

SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

The aim of the Southeastern High School Athletic Program is to promote friendly rivalries, new relationships, improved playing skills, better community relations, and good sportsmanship.

For the player, athletic competition offers increased opportunities for improving playing skills, developing physical vigor, promoting real friendships, and learning good sportsmanship. It is fully intended for the athletic competitor to develop an understanding that the rules of the game are similar to the rules of everyday living.

For the student body, the athletic program provides opportunities for developing school-wide morale, for being sportsmanlike hosts to visiting students, and for exercising the qualities of fair play and courtesy. The athletic program is educational in purpose and should be considered a part of the extra-curricular program.

For the community, the inter-school athletic program affords increased opportunities for wholesome school-community relations under constructive conditions. It is the responsibility of the school administration to inform the community regarding the purposes of the athletic program. The community should recognize that an athletic contest is an integral part of the school program because of the educational implications that it carries with it.

When athletics cease possessing educational values, they should cease to be a school function.

DISCIPLINE AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Extra-curricular sports activities at Southeastern Middle/High School are offered and designed to accommodate those students who desire to participate in organized activities beyond the basic academic program. At the present time, these activities consist of football, volleyball, cross-country, golf, basketball, wrestling, baseball, track, softball, soccer, and cheerleading. At least one coach or advisor is assigned to each of the teams and an Athletic Director is placed in charge of the overall program.

Participation in any of the extra-curricular is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, student-athletes are expected to meet certain minimal standards to retain their membership. The rules and code of conduct, which follow, shall be enforceable on the student-athlete from the time he/she begins participation until he/she graduates from Southeastern High School.

When the student chooses to be a member of a team and to perform as a representative of the school, acceptance of a high standard of conduct is implied. Violation of this standard of conduct carries certain penalties and discontinued membership for designated periods of time. Specific rules and regulations will be developed for each team by the individual coaches and advisors copies will be distributed to each student-athlete involved with that particular team. The following general rules and regulations, however, will apply to all the teams and respective student-athletes:

(SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR LIST OF GENERAL RULES)

1. The student –athlete will not violate the Student Behavior Code of the junior high/high school.
2. The coach, or advisor, with consultation and/or approval of the Athletic Director and Building Principal has the authority to dismiss a student-athlete from a team at any time for the violation of any established rules.
3. Serious conduct violation such as, but not limited to: a.) theft or compliance in theft, b.) possession or transporting of alcohol or drugs, c.) rioting, d.) assault, e.) a felony may cause the student-athlete to be dismissed permanently from the athletic program. Each violation will be dealt with by the Athletic Director and Building Principal on an issue by issue basis. When applicable, the Athletic Director and Building Principal will attempt to contact the Head Coach of the violation.
4. Consumption of Alcohol or drugs, at the very least, will prohibit the student-athlete from participation for a minimum of one full athletic season. (Our athletic seasons are divided into Fall, Winter, and Spring sports seasons in accordance with the Ohio High School Athletic Association).
 - A. If the violation occurs before any of the scheduled contests in that particular season are completed, the student athlete will simply not be permitted to participate in any of the contests during that season. The student- athletes suspension may be reduced from 100 percent to 50 percent upon completion in a professional counseling / assessment program with a qualified individual or team. The nature of the counseling / assessment must be approved by the Athletic Director / Principal prior to enrollment.
 - B. If however the violation occurs after one or more of the scheduled contests have been completed, the student – athlete will not be permitted to participate in the remainder of the contests during that particular athletic season plus a proportionate number of contests in the following athletic season in which the student – athlete participates. The student- athletes suspension may be reduced from 100 percent to 50 percent upon enrollment in a professional counseling / assessment program with a qualified individual or team. The nature of the counseling / assessment must be approved by the Athletic Director / Principal. The student-athlete must complete counseling / assessment or he / she will be required to complete the rest of the suspension.

Note: All professional / counseling programs are to be paid for by the parents / guardians of the student.

