

## Celina City Schools Athletic Department MS Athletic Information Bulletin

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#### Part I. Rights and Responsibilities

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Rule 10 - School Attendance: A student must attend at least one-half of a school day to be eligible unless he/she is excused by the principal. Prior administrative approval must be received to arrive late the day following any extracurricular activity.

All head coaches have the right to make rules and regulations beyond these stated rules with the exception of Rule 3. Infractions of this rule are specified in Part IV of the Student Athletic Conduct Code. Student athletes who violate the Athletic Conduct Code or the rules and regulations established by the coach will be denied the privilege of participation. By signing this bulletin, all participants and their parents are aware of the rules/regulations and consequences of any infractions of these rules and regulations prior to participation.

Any student may be suspended from an athletic team practice and competition for a period of time, designated by the principal, for infraction of school rules and regulations or for any other unacceptable conduct in or out of school.

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Once a student has been a member of or tried out for an athletic team at Celina City Schools (7-12) he/she will be considered an athlete and must abide by all rules and regulations. These rules are minimums for participation in athletics at Celina City Schools. Individual coaches, the Celina Athletic Department, or the Celina City Schools have the right to institute additional requirements/guidelines/rules/or penalties for athletic participants at their discretion. Violations in the second half of a season are to be served in the next season of participation. Penalties prescribed as a percentage of the season will be based on the total number of contests for a typical regular season.

A violation of federal, state or local law/ordinance, including felony or misdemeanor acts other than minor traffic offenses may result in a penalty as provided in the penalties section. Conviction of said act is not necessary to establish a violation of the Athletic Training Rule Policy but will be determined through an independent school investigation.

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The program is in effect for grades 7-12 and all violations will be held cumulatively through graduation or upon departure from Celina City Schools.

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##### First Offense

A student athlete found to be in violation of Rule 3, will result in denial of participation for no less than 20% of the scheduled contests and the student-athlete must complete the season. Also, he/she will be required to complete a period of not less than four (4) hours of substance abuse programming from Restoration or similar agency for evaluation and counseling. Parental attendance will be required as per the request of Restoration personnel. Any fees assessed by the agency for this service will be the responsibility of the athlete.

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Do not change your course schedule or drop a course without first consulting your school principal or athletic administrator to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

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Many students have multiple talents and interests they wish to develop or pursue through participation in District-sponsored activities and groups. Since the District's policy is to encourage such participation, the following guidelines have been established for dealing with potential schedule conflicts a student could experience when participating in more than one (1) activity.

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If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, you should:

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- 3) If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director at ext. 1504. He will set up the meeting for you.
- 4) Please DO NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

The Next Step

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

- 1) Call and make an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
- 2) At this meeting the appropriate next step, if there is one, can be determined.

Since research indicates that a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success in life, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this bulletin makes both your child's and your experience with the Celina Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

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- 8) Individual student-athlete grades will be monitored/checked twice per month (on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>). Any student-athlete that is below a 2.00 grade point average for that grading period will be required to attend academic study tables.
- 9) Both head coach and student athletes will be notified by the Athletic Office, in a timely manner, of the dates and times that the athlete is required to attend study tables along with any consequences from failure to attend.
- 10) The following consequences will be cumulative per season and apply from failure to attend study tables:
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- 1) Call to set up an appointment.
- 2) The Celina High School telephone number is 419-586-8300.
- 3) If the coach cannot be reached, call the Athletic Director at ext. 1504. He will set up the meeting for you.
- 4) Please DO NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

### The Next Step

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

- 1) Call and make an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
- 2) At this meeting the appropriate next step, if there is one, can be determined.

Since research indicates that a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success in life, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this bulletin makes both your child's and your experience with the Celina Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.