

SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

Student Name _____ Date _____

Sport _____ Grade _____ Male _____ Female _____

Vision Statement

We promote the physical, emotional, and mental well being of all students through athletics, while educating student-athletes in the areas of effort, leadership and teamwork.

Athletic activities can be an important component of a student's school experience. Participation in these activities is a privilege and offers an opportunity for the students to make a commitment toward self-improvement. Because students who participate in athletic activities are viewed as leaders and representatives of their schools, they are held to a high standard of academic and behavioral achievement.

The intent of the Athletic Code of Conduct Contract is to encourage positive character growth and promote integrity. The intent is also to protect the health and safety of each student-athlete, those with and against whom the student competes, and others the student may be in contact with while participating. The stated rules and outcomes are designed to promote accountability through ownership of one's own actions. Our goal is to foster behaviors that prepare a student for a successful and productive future.

General Responsibilities

The undersigned agrees to:

1. Behave in a manner that brings respect to one's self, school and community.
2. Ride to and from all school-sponsored activities in school approved transportation. Students not riding home in school approved transportation must receive permission from their coach in advance and must have transportation release form completed and on file.
3. Return all school equipment and clothing in good condition. Lost or stolen items must be paid for at the replacement cost. Participation in future school activities is based on the return of issued equipment and clothing.
4. Abide by all OSAA, Silver Falls School District (SFSD) and Silverton High School (SHS) policies and rules. Any athlete ejected from a contest will pay the OSAA fine before they can return to competition. The OSAA requires that athletes representing SHS live within the SFSD boundaries with the appropriate guardian, or be cleared by the Director of Athletics prior to participation.
5. Clear or pay "Pay to Play" fees, fines, and/or outstanding balances or arrange for an approved payment plan, before participating in contests.
6. Meet the Silver Falls School District eligibility standards identified in the SHS Student Handbook. Additionally, eligibility for a sport season is based on the OSAA standard of being enrolled in, as well as passing, at least five (5) classes. Furthermore, students must meet the OSAA minimum graduation credits each year. A student must earn an indicated number of credits yearly to be eligible to participate.
7. Obtain permission of the Athletic Director and the two head coaches before dropping an in-season sport and transferring to another in-season or out-of-season sport. An in-season sport is defined as a sport occurring within an OSAA-sanctioned calendar. An out-of-season sport is an activity, club, or sport that occurs outside the OSAA-sanctioned calendar. If the student is released or cut from a team, the student may participate in another sport.
8. Attend all practices and report an absence to the coach prior to missing a practice or contest. Examples of reporting a student-athlete's absence include phone message, text, email, etc. Additionally, student-athletes, or their parents, may report their absence to a coach, office staff, or administrator. Unexcused absences from practice or contests will impact playing time and may result in consequences up to and including removal from the team.

SECTION ONE

Behavior and Conduct:

In order to realize the vision and meet the goals of the Silverton Athletic Department, student-athletes agree to not participate in nor be associated with activities that are unlawful or are connected with acts that bring disrespect to the individual, school, and community.

Students also need to avoid a pattern of negative or inappropriate behavior at school. Students found to be involved in these behaviors can expect consequences as stated below.

Consequences May Include:

- Loss of a percentage of the season or equivalent period of time in a subsequent season
- Loss of a full season or equivalent period of time in a subsequent season
- Termination of high school athletic/activity career
- Youth Service Team Counseling
- Coaches Plan of Action for restitution, ownership of actions, and reinstatement

SECTION TWO

Attendance at Parties, Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco:

A primary focus of Silverton High School is the development of a drug free lifestyle for our student-athletes. In keeping with that objective the undersigned student agrees not to possess or use alcohol, drugs, and illegal muscle/performance enhancing substances, any form of tobacco or tobacco look-alike products at any time. In addition, students are not to misuse or abuse prescription drugs. Students suspected of the use of such substances or being under the influence may be asked to submit to a passive drug or alcohol detection test. Refusal to comply will be considered a positive test result.

Furthermore, students are expected to avoid environments where inappropriate/unlawful behaviors are taking place. Examples of such environments are alcohol/drug parties and "smoke-outs."

If a student-athlete is attending a gathering and alcohol or drugs appear, the student-athlete must leave within 5 minutes and self-report the incident to a coach or administrator in-person, by telephone, voicemail, text, and/or email within 12 hours of the gathering.

Violators of the Drug and Alcohol Policy will comply with the consequences listed below. The following consequences listed are "minimums." Silverton High School reserves the right to render harsher consequences which, at its sole discretion, believes are warranted under the circumstances.

