Students

Athletes – Code of Conduct
Adrian athletes, as representatives of the school and community, are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times. This high standard applies to both school and community activities.

Standards of Conduct:
Adrian athletes shall:

1. Follow standard training rules and conduct expectations which apply to all sports.
2. Follow “team” rules developed by each coach and approved by the Athletic Director. These are distributed seasonally to athletes and reviewed with the athletes by their coach.
3. Not be in violation of the Code of Student Conduct for either school or athletic activities.
4. Conduct themselves in an exemplary manner in the community.

Discipline Procedures/Restrictions:

1. Disciplinary action may be imposed by the coach for violation of “team” rules.
2. A coach may suspend an athlete from interscholastic athletic activities for up to one week for repeated “team” rule violations or other violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct. All such suspensions shall be reported to and are subject to the review of the Athletic Director.
3. Disciplinary action for violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct are handled by the Athletic Director.
4. Suspension from interscholastic athletic activities beyond one week may be imposed by the Athletic Director or Principal.
5. Corporal punishment is prohibited.

Off-Season and Carry-Over Provisions:

1. To be of value, exemplary conduct and physical conditioning should be continuing processes. Therefore, the provisions of this code apply to athletes during off-seasons and over vacations. Disciplinary action for off-season or vacation violations may be imposed only by the Athletic Director with review and approval of the Principal.
2. Disciplinary action may be carried over from one sport to the next and from one school year to the next for penalties for violations of substance abuse policy and/or criminal/civil law which
would, in the judgment of the Athletic Director, reflect seriously against the Adrian Public Schools, its athletic program, and the individual athlete if such disciplinary action is not completed.

**Family Vacations:**

Athletes who accompany parents and/or guardians on family vacations are excused as long as the coach receives prior notification.

Athletes who plan to go on vacation with an adult other than their parent or guardian, but have parent and/or guardian approval must meet with the head coach as to whether the absence will be excused or unexcused.

In regard to the above-mentioned absences, if the athlete misses practice, the athlete must recondition before participation will be permitted.

**Due Process:**

A hearing shall be granted upon the request of the athlete or parent and/or guardian in cases involving suspension from interscholastic athletic activities. A student athlete has the right to file an appeal to a suspension. The appeal shall be made to the Building Principal by submitting a written request no later than five school days after receipt of the suspension.

Hearing findings or procedures may be appealed by the parent to the Superintendent.

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