

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

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."

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 once 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, will be applied 24 hours a day and 7 days a week and 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 will apply to all the teams and respective student-athletes:

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.) consumption, possession or transporting of alcohol or drugs
 - c.) rioting
 - d.) assault
 - e.) a felony

will cause a student-athlete to receive a minimum of one year suspension and the student-athlete may 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.

4. A suspension from school will result in a student-athlete's suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the duration of the school suspension. The coach/advisor may give additional punishment to those athletes who violate a student handbook rule.
5. Student-athletes who are caught with tobacco and/or vaping 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 and/or vaping products, he/she will be dropped from the squad. Multiple suspensions may lead to permanent suspension from Southeastern Athletics.

Tardiness/Absence

- 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.
- B. Absence- If a student is absent from school all day or in the afternoon it must be a preapproved excused absence in order to participate in any after school activity. The Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and Principal are the only people permitted to approve an excuse in reference to an absence.

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 any 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

In order to be eligible, a student in grades 7-12 must be currently enrolled, maintain a G.P.A. of 1.5 and students must have received passing grades in 5 credits in the previous nine weeks. **All students enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period (nine weeks) regardless of academic achievement.**

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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 immediate 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 Southeastern.

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 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 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.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

A student may participate in two interscholastic sports in any given season with approval from both head coaches and the Athletic Director. If a player does not want to continue to participate in both sports after the season has begun, he/she must have approval from both head coaches and the Athletic Director.

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

If a player quits a sport after 10 calendar days prior to the 1st contest of the season he/she may not participate in another sport until the sport he/she quit has ended.

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 weight 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, etc.) involved with an athletic activity are to ride to and from all away games (meets, events, etc.) 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 Citizen)	\$3.00 per ticket

All Other Contests:

General Admission (Adults/Students)	\$3.00 per ticket
(Senior Citizen)	\$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 one admission to all athletic contests)

Employee Passes:	\$30.00 for single pass
	\$25.00 each for two or more passes
Adult Passes (Panther Club):	\$75.00
Student Passes:	\$30.00 for single pass or \$50 for two
Senior Citizen Pass:	Pass is free for anyone over the age of 55

(MUST BE PICKED UP IN THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S OFFICE BEFORE ATTENDING THE 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 a signed 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 are 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 the same night), a cheerleader who intends to play on the girls basketball team may be unable to cheer for the boys team. A cheerleader must declare before tryouts, whether or not she will be participating on the girls basketball team.

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

High School

Varsity and Freshman / 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 was been accomplished through effort and sacrifice. One who receives an award is being recognized as superior in some area of the 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 fifty percent of all quarters in Football and Basketball, fifty percent of all matches in Volleyball and Golf, eighty percent of Cross Country and Wrestling meets and fifty 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 practices 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"x7" 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.
11. Freshman Team – Certificate of Participation
12. Reserve Team – Certificate of Participation

13. Individual Awards – Trophies will be awarded to athletes in sports categories base on individual statistical performances, recommended by the athlete’s coach.

ATHLETIC TROPHIES

- a. Varsity level – four trophies
- b. Reserve level – three trophies
- c. Freshman level – two trophies
- d. Eighth grade level – two trophies
- e. Seventh grade level – 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 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 the time of ordering.

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

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 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 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 CLUBS

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/She 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 WATCHERS 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.