FIRST OFFENSE: Suspended for 30% of the total season's contests

SECOND OFFENSE: Suspended from contests for ONE FULL sports' season and required Drug and Alcohol counseling

THIRD OFFENSE: Ineligible for the remainder of the student-athlete's high school career

In addition to the Ineligibility Consequence and at parent/guardian expense, the student may be required to participate in the following:

- Youth Service Team Counseling
- Referral to student's designated SHS counselor to attend Drug and/or Alcohol Assessment, sign a release of information form, and follow recommendations from the assessment at parent/guardian expense.
- Mandatory urinalysis at parent/guardian expense
- Coaches Plan of Action for restitution, ownership of actions, and reinstatement

The student-athlete recognizes that any violation of the above Conduct and Drug/Alcohol Policies may result in immediate suspension and/or dismissal from the team. Students and parents must understand that coaches reserve the right to establish team rules, or sport-specific rules, in addition to those described in the Athletic Code of Conduct. Consequences that cannot be satisfied during the immediate season will carry over to a subsequent season. In order to satisfy ineligibility consequences, student-athletes who participate in a sport must complete the season in good standing. If the student-athlete does not complete the season in good standing, the suspension/ineligibility consequence will not be recognized.

Notice of Consequence for Violation:

The Athletic Director or designee will notify the student-athlete in writing of the consequence for contract violation using the Silverton High School Athletic/Activities Discipline Form. The student-athlete's signature on the Discipline Form indicates only the receipt of consequence and violation. In addition, the student-athlete's parent/guardian will be notified by phone and a copy of the Discipline Form will be mailed to the student-athlete's address on file in the main office.

Honesty and Integrity Clause:

In order to promote and encourage accountability and character maturation, the student-athlete may have the consequences for violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct reduced based on their honesty, integrity, and cooperation during the investigation. Examples of honesty, integrity, and cooperation include:

- Immediate ownership of behavior, participation and/or association
- Compliance to disciplinary action
- Positive attitude and behavior during practice, in contests, and in the classroom

Athletic Appeals Procedure

Before an Appeals Hearing is held, the student-athlete or parent/guardian must submit in writing to the Athletic Director or designee the student-athlete's intent to appeal. The intent to appeal must include the reason(s) for the appeal. The Athletic Director or designee must receive the written request within five (5) school days following the issuance to the student-athlete of the Discipline Form.

The appeals committee will meet within five (5) school days from the date the appeal is filed with the SHS Athletic Director or designee. Upon receipt of a student-athlete's appeal, the student-athlete will be once again informed of the charges against him or her, be advised of the hearing date, and be given an opportunity to be present and submit relevant evidence, witness testimony, and arguments. The decision of the Appeals Committee may be to uphold, modify, or withdraw the disciplinary action imposed by the Athletic Director. The committee will render its decision within three (3) school days of the conclusion of the hearing. During the appeals process the student-athlete will be suspended from the sport; the suspension time will be included as part of any decision made by the committee. The Athletic Appeals Committee will consist of a Silverton High School administrator and three head coaches (coaches may not be an athlete's current in-season coach). The criteria primarily utilized to consider reinstatement of the athlete will be:

- a. The general attitude of the athlete during the time of the suspension.
- b. The academic record of the athlete complies with participation standards.
- c. The behavioral record of the athlete, including referrals, if any, for disciplinary action regarding any violation of district, state, and/or federal law or rules.
- d. The reasons provided by the athlete in support of the appeal, and the ability of the athlete to defend the reasons why he/she should be reinstated into the SHS athletic program or the length of the suspension should be reduced.
- e. If the appeal is for a second or third violation, the length of time between the first violation and the second and third violations, as well as the nature and severity of the violations.

Following the Appeals Committee hearing, parents will be notified by phone within three (3) school days, and in writing within five (5) school days of the Appeals Committee's decision. The decision of the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the School Board by contacting the Superintendent within five (5) school days after the Appeals Committee's decision. Students appealing to the School Board will be ineligible to participate in competitions pending the School Board's decision.

I/We understand that this code, once signed will be in effect for the entire time period the student is attending Silverton High School, including out-of-season and during the summer. I/We further understand that infractions are cumulative throughout the student's enrollment at Silverton High School.

Silverton High School reserves the right to hold athletes accountable for their actions 365 days per year if the actions involved serious misconduct on or off school grounds, including but not limited to assault, robbery, drunk driving, use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol or drugs.

***Please Note:** Any violations of the previous athletic code will be carried over cumulatively to the current athletic code.

I/We have read, understand, and support the above contract **FOR THE TERM OF ONE FULL CALENDAR YEAR**. I/We understand that the undersigned student's compliance with the above terms is a condition of his/her participation in athletics within the Silver Falls School District. This document constitutes a contract, and the undersigned student agrees to abide with it **FOR ONE FULL CALENDAR YEAR FROM THE DATE SIGNED**.

Parent Signature Date

Student Signature Date

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)

[ORS 332.075 \(1\)\(e\)](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 339.430](#)

[OAR 581-021-0034 to -0035](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045 to -0049](#)

[OAR 581-022-1680](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1681-1683; 34 CFR Part 106 (2000). *OSAA Handbook*, Oregon School Activities Association.