and return on the school-provided transportation. The exceptions will be few and will be based on real need and true circumstances.

Q. SPORTSMANSHIP/SAFETY

A goal of all athletic teams in the CSCSHC is to foster good sportsmanship among the participants, coaches, and fans. When the score is truly figured, the life lessons we learn from athletic competition are far more important than the score of an individual game.

The conduct of the coaches, players, and fans should reflect good sportsmanship. Anyone at athletic contests may be requested to leave should officials or administrators deem their behavior unacceptable. Inappropriate behavior may also jeopardize attendance at future events.

Parents attending athletic contests are responsible for the safety and behavior of children they bring with them who are not participants in the contest. Children younger than middle school age should be directly supervised in order to minimize the risks to those children.

No one should bring balls or other items to an athletic contest that may accidentally end up on the playing surface.

The playing surface is for the sole use of the participants of the contest being conducted. Those not participating shall refrain from using or being on the playing surface during the contests, or during intermissions from play (i.e. halftime, between games).

R. SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit is an important tradition in the CSCSHC. There are many elements which make up school spirit. Some of the more important ones are:

1. The fellowship and friendliness that are experienced in the classroom, hall, gym or on the campus.

2. The feeling that we must have the goodwill and respect of fellow students and teachers.
3. The good sportsmanship that makes us modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
4. Our feeling of pride that is aroused when students and teachers earn honors for themselves and the school; or the feeling of warmth that pervades our being when we see our band or athletic teams proudly demonstrating their talents: that something which causes us in later years to remember and to say proudly, "I am from New Palestine."

S. IHSAA STATEMENT

The following athletic rules are in accordance with the Indiana High School Athletic Association constitution.

The conduct of participants in athletics in the CSCSHC, in or out of school, year-round, shall be such as: 1) not to reflect discredit upon our school, and 2) not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in our school. Any such violation of these principles shall be subject to disciplinary measures.

T. EXPECTED STANDARDS of CONDUCT for STUDENT-ATHLETES

1. Athletes must be passing in their classes as described in the "Grade Eligibility" section to be eligible to participate in athletics. Team members should plan their time so that they devote energy to their studies to ensure passing grades that represent their true abilities.
2. Athletes should be a positive influence in all they attempt to do. They are to work for the betterment of the CSCSHC and set a good example by doing what is right and good.
3. The good of the team is first and foremost. While individual needs are important, teamwork is an expectation.
4. All athletes will obey the specific training and practice rules of their team as given to them by the coaching staff.
5. All athletes will care for all equipment as though it were their own personal property. If equipment is destroyed through normal wear and tear during practice, the school will replace the item(s). If equipment is lost or stolen the athlete(s), will fulfill his/her responsibility by paying for replacement of item(s).
6. Athletes should appreciate the fact that coaches, teachers and school officials have the best interest of all athletes in mind as they purchase equipment, schedule contests and conduct the athletic program.
7. Officials deserve courteous respect. The purpose of officials is to insure both teams a fair contest; they are not responsible for losing games or contests.
8. No athlete will ever employ illegal tactics to gain an undeserved advantage. All athletes will devote themselves to being true sportsmen.
9. Athletes should not engage in negative activities. Drinking alcohol, taking controlled drug substances, using tobacco products, engaging in criminal conduct, using profanity and being disobedient are harmful to athletes and their team. Maximum effort and performance cannot be attained by participation in these activities.
10. All CSCSHC athletes must comply with the Code, school rules and team rules or be subject to disciplinary action or dismissal from a team as determined by the rules, coaching staff, athletic director, and/or principal of Doe Creek Middle School.
11. In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes and maintain ethical standards, school personnel, coaches, athletic trainers, and lay coaches shall never dispense, supply, recommend, or permit the use of any drug, medication, or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.

U. ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Athletic Director or his/her designee shall enforce all rules and regulations as described in the Code. All rules regarding behavior and/or training as outlined in IHSAA regulations apply. The Code will be reinforced by the coach of each sport during the year. Parents/Guardians and athletes are required to sign the Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct for Student-Athletes and Consent to Release of Juvenile Information stating that they understand the Code. The student-athlete is subject to disciplinary measure should he/she violate the Code.

