

# **PASCO HIGH SCHOOL**

## **ATHLETIC POLICIES HANDBOOK**

### **2012 - 2013**

#### **Dear Student-Athletes:**

It is an honor and a privilege to represent yourself, your family, and Pasco High School through participation in athletics. We believe our student-athletes should exemplify and maintain unconditional sportsmanship both on and off the field, serving as an example for others.

#### **Participation Fees**

The fee structure for the 2012--2013 school year are as follows: \$60.00 1st sport & \$40.00 for the 2nd sport. There will be a \$100.00 individual cap & a \$160.00 family cap (same school). No one will participate in competitions until the athletic fees are paid. **Please be aware that the participation fee does not guarantee playing time, only the opportunity to be on the team if selected.**

#### **Pasco High School student-athletes must abide by the following rules and regulations:**

1. Abide by all rules and regulations listed in the Pasco County Student Code of Conduct.
2. If a student-athlete has 6 unexcused absences in a class including homeroom within a calendar month or if he/she has 10 unexcused absences in a class within a 90 day calendar period, the student-athlete will lose the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities until the end of the following grading period/quarter. If this occurs during the fourth quarter of the school year, the privileges would be lost for the first quarter of the following year.
3. Two unexcused absences from practice will result in a one game suspension. Three unexcused absences from practice will result in a two game suspension. More than three unexcused absences from practice will result in dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.
4. If a student-athlete quits or is removed from a team, except for reasons stated in number two (2) above, the student-athlete may not participate in any other sport until that sport is finished.
5. Classroom disruptions and disturbances as reported by any of the student-athlete's teachers will result in the coach's choice of disciplinary interventions and may result in dismissal from the team.

6. A student-athlete who is assigned In-School Suspension (ISS) will be denied participation in their team's next athletic contest (game, match, meet, etc.). The second time the athlete is assigned ISS during the same sport/season the student-athlete will serve a two contest suspension. If a student-athlete is assigned ISS a third time during the same sport/season he/she may be dismissed from the team. While serving ISS the student-athlete is not allowed to travel to or participate in any contests that occur or be on the sideline/bench. Thus the student-athlete may miss more than the number of contests listed above.
7. Student-athletes assigned Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) for Level III violations of the Student Code of Conduct will be dismissed from the team. Student-athletes assigned OSS for a Level I or II violations of the Student Code of Conduct may be dismissed from the team. Student-athletes assigned OSS for a level I or II violations will be denied participation in the next two contests. While serving OSS the student-athlete is not allowed to travel to or participate in any practices and/or contests that occur or be on the sideline/bench. Thus, the student-athlete may miss more than the number of games listed above.
8. On game days, student-athletes must be in attendance in all classes for the entire day in order to participate in that day's or evening's game. Note: The principal, or his designee, may make an exception to this rule. The key is notifying the principal, or his designee, in advance of the extenuating circumstances.
9. Student-athletes are expected to secure transportation home after practices and athletic contests in a timely manner. Failure to abide by this regulation will result in the coach's choice of disciplinary interventions and habitual failure to secure transportation in a timely manner may result in dismissal from the team.
10. A student-athlete who is charged with unsportsmanlike conduct by an official, referee, umpire, judge, etc. during an athletic contest will receive a minimum suspension of the team's next scheduled contest (one contest suspension). However, the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) has very specific and stringent rules regarding unsportsmanlike acts that may result in the student-athlete being suspended for a longer period of time and/or removed from the team.

Sections 11 & 12 below are per the District Student Code of Conduct.

#### **11. STUDENT-ATHLETE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH A FELONY**

The PHS Athletic Department policy regarding a student-athlete charged with a felony: Student-athlete eligibility will be suspended pending adjudication. **If the student is found guilty of charges: Student-athlete will be ineligible for a period of eighteen (18) weeks from the date of conviction. \*The 18 weeks must be part of the regular school year. Summer school is not counted within the 18 weeks. If the student-athlete enters a plea of no-contest to a felony charge: Student-athlete will be ineligible for a period of nine (9) weeks from the date the plea is entered into court record. If the student-athlete is not found guilty to a felony charge: Student-athlete may resume eligibility from the date charges are dropped or that not guilty is entered into court records.** \*Reference to Student Code of Conduct and Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) Handbook.

**12. STUDENT ATHLETE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR**

Student-athlete eligibility will be suspended pending adjudication. Student-athlete is found guilty of a misdemeanor: Student-athlete will be ineligible for a period of six (6) weeks from the date of conviction. Student-athlete enters a plea no-contest: Student-athlete will be ineligible for a period of four (4) weeks from the date the plea is entered into the court records. Student-athlete found not guilty: Student-athlete may resume eligibility from the date the charges are dropped or that a not guilty is entered into court records.

13. The Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) has very specific and stringent rules regarding athletic participation and conduct of athletes. All rules of the FHSAA supersede any regulations outlined by the school.

14. The principal, assistant principal over athletics, athletic director and coach will address situations that may arise which are not directly addressed in these rules and regulations and determine the type of discipline to be administered which may include dismissal from the team.

15. Student supervision is only provided 30 minutes prior the established time of any school event, such as the regular school day, dances, practices, meetings, events, etc., and 30 minutes after the conclude.

**Participation in competitive athletics may result in severe injury, including paralysis, or death. Improvements in equipment, medical treatment and physical conditioning, as well as rule changes, have reduced these risks, but it is impossible to totally eliminate such occurrences from athletics.** Our signature below indicates that we have read and understand that student-athletes must abide by the rules and regulations stated herein.

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Student Athlete Name (Printed)

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Parent or Legal Guardian Name (Printed)

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Student Athlete Signature

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Date

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