Note: With Coach and Athletic Director approval, the suspended student-athlete would be expected to continue practicing while under suspension. If a suspended student–athlete wished to participate in contests after the regular season has begun, the student-athlete must have permission to practice and must work equally and comparably as hard as his/her fellow teammates until the suspension is terminated. At that point, the student-athlete would be physically prepared to participate and should be accepted by his peers.

5. A suspension from school will result in a student-athlete's suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the duration of the suspension. The coach/advisor may give additional punishment to those athletes who violate a student handbook rule.
6. Student – athletes who are caught with tobacco products will be disciplined according to the student handbook. In addition to the student handbook discipline, they will be suspended from 20 percent of the regularly scheduled games in that particular season or subsequent season and may be given extra duties determined by the Head Coach. The second time a student-athlete is caught with tobacco products he/she will be dropped from the squad. Multiple suspensions may lead to permanent suspension from Southeastern Athletics.
7. **According to Southeastern Bylaws and Policy #2431: “Students will be further informed that participation in interscholastic sports is a privilege and not a right, and that they may be prohibited from all or part of their participation in such activities by authorized school personnel without further notice, hearing and/or appeal rights.**

Tardiness/Absence

Tardiness / Absence from school the day of a game, practice, or performance **eliminates** the student participation in the activity that day or evening unless the student-athlete is excused by the Athletic Director/Principal.

- A. Tardiness - If a student arrives to school late, he/she must be signed in by 11:30 a.m. in order to participate in the activity that day/evening. If a student signs out of school and does not return he/she must sign out after 11:30 a.m. in order to participate in the activity that day/evening.
- B. The Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and Principal are the only people permitted to approve an excuse in reference to the proceeding paragraph.

GENERAL TRAINING RULES

1. Curfew is up to each coach or advisor.
2. For the following offenses the student–athlete will receive a penalty determined by the head coach or advisor, and if the offense is repeated the athlete may be dropped from the squad for the remainder of that season and consequently will receive no awards in that particular sport.
 - a. Profanity
 - b. Tardiness
 - c. Absence
3. Appropriate conduct by our student-athletes immediately before, during and immediately after an athletic contest and appropriate penalties for violations thereof will be the responsibility of the head coach or advisor.

Examples: Locker room conduct, bench conduct, conduct toward an official on the athletic field or court, conduct going to and from athletic events.

4. Practice rules along with appropriate penalties will be determined by the head coach or advisor of that group.
5. Each head coach or advisor has the right to determine other reasonable training rules he/she deems necessary along with the appropriate penalties. These rules need to be submitted and filed with the Athletic Director prior to their upcoming season.

SCHOLARSHIP- ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

O.H.S.A.A. RULE

7th -12th grade students – must have received passing grades in 5 credits in the previous nine weeks.

SOUTHEASTERN RULE

In order to be eligible, a student in grades 7th -12th must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in the school the immediately preceding grading period (nine weeks) and maintain a G.P.A. of 1.5.

Exception A: A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period (nine weeks) regardless of academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must meet the 1.5 G. P. A. requirement.

The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period at which time the immediately preceding grading period grades become applicable. EXCEPTION: At the start of the fall sports season, the first grading period is considered to have started in so far as this bylaw is concerned.

The eligibility of a transfer student must be established by school records or verification from sending school. The responsibility for establishing eligibility rests with the receiving school.

The OHSAA has ruled that all transfer students are ineligible until they rule that student/athlete eligible based on certain exceptions listed in the OHSAA by-laws.

The Commissioner may waive the requirement of preceding grading period enrollment if a student has been withdrawn or removed from school because of circumstances due to personal accident, illness, or family hardship. The administrative head of the school shall appeal in writing to the Commissioner. The appeal shall contain documentation with school and medical supporting evidence. The decision of the Commissioner may be appealed to the Board of Control.

DOCTORS, MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND PHYSICALS

The individual coach or advisor assumes responsibility for filing athletic physical record cards in the Athletic Director's office prior to any practice sessions or games. The coach or advisor is responsible to see that each boy/girl is covered by the school's accident insurance. It is imperative that each coach or advisor check these requirements very carefully and make sure they are on file. Under no conditions is the athlete to participate in any type of athletic activity if the two requirements have not been signed and filed. Any coach or advisor who permits an athlete to participate without following the aforementioned procedures assumes personal liability for any physical injuries that may occur.

The Advisor, Coach, and Athletic Director are responsible for arranging the proper medical attention at all athletic events. The coach or advisor is responsible for arranging the necessary procedures during practice sessions and to see that all injured athletes are under the supervision of a school official at all times.

If an athlete is under the care of a physician for illness or injury, he/she must bring to the coach a "written release" from the physician before he/she can continue with practice or athletic contests.

Equipment

1. All school athletic equipment is loaned to the athlete and they are under obligation to return it in as good a condition as possible.
2. No issued athletic equipment should be worn on the street or in any public places anytime.
3. Any and all equipment issued to an athlete that is collected at the completion of the sports season is a combined responsibility between the coach and the athlete. The athlete will be responsible for the cost of replacing any lost, stolen, or non-returned issued equipment. Also, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in a subsequent sports season until all obligations are taken care of.

INSURANCE POLICY

Student athletes must sign a proof of insurance form stating that he/she has personal insurance coverage. Southeastern Middle/High School is not responsible for the cost of any injury incurred by students during participation in our athletic program.

PLAYER CHANGING SPORTS

A player changing sports may do this with the approval of the head coach of that particular sport. A student may participate in two interscholastic sports in any given season with approval by both head coaches. A player quitting a sport before that season has ended, may not participate in another sport, until the sport he/she quit has ended. This policy also applies if a player quits one of two played sports in a given season.

1. If the player quits the team at least 10 calendar days before the 1st contest of the season, he/she may participate in another sport without any punishment with both coaches' permission.

STUDENT ACTIVITY CONFLICT PROCEDURE

Prudent scheduling of events can insure in many cases that students who choose to participate in more than one school activity (i.e. band and sports) may do so without conflicts. Occasionally, however participants in more than one school activity may be scheduled at different sites because the events are scheduled on a local level.

In the event of such a conflict in scheduling, the following procedure should be implemented:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the student-athlete to make the coaches, advisors, directors, or teachers aware that the conflict exists.
2. The adult supervisors of the activities should examine the situation together to determine which activity most requires the participation of the student.
3. If for some reason the adult supervisors are unable to arrive at an acceptable decision as to where the student will participate, the matter should be brought to the High School Principal who will determine the activity in which the student will participate.

The adult supervisors and Principal will weigh such things as the preference of the student and the importance of the event in making their decisions.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

All students (athletes, cheerleaders, managers, statisticians, ect.) involved with an athletic activity are to ride to and from all away games (meets, events, ect.) on the bus. Parents who wish to drive their son /daughter to a contest must receive prior written approval from the Athletic Director and/or Principal. It is the Head Coach's discretion to allow the student-athlete to be signed out after an event to ride home with a parent/guardian.

TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices are established by the Executive Committee of the Scioto Valley Conference.

Varsity Contests:

General Admission (Adults/Students)	\$ 5.00 per ticket
Senior Citizens	\$ 3.00 per ticket

All Other Contests:

General admission: (Adults/Students)	\$ 3.00 per ticket
(Senior Citizens)	\$ 1.00 per ticket

Season Tickets:

Basketball Reserved Seat Season Ticket: \$ 55.00 or (Price of pass + \$10.00) Flat Fee

Athletic Department Passes:

(These passes are for 1 admission to all athletic contests)

Employee passes:	\$ 30.00 for one pass \$ 25.00/each for two
Adult passes (Panther Club):	\$ 75.00
Student passes:	\$ 30.00/one \$50/two
Senior Citizens pass:	Pass is free to anyone over 55.

