



# Bishop Chatard Athletic Code of Conduct

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Participation in athletics at Bishop Chatard is not a right but a privilege. Student-athletes make a commitment to their teammates and coaches to pursue academic achievement and to follow training rules in order to be able to perform at their best at all times. In addition, they have a responsibility to serve as role models for other students in the school, as well as for grade school children in the community. Student-athletes, whether in or out of uniform, carry with them not only their own reputations, but