



Schalmont Athletic Code of Conduct

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

The following rules and requirements for eligibility shall govern participants in Section 2 and Schalmont CSD sports programs:

1. Each coach shall ascertain that each player meets eligibility rules and requirements as adopted by Section 2 and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA).
2. Each coach shall follow procedures and protocols that their team meets the eligibility requirements and game standards as enumerated by Section 2 and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA).

TOBACCO, VAPING, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

PHILOSOPHY

It is known that certain substances (tobacco, vaping, alcohol, drugs, ie., including performance enhancing drugs) have a significant impact on many aspects of one's health, and subsequently, on one's athletic abilities. Therefore, it is the philosophy of the Schalmont Central School District to absolutely forbid the use or possession of these substances by athletic program participants.

RULES

A student shall not: (1) use a beverage containing alcohol; (2) use tobacco and/or tobacco substitutes; (3) use a vape pen, juul or any type or vape products; (4) use steroids; (5) use a controlled substance (as defined by law and/or in the student handbook); (6) be in a setting where any of the above listed items are being used or distributed for use.

PENALTIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**All penalties will be served immediately upon the discovery of a violation. Should the violation occur at the end of a season, the penalty will be enacted at the start of the next extra-curricular activity in which the student is involved.

FIRST VIOLATION (Unconfirmed Use)

If an individual was reported to be in a setting where tobacco, vaping, alcohol, or drugs were available and being used by others, but it cannot be determined if that individual was using any of the aforementioned substances, that individual will be required to attend one session of after school drug and alcohol counseling, to be conducted by school approved personnel. Additional violations of this type by an athlete will follow the same penalties that are enforced for the **use** of tobacco, vaping, alcohol and drugs.

FIRST VIOLATION (Confirmed use)

- The athlete will be suspended from participating in all athletic contests for two (2) weeks (14 days).
- The athlete must practice with the team during their loss of eligibility.
- The student will be suspended from participation in co-curricular activities for two (2) weeks (14 days).
- If a violation occurs on or off school grounds and the student is suspended from school, team suspension (14 days) will not start until the athlete officially returns to school.
- If a violation occurs during a holiday period or non-school day, the team suspension will go into effect immediately.
- The student, of their own volition, becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program, treatment program, and/or an education instruction program, whichever is deemed necessary. This will be at his/her own expense.

SECOND VIOLATION

- The athlete will be suspended from participating in all athletics for the remainder of the season or four (4) weeks (28 Days) whichever is longer.
- The student will be suspended from participation in co-curricular activities for four (4) weeks.

THIRD VIOLATION

- The athlete will be suspended from participation in all athletics for the remainder of the school year.

REPORTING VIOLATIONS

Violations of the Schalmont Athletic Code of Conduct may be reported to the High School Principal, Assistant Principal or Director of PE, Health and Athletics. Reporting of such violations will be deemed to be authentic when reported by the following:

1. Any Schalmont District employee (ie., school administrators, teachers, coaches, custodial staff, school bus drivers)
2. Local or State Police
3. A student's own parent
4. Reports by other parents will be investigated, but will not be considered to be authentic unless confirmed by at least one source listed.

HAZING

The Schalmont Central School District interprets hazing as any act whether physical, mental, emotional, or psychological, which subjects another person, voluntarily or involuntarily, to anything that may abuse, mistreat, degrade, humiliate, harass or intimidate the person, or which may in any fashion compromise the inherent dignity of the person. In addition, any requirements by a member which compels another member to participate in any activity which is against school policy or state/federal law will be defined as hazing.

All reports of hazing will be thoroughly investigated. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken on a case-by-case basis.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. All students involved in interscholastic and co-curricular activities are expected to be doing satisfactory work in all subjects. Course grades will be reviewed every five (5) weeks.
2. If a student is failing two (2) or more subjects for the year, they may be deemed ineligible to participate in or try out for any Schalmont athletic team.
3. If a student is failing two (2) subjects in any five (5) week marking period, he/she has two (2) weeks (14 days) to bring at least one of the grades up to passing. If this does not occur, the student athlete will be ineligible from participation in athletic contests until the required improvement is made. The student athlete must practice with the team during their loss of eligibility.
4. If a student is failing more than two (2) subjects, he/she may be declared ineligible to participate in practices and athletic contests until the excess failing grades are brought up to only two (2) failures. Then we will follow #2 procedures listed above.

CITIZENSHIP

- Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate appropriate citizenship and conduct at all times within the school and community. Any student-athlete who violates the Schalmont Code of Conduct or any applicable civil and/or criminal law, and who receives an in-school or out-of-school suspension, shall be ineligible to participate in or attend any athletic practice, contest, or school-sponsored athletic activity for the duration of the suspension.

- A student-athlete who has received 5 referrals or more and 3 suspensions (ISS or OSS) during the school year will be deemed ineligible to participate in or try out for any Schalmont athletic team.
- A student-athlete who is absent from school, whether the absence is legal (e.g., illness) or illegal (e.g., truancy), shall be ineligible to participate in or attend any athletic practice, contest, or school-sponsored athletic activity on that day.
- A student athlete illegally absent (truant) Friday may not participate in any weekend activity or be a spectator. A student legally absent on a Friday may participate in the weekend activity with a signed note from parents.
- A student athlete who receives in-school suspension will be ineligible for participation in practice or games based on the number of days suspended. If a student receives multiple suspensions, they will be suspended from participation and game play for one week (7 days).
- A student athlete who receives an out of school suspension will be ineligible for participation in practice or games based on the number of days suspended. If a student receives multiple suspensions, they will be suspended from participation and game play for two weeks (14 days).
- The student athlete **must** be in school by 10:45 AM or be dismissed by 10:45 AM on the day of a practice or contest. If a student does not adhere to this policy, they will be considered ineligible to participate or be a spectator in any athletic event on that day, unless excused by school personnel.
- Any student athlete who does not follow the Schalmont Athletic Code of Conduct on district provided buses who are transporting teams, and/or violates rules of good conduct at the host school will lose eligibility for the remainder of the sport season.
- All student athletes **must** ride to and from the game with the team. Only in certain circumstances will this procedure be altered. This should be done with a written note or email from the parents to the coach and/or the Director of PE, Health & Athletics.
- Once a coach announces the final cut has been made, the student athlete will be expected to continue on the team for the rest of the season. If a student athlete “quits” the team **without** permission from the coach, the student athlete loses eligibility for the remainder of the season.
- An athlete can withdraw and change sports in a season following proper withdrawal procedures. This decision will be made by the coaches involved and the Director of PE, Health & Athletics.
- Students will receive a copy of the Schalmont Athletics Code of Conduct from their coach.

I have read and discussed the Schalmont Athletic Code of Conduct with my parents/guardian and agree to abide by these rules and guidelines.

DATE

STUDENT SIGNATURE

I have read and discussed the Schalmont Athletic Code of Conduct and agree that my child will abide by these rules and guidelines.

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE