

ATHLETICS

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to compete athletically for CHS in the Great Northern League 2-A for all athletics. CHS fields teams in: Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Golf, Boys Soccer, and Girl's Tennis.

Prior to a student athlete participating on any athletic team or being issued any athletic equipment, he/she is responsible for having on file with school officials a record of the following:

1. Current physical examination with physician's signature
2. Parent permission form
3. Emergency information card
4. School insurance, or a waiver form signed by parent/guardian
5. Signature of a parent/guardian and the athlete signifying they have read and accepted the regulations of this handbook.
6. Current ASB Card – cost is \$30.00 (unless student qualifies for reduced rate)
7. Safety guidelines read and signed by parent/guardian
8. Meet WIAA standards for interscholastic activity

The following information is designed to cover all athletics at Colville High School, grades 9 through 12: (including Cheerleaders, Dance & Drill, Student Trainers, Managers, Statisticians, and any other support personnel.)

ATHLETIC CODE – 2150P

Enforcement of Training Rules

The Head Coach or Activity Advisor, the Athletic Director/Activities Coordinator, and the Principal shall be responsible for all decisions relating to disciplinary actions resulting from violations of training rules. All school suspensions supersede the activity code.

Training Violations: A student, who commits a training violation while a member of an athletic team, may not take his/her disciplinary suspension time (not able to compete) as a manager or stat keeper. If a student begins the season under disciplinary suspension, he/she must complete that season in good standing in order for the suspension to be validated.

A. Substance Abuse: The use of, the sale of, the distribution of, the possession of, and/or being under the influence of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and controlled substances (RCW 69.50) by students participating in a program covered by this code are prohibited. Furthermore, attendance at "keggers", parties, or other activities where alcoholic beverages or controlled substances (RCW 69.50) are in use is also prohibited. This rule does not apply to events where alcohol or drug use is permitted by law such as at religious ceremonies or where alcohol use is restricted to adults.

1st violation - Will not participate in contests for two weeks.

2nd violation - During same sport/activity season – Done for the season. Must complete assessment, counseling, and meeting with the A.D., parent, and coach of new activity before participation is allowed in the next sport/activity season.

2nd violation - During a new sport season – Will not participate in contests for four weeks. May be reduced to two weeks with satisfactory completion of assessment and/or community/ school service as prescribed by A.D., parent, and coach. Continue education/counseling for remainder of season.

3rd violation - No participation for remainder of school year. Must meet with A.D., coaches, parents, and principal prior to reinstatement for the next year.

Consequences for Controlled substances, Marijuana and Legend Drugs according to the WIAA Handbook

18.26.2 Legend drugs and controlled substances – Penalties for the possession, use or sale of legend drugs (drugs obtained through prescription, RCW 69.41.020-050) and controlled substances (RCW 69.50) shall be as follows:

1st Violation – A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season in which the participant wishes to participate unless the student accesses the assistance program outlined in 2 (below).

An athlete that is found to be in violation of WIAA Rule 18.26.2 (Legend drugs and controlled substances) shall have two options.

1. The athlete will be ineligible for participation in contests for the remainder of that interscholastic sports season and must meet with the school eligibility board in order to be eligible to compete in the next interscholastic sports season. The school eligibility board will make a recommendation to the school principal. The school principal will have the final authority regarding the student's participation in further interscholastic sports programs.
2. The athlete may choose to seek and receive help for a problem with use of legend drugs or controlled substances. Successful utilization of school and or community assistance programs may allow him/her to have eligibility re-instated in that athletic season, pending recommendation by the school eligibility board and principal.

2nd Violation – A participant who again violates any provision of RCW 69.41.020 through 69.41.050 or of RCW 69.50 shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.

3rd Violation – A participant who violates for a third time RCW 69.41.020 - 69.41.050 or of RCW 69.50 shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

B. Violation Time Period: Students will not be allowed to travel, suit up, or sit on the team bench at any contest or event during the time that the student is suspended. The student may continue to practice (if approved by AD or principal).

C. Athletic Season: A student's athletic and/or extra curricular "season" begins with the first day he/she joins his/her first athletic team or his/her first club or school activity. That student then continues under contract throughout the sports season. The end of a season is after the team/activity awards banquet in which the student is a member.

D. Committing Acts of Larceny: The taking or using of property or the act of selling or purchasing stolen property, which belongs to another person will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action shall be the same as for violation of the regular school rules, including notification of the public authorities.