Any alleged violation of the Code is to be reported first to the coach or his/her designee and then is to be followed by an investigation by any or all of the following people: coach, sponsor, athletic director, principal or his/her designee. If a violation of the Code has been determined to have occurred, a meeting will take place between the Athletic Director or his/her designee and the athlete in question, and the athlete's parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). In order for the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) to attend, this meeting shall be held within 24 hours after the determination that an offense has occurred. Otherwise, this meeting shall occur without the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). At this meeting, the following will take place:

- 1) The athlete will be provided with an oral statement of the charges against him/her.
- 2) A summary of the evidence against the athlete will be presented and;
- 3) The athlete will have an opportunity to explain his/her conduct.

V. ATHLETIC COUNCIL

At Doe Creek Middle School, the Athletic Council shall consist of any three of the following individuals, in addition to the Athletic Director or Assistant Principal responsible for presenting information: the Assistant Principal (if he/she did not perform the initial investigation), the Athletic Director (if he/she did not perform the initial investigation), a guidance counselor, any eligible member of the New Palestine High School Athletic Council.

The Athletic Council will be assembled to hear any appeal from an athlete after a ruling by the Athletic Director. The Athletic Council will not hear appeals related to in-school discipline.

W. APPEAL PROCESS

After a ruling by the Athletic Director, an athlete may request to have his/her case heard by the Athletic Council. This appeal must be in writing and must be received by the Athletic Director within two (2) week days of his/her initial ruling.

The athlete may attend the appeal hearing, along with his/her custodial parent(s), and is entitled to receive a written or oral statement of the charges, a summary of the evidence, and an opportunity to explain his/her conduct. The Athletic Council shall deliberate and propose findings to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director shall notify the athlete in writing of the findings.

After a ruling by the Athletic Council, the athlete may then appeal to the Principal of the school in which he/she is a student. This appeal must be in writing and must be received within one (1) week day of the ruling by the Athletic Council. An appeal to the Principal shall be a review only and will NOT include a hearing. The Principal shall notify the athlete in writing of his/her findings.

Throughout the appeal process, the initial ruling by the Athletic Director shall remain in effect.

X. SELF-REPORT CLAUSE

It is the intent of the CSCSHC to assist athletes with developing responsibility for their actions and to encourage honesty. Therefore, any athlete who voluntarily reports his/her violation of the Code before being reported by some other means or within two (2) week days (Monday–Friday) of the violation will be permitted leniency as defined by the Code. An athlete may self-report to his/her coach or any school Administrator. In the event that school is not in session, Doe Creek Middle School athletes may self-report by calling the Athletic Director at (317) 861-4487, ext. 1709, or the Assistant Principal at (317) 861-4487, ext. 1303. This Self-Report clause can be used only on a first violation of the Code and can be used only once during the athlete's career at the school in which he/she is enrolled as student.

Y. RESPONSIBILITY AT SOCIAL EVENTS

Attendance at social events (parties, dances etc.) is at the discretion of the athlete and his/her parents. For purposes of this section, a "social event" shall not be interpreted to include a social event where alcohol is being legally consumed by adults (such as a wedding reception, a family gathering, etc.) and where minor children are present under the reasonable supervision of adults. Athletes are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

1. At any time that an athlete becomes aware that he/she is in the presence of drugs or alcohol, the athlete shall leave said party or gathering.
2. Athletes are expected to be aware of the circumstances which surround them and to which they are exposed.

3. Once an athlete learns, or reasonably should have learned, that drugs or alcohol are present at a party or gathering, the athlete shall remove himself/herself from the party or gathering in a reasonable amount of time.
4. Fifteen (15) minutes from learning that drugs or alcohol are present shall be presumed to be a reasonable amount of time for an athlete to remove himself/herself from said party or gathering.
5. As long as the athlete has removed himself/herself from the offending party or gathering within the presumed reasonable period, no athletic penalty will ensue, providing the athlete has not consumed or partaken in any drugs or alcohol.

The Code is in effect twelve (12) months a year, grades six through eight (6-8) and nine through twelve (9-12).

