

# **SCHUYLKILL HAVEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY – ATHLETIC CODE FOR STUDENTS**

The Administration and Board of School Directors have developed guidelines to encourage responsible student behavior in all extra-curricular activities. These in-season guidelines will govern student behavior from the official opening of the season or activity until the close of that individual season or activity.

Beginning from the first day of PIAA sanctioned practice, a student-athlete will have a two week period of time to make a decision whether to participate in the respective sport for that season. Injury, illness or PIAA approved transfers will be exceptions to this policy. The Athletic Director and High School Principal will decide other possible circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

As a student in the Schuylkill Haven Area High School, I am interested in being part of a winning tradition. To do this, I must keep myself in top physical and mental condition. I do hereby agree to abide by all regulations of the school discipline policy, rules of the extracurricular activity/athletic code and all regulations required by coaches or activity advisors:

1. Academically, the student will conduct him/herself in a responsible manner.
2. No use of tobacco and nicotine in any form (including electronic/smokeless).
3. No drinking of alcoholic beverages.
4. No drugs or controlled substances unless prescribed by a physician.
5. No criminal convictions (felonies).
6. Never be late for practice.
7. Never miss a practice unless excused by the head coach or activity advisor ahead of time.
8. Be prepared in the classroom and on the field/court. Manage your time.
9. Inform your coach or advisor of any injury.
10. Control your temper. Profanity will not be tolerated.
11. No horseplay.
12. You are responsible for your school-issued equipment.
13. Plan appointments for weekends or at night, not during practice or games.
14. If you have gripes or problems feel free to discuss them with the advisor/head coach or have the team captain bring them to the advisor/coach. The chain of command after the coach is the athletic director and then the high school principal.
15. Conduct yourself like a gentleman/lady on trips, at home and on the playing area. The advisor or coach will handle all misunderstandings. Remember you are representing Schuylkill Haven Area High School.
16. Participation in extracurricular activities/sports may be dangerous and could result in injury.
17. Violations of the activity code, numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5, during the school day, on school grounds at anytime, or at school sponsored activities (includes traveling from home to school and school to home) will be subject to the written discipline policy of the Schuylkill Haven Area School District. Coaches and activity advisors may also apply appropriate provisions of team rules or team/activity discipline codes.
18. Violations of the activity code, number 2, 3, 4, and 5, taking place during the PIAA sanctioned summer practice period will be assessed against the student at the beginning of the new academic year from the first day of school onward. Violations during the Christmas and Spring Recess will be assessed immediately during the recess period and continue during the academic year.
19. When a suspension cannot be completed due to the end of the playing season, event, or the school year, the suspension will carry over into the next sports season or event in

which that student participates.

20. Violations of the activity code, numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5, in the community and public at large will result in the following disciplinary action:

***Tobacco/Nicotine Products (including electronic/smokeless)***

- First offense** – suspension for 1 PIAA sponsored games or events  
**Second offense** – suspension for 3 PIAA sponsored games or events  
**Further offenses** – permanent suspension from squad and suspended from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year

***Alcohol/Drugs/Controlled Substances***

- First offense** – suspension for 2 PIAA sponsored games or events  
**Second offense** – permanent suspension from squad and suspended from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year

***Criminal Convictions (felonies)***

- First offense** – Students found guilty will be immediately suspended from the squad or activity for the remainder of that season and suspended from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year

21. Removal from the team for the remainder of that season, for conduct detrimental to the team or activity as determined by the coaching staff or advisors.

Coaches and activity advisors may also apply appropriate provisions of team rules or team/activity discipline codes.

For the purpose of this activity code, PIAA sponsored games exclude any and all scrimmages.

Having read these rules and regulations, I agree to abide by them and realize that breaking of these rules may lead to my suspension from a team or activity.

**STUDENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/  
GUARDIAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to: Coach or Athletic Director**

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## Acknowledgement of Warning by Student

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned and warned  
by the proper administrative and coaching personnel of the Schuylkill Haven Area School District that by  
participating in the sport of \_\_\_\_\_ I am exposing myself to the risk of serious injury,  
including but limited to, the risk of sprains, fractures and ligament and/or cartilage damage which could result in  
a temporary or permanent, partial or complete, impairment in the use of my limbs; brain damage; paralysis; or  
even death. Having been so cautioned and warned, it is still my desire to participate in the above sport, and  
should I choose to participate in the above sport, I hereby further acknowledge that I do so with full knowledge  
and understanding of the risk of serious injury to which I am exposing myself by participating in the above sport.

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF STUDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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## Acknowledgement of Warning by Parents

We/I, the parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby acknowledge that we/I have been fully advised,  
cautioned and warned by the proper administrative and coaching personnel of the Schuylkill Haven Area School  
District that our/my child named above may suffer serious injury, including but not limited to sprains, fractures,  
brain damage; paralysis or even death, by participating in the sport of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Notwithstanding such warnings, and with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to  
our/my child named above which may result, we/I give our consent to \_\_\_\_\_ participating  
in the sport of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

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NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

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WITNESS

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NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