E. Sportsmanship: Students representing the Colville School District are expected to exemplify the highest respect toward officials, teammates, opponents, coaches and all others associated with the sport or contest. Fighting or unsportsmanlike conduct related to athletic contests may result in probation, suspension or dismissal from participation in the activity and/or school. Such action shall be the decision of the coach/advisor, the athletic director, and the principal.

F. Lettering: The criteria for lettering shall be established at the beginning of each sport/activity season. Students must complete the season in good standing. Students will not letter if a violation occurs in the week previous to the last contest and/or prior to the team/activity banquet.

GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL PROCESS

A student who believes that he/she was unfairly removed from a co-curricular activity covered by this code is entitled to the grievance process.

- A. The coach/advisor is to notify the parents/guardian when the student has been disciplined
- B. Notification shall be by telephone or in person, followed by a letter of explanation.
- C. Students and parents shall be informed that the due process steps, in order, are:
 - a. Resolve the problem with the coach/advisor involved. If unsuccessful:
 - b. Resolve the problem with the athletic director/activities coordinator. If unsuccessful:
 - c. Give the athletic director/activities coordinator a written request asking for a hearing before the Appeals Committee within five (5) days after the student has been disciplined.
- D. The Appeals Committee shall convene within seven (7) days of the day the athletic director receives the request.
- E. The student may not participate in the activity until a decision has been made by the Appeals Committee.
- F. For Athletes the Appeals Committee shall be comprised of three coaches and two non-school members of the community.
- G. The Athletic Director/Principal shall represent the handbook policy. A Colville School District Administrator from another building will be selected to moderate the appeals hearing.
- H. The student may appeal to the superintendent of schools within three (3) school days of the appeals decision. The superintendent of schools, after hearing the case in detail, shall render a decision within ten (10) school days of the hearing.
- I. The student may appeal the superintendent's decision to the board of directors within three (3) school days. The board of directors, after hearing the case in detail, shall render a decision on the case within ten (10) school days of the hearing. This decision shall be final.

ELIGIBILITY

Colville's schools take great pride in expecting students who participate in extra-curricular activities to maintain passing grades and to exhibit satisfactory work attitudes and work habits in all their classes every week of the season. Prior to the first contest, each participant must also meet the WIAA eligibility standard of passing 5 of 6 classes the previous semester.

Each **Monday** teachers will post grades to Eligibility. Teachers are responsible for notifying students and contacting parents. On Monday the A.D will provide a list of flagged/X'd students to coaches and follow up with each flagged/X'd student. Students will be flagged if they are failing a class. The Flag status remains in effect until the next grade check (1 week). If after one week the student is still failing, s/he will be X'd, or declared ineligible for contests. Students who are ineligible are still expected to practice, but are not allowed to participate in games (suit up) or travel with the team. Students will regain eligibility when the weekly grade report reflects passing grades.

Weekly Eligibility Criteria:

1. Receiving passing grades in all classes
2. A student may be automatically X'd due to cheating, poor work habits, truancy or poor attendance.

CONFLICTING EVENTS

CHS will try not to schedule events at conflicting times. However, if a conflict occurs that prevents a student from participating in both events, the Athletic Director will:

1. Discuss the nature of the conflict with the student making it clear that the student has the final decision regarding which school event she/he will participate.
2. Communicate the student's choice to the leader of each conflicting school activity, and ensure the student receives no repercussions from the choice made.

3. Ensure that if the school activity involves a grade, the student is provided a comparable assignment that will take the place of the graded event.

TRAVEL

Transportation to and from extra-curricular activities will be in Colville School District buses or vans.

1. All students must travel to and from contests with the group and in transportation provided for this purpose. (Only upon personal request by parent/ guardian to the Coach/Advisor, with the approval of the Athletic Director, Principal or their designee, prior to the event, will this be waived to allow the student to travel with his/her parents/guardians for special situations).
2. Each student will remain with the group and under the supervision of the coach/advisor when attending away contests.
3. Each student, while traveling to and from contests, will obey all school and bus regulations.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Students must be regularly in attendance to participate in all athletics and activities.

1. Truancy violations may be grounds for extracurricular discipline, suspension or expulsion
2. A student must be in school each period of the day in order to participate in a practice or extracurricular activity that day. Absences pre-approved with the Principal or his/her designee will be allowed for medical, legal appointments, funerals or other educationally appropriate activities.

EQUIPMENT

School equipment checked out by the student athlete is his/her responsibility. He/she is expected to keep it clean and in good condition. Loss of issued equipment or damage to issued equipment will be the student's financial obligation. Grades will be withheld should equipment not be returned or required fees not paid. No athlete will be cleared for subsequent sports until all equipment is returned or paid for from a previous sport.