(Must be picked up in Athletic Director's office before attending first contest)

HAZING

The Southeastern Athletic Department recognizes that hazing, harassment, and bullying of students and staff is abusive and illegal behavior. Hazing harms victims and negatively impacts the school culture by creating an environment of fear, distrust, intimidation and intolerance. Southeastern Local Schools will work hard to ensure a healthy nondiscriminatory environment in which student-athletes and employees can learn and work productively.

CHEERLEADING

The purpose of cheerleading squads will be:

- a. To promote and uphold school spirit
- b. To dedicate themselves to being good leaders, and to being examples of good conduct, character, and citizenship.
- c. To exemplify good sportsmanship towards opposing teams, cheerleading squads, game officials and all spectators.

Cheerleading is considered to be an essential part of the athletic program. Therefore, cheerleaders may participate on an athletic team during the same athletic season in which they are cheering when applicable.

CHEERLEADER SELECTION

1. To try out a candidate must have signed a parental permission form.
2. The candidate trying out must be enrolled at Southeastern.
3. A cheerleader must meet the same requirements as athletes for eligibility, school attendance and physical examination.
4. Athletes wanting to participate in cheerleading while participating in another sport must fill out a 2-sport participation agreement, found in the back of the athletic handbook.
5. The uniform is to be purchased by the individual cheerleader. Payment in full must be made before uniforms will be ordered.

Middle School:

The seventh and eighth grade cheerleaders are selected by the advisors. Because of conflict with Jr. High basketball games (girls and boys playing on the same night), a cheerleader who intends to play on the girl's basketball team may be unable to cheer for the boy's team. A cheerleader must declare before tryouts, whether or not she will be participating on the girl's basketball team.

The maximum number of the cheerleaders to be selected is 8 eighth grade and 8 seventh grade.

High School:

Varsity and Freshmen/J.V. cheerleaders will be chosen by the advisors. The names of those chosen will be posted by the advisor after the evaluation process.

The maximum number of the cheerleaders to be selected is 16 for varsity football, 8 for JV football, 8 for varsity basketball, 8 for JV basketball, and 8 for freshman basketball.

Alternate cheerleaders will be decided by the advisor at the tryout. The advisor will decide when alternates are needed.

Each advisor will have her own team rules and disciplinary actions approved by the Athletic Director.

Cheerleading will continue to lead the crowds in chants, help build fan enthusiasm, encourage crowd noise and create a fun, exciting environment at Southeastern athletic events. However, a growing number of high schools do not permit stunting for safety reasons. The OHSAA prohibits mounting, pyramids and many other partner stunts. They recommend that schools adopt the same regulations for cheerleading activities at regular season contests. The Southeastern Board of Education has adopted policies for cheerleading, which will be implemented by the advisors.

SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS

The coach or advisor is the individual who is the most influential in determining the conduct of our students in the athletic program. The responsibility of the coach/advisor should:

1. Make his/her work an integral part of the school system.
2. Be a teacher and attempt to master the highest principles of teaching and coaching.
3. Be loyal to his/her associates at all times.
4. Insist on a high standard of scholarship and strictly enforce all rules of eligibility.
5. Teach our student-athletes to play by the use of fair and legitimate means only.
6. Counteract rumors of questionable practices, which are unfounded.
7. Exemplify the person that he/she would want the student-athletes under his/her tutelage to become.

ATHLETIC AWARDS POLICY

Philosophy:

An athletic award acknowledges achievement in a special area of athletic endeavor. It represents participation in an organized program of achievement which has been accomplished through effort and sacrifice. One who receives an award is being recognized as superior in some area of athletic competition. The award gives the athlete certain recognition in the community which, in retrospect, has many desirable attributes. The idea of the award is to praise them, not for their success, but for their dedication to the program of athletics, and for their loyalty and devotion to the school. It must be recognized that no constructive educational purpose is realized if the participation is based upon the desire to win a valuable award.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL ATHLETE AWARDS