Z. DEFINITIONS OF VIOLATIONS AND RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. Since extracurricular participation is an honor and privilege, participation shall require a review of the Code by parent and athlete, including certification of understanding through parent and athlete signatures. It is the intent of the Code for athletes to assume personal responsibility for visible leadership in upholding the standards and expectations of representatives of our schools.
2. This responsibility requires that athletes observe the Code off campus and during non-school hours. This leadership responsibility includes participants in athletics, managers, student trainers, and cheerleaders.
3. In the event of violations of the Code providing cause for action, the consequences regarding withdrawal of extracurricular privileges shall apply as stated in this Code. In this event, the following disciplinary consequences shall apply:

Substance Abuse and Criminal Conduct

SUBSTANCE ABUSE: Is defined as the abuse or misuse of, the consumption of, possession of, and/or being under the influence of, the sale of, the distribution of, or providing another person with any substance which is or contains: tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, a stimulant, an intoxicant, a narcotic, a depressant, steroids, or hallucinogen, whether prescription or sold over the counter (non-prescription), or any substance represented by the provider to be any of the listed substances, is prohibited. Any act that results in a student being assigned to an Alcohol and Drug Program by the courts or school is a violation of this rule.

CRIMINAL CONDUCT: Is defined as any activity which would be considered criminal conduct under the Indiana Code. This includes violations such as, but not limited to, vandalism, stealing, extortion, forgery, misdemeanors, or any other violation which could warrant a criminal investigation. Any offense which results in an agreement to withhold prosecution will still constitute a violation of this Code and subject the athlete to discipline under the Code.

4. For violations of this type, the following disciplinary consequences shall be enforced:

1st OFFENSE: IN ANY OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES :

The athlete shall be suspended for 50 percent of the total number of contests in the season: The penalty can be reduced by 20 percent if the athlete "self-reports" as provided in the self-report clause above, and another 20 percent if the athlete completes 20 hours of community service at the direction of the Athletic Director. An athlete who completes both of these requirements would thus serve a 10 percent suspension for a first offense.

The penalty can be reduced by 10 percent if the athlete does not self-report but does admit to the violation upon questioning. This can be followed by another 10 percent reduction if the athlete completes 20 hours of community service at the direction of the Athletic Director. An athlete who completes both of these requirements would serve a 30 percent suspension for a first offense.

The athlete shall be suspended for 50 percent of the season if he/she exercises none of the above options and is found to be guilty of the alleged offense.

2nd OFFENSE: IN ANY OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES OR COMBINATIONS THEREOF:

Suspension from Athletics for one calendar year.

The athlete may reduce this suspension in the following way:

The suspension can be lowered to 180 days if the athlete attends counseling (at the athlete's expense) relevant to his/her violation or completes 20 hours of community service at the direction of the Athletic Director. Community service programs must be approved and directed by the Athletic Director. Counseling programs must be approved by the Athletic Director.

3rd OFFENSE: IN ANY OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES OR COMBINATIONS THEREOF:

Career suspension.

5. Rulings relevant to the above categories may be appealed using the appeal process established in this Code
6. An athlete convicted of a felony shall be declared ineligible for the remainder of the athlete's career at his/her current school.
7. An athlete involved in a police action or arrest may be suspended from practice and contests until cleared by law enforcement, by the Court or through the school's investigation.
8. Conduct/behavior issues directly related to team activities will be handled by the coaching staff. Behavior issues outside of team activities will be handled by school Administrators.
9. School discipline takes precedence over athletic events.
10. Coaches' disciplinary decisions are not subject to appeal.
11. In the event that a violation occurs at the end of a season, any remaining consequences would be carried over to the next season that the athlete completes "in good standing". An athlete shall start with a "clean slate" when entering New Palestine High School. No consequences shall be carried over from Doe Creek Middle School to New Palestine High School.
12. If a violation of this Code results in the athlete's suspension for the remainder of the athletic season, the athlete shall not be considered to be in good standing and, therefore, shall forfeit all letters and awards for that sport season.
13. If the completion of an athlete's suspension falls in the middle of a contest, the penalty will be rounded up to include the entire contest (example; a 2.2 game suspension would be rounded up to become a 3 game suspension).
14. This Code shall take effect beginning July 1, 2009.