1. Participants must be on the squad for the entire season.
2. Athletes must have participated in 50 percent of all quarters in Football and Basketball, 50 percent of all matches in Volleyball and Golf, 80 percent of Cross Country and Wrestling meets and 50 percent of all games in Baseball, Softball, and Soccer. At the Head Coach's discretion an exception may be made to this rule.
3. Athletes must be judged by the coach to have displayed total commitment to the team in both physical effort and mental attitude.
4. Athletes must have attended all scheduled contests and practices unless properly excused or have handled conflicts in accordance with the Student Activity Conflict Procedure.
5. Athletes must have returned all school owned equipment by the times designated by the coach.
6. If a player has been a member of a varsity team during his/her junior and senior years and has not earned a varsity letter, a service letter will be awarded by the coach upon recommendation of the Athletic Director.
7. Other special cases may be recommended by the coach to the Athletic Director.
8. In both boys' and girls' track, awards are based on a points system. Participants are issued points by the coach for practices, meets, and various drills, Athletes must earn an average of ten points per number of meets and practice during the season in order to qualify for the school award. Details concerning the points system are issued to participants by the coach.
9. Varsity Teams- a. First year awards -blue 6" block "s" with metal insert. If a boy/girl earns a letter in more than one sport he/she shall receive a metal insert for each sport. He/She shall receive only one 6" block "s" in high school. b. Second year award -medal c. Third year award -5" x 7" plaque d. Fourth year award -plaque e. Senior award -plaque
10. Jr. High Teams- Each player receives a certificate according to his/her year of participation.
Certificate of Participation- first year
Certificate of Achievement- second year
11. Freshman Team- Certificate of Participation
12. Reserve Team- Certificate of Participation
13. Individual Awards -Trophies will be awarded to athletes in sports categories based on statistical performances, recommended by the athlete's coach.

ATHLETIC TROPHIES-maximum number of trophies per team

- a. varsity level -four trophies.
- b. reserve level -three trophies.
- c. freshman level- two trophies.
- d. 8th grade -two trophies.
- e. 7th grade -one trophy.

ATHLETIC INVENTORY

Each head coach is responsible for making an inventory of equipment at the end of his/her particular season. The inventory is to be given to the athletic director no later than two weeks after the end of the season.

ATHLETIC TELEPHONE

Phones are located in coaches' offices and the Athletic Director's office. Permission is required before usage.

COACH'S ILLNESS

The individual coach or advisor is responsible for informing the Principal and Athletic Director in the event he/she is ill. The coach or advisor is to arrange for a replacement in this situation subject to approval of the Athletic Director and Principal.

CONCESSIONS

The Boosters Club will be in charge of concessions. Parents will be periodically asked to work in the concession stand for their child's team.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND PROCEDURES

1. All athletic equipment salespersons are to report to the Principal or Athletic Director's office for approval for any business during school with any athletic personnel.
2. The Athletic Director is responsible for purchasing all the athletic equipment in all sports.
3. Coaches are to submit needs to the Athletic Director. This includes all purchases through Booster Club accounts.
4. All equipment purchased must be within the budget.

FINANCIAL RECORDS AND PROCEDURES

The financial records and accounting for athletic funds is the responsibility of the school treasurer. All requests for payments of bills are to be initiated by the Athletic Director with the approval of the high school principal.

Cheerleading advisors are to collect money for cheerleading uniforms; uniforms must be paid for at time of ordering.

At the end of the school year, each Head Coach must meet with the Athletic Director before the signing out procedure can be completed.

GYMNASIUM PROCEDURE

1. The coach is responsible for the conduct of the players during practice. 2. The coach must be present at all practices -first to arrive and last to leave. 3. No graduated student, ex-athlete, or unauthorized persons are to be permitted in the gym, locker room, use the weight machine or work out with any athletic team unless previously approved by the Athletic Director or Principal.

KEY REGULATIONS

Under no circumstances are students, managers, or others to have access to the combination of locks or access to a key for locks. Keys will be distributed at the beginning of the season and must be turned back in following that particular season.

PASSES FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

The Scioto Valley Conference provides 25 season passes for each league school. Press box and newspaper passes will be honored. Football and basketball scouting passes will also be honored.

POLICE PROTECTION

The Athletic Director is responsible for arranging necessary police protection for athletic events.

POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

The Principal and Athletic Director are responsible for postponing and rescheduling all athletic contests. The local radio station will be informed of all cancellations as soon as possible.

PRESS BOX PERSONNEL

The Athletic Director is responsible for securing and arranging all press box personnel. Passes will be provided for these individuals for all home games. Arrangements will be made for home and visiting schools in the press box area only.

PROGRAMS

The Southeastern Athletic Department is responsible for the publication and distribution of football and basketball programs.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

All fundraisers by coaches and teams must be approved by the athletic director, principal, and/or board of education. There is a form that must be filled out by the coach/advisor prior to the date of the fundraiser.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CIVIC GROUPS AND BOOSTER CLUB

The Athletic Director is the representative of the high school in the field of Athletics. It is his responsibility to maintain the lines of communication between the school and the various civic groups. He shall attend all meeting of the Booster Club or delegate other representatives.

RESERVING OF BUSES

The Athletic Director is responsible for arranging the traveling accommodations for all athletic contests.

TICKET TAKERS, GATE WATCHER'S AND TICKET SELLERS

The Athletic Director will be responsible for contracting and compensating these workers.

SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

League scheduling is made by the SVC Secretary. All non-league contests should be scheduled by the Athletic Director, unless other alternatives have been approved by the Athletic Director/Principal

SCOUTING

The head coach in each sport is responsible for submitting mileage forms for scouting to the Athletic Director. All scouting expenses are subject to the Athletic Director's approval.

SCRIMMAGE GAMES

The head coach and Athletic Director are responsible for arranging scrimmage games. The number and date of the scrimmage games must comply with O.H.S.A.A. rules.

SUNDAY PRACTICES

As a general rule, there are to be no practice sessions of any kind held on Sundays. Exceptions can be made under dire circumstances by the expressed consent of the local Superintendent.

Southeastern High School
Two Sport Participation Agreement

This form outlines the guidelines that are agreed to be followed for a Southeastern High school student – athlete who wishes to double participate in sports during a sports season. The student – athlete must first receive permission from both coaches, as mutually agreed upon, before being permitted to participate in two sports in one season. By signing this form, the student - athlete acknowledges to understand the guidelines set forth in this agreement and affirms his or her commitment to fulfill the listed responsibilities.

Student – Athlete’s Name: _____ Grade: _____

Primary Sport: _____ Secondary Sport: _____

Primary Coach: _____ Secondary Coach: _____

A student may be permitted to participate in two sports during one season provided that:

1. The participant must declare to the coaches of the involved sports and the Athletic department his/her intention to participate in two sports and must declare which sport is the primary sport and which sport is the secondary sport.
2. The participant must attend practices in both sports. Arrangements, based on mutual agreement between the two coaches, can be made to determine the practice dates and times.
3. Both coaches must sign the two-sport agreement

In case of schedule conflicts, priorities will be observed as ranked:

1. Contest/scrimmage in primary sport
2. Contest/scrimmage in secondary sport
3. Practice in primary sport
4. Practice in secondary sport

Exceptions to the priority rankings:

A secondary sport’s league contest, O.H.S.A.A. contest, or tournament/invitational Contest would receive priority over a primary sport’s non-league contest.

Student- Athlete’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Primary Coach’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Secondary Coach’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athletic Director’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

We _____ and _____
Parent/guardian Name Student Name

have received and read the ***ATHLETIC HANDBOOK***. We understand the rights and responsibilities pertaining to students and agree to support and abide by the rules, guidelines, procedures, and policies of the Southeastern Local School District and the Southeastern High School Athletic Department. We also understand that this handbook supersedes all prior handbooks and other written material on the same subjects.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

This form must be signed and returned to the Athletic director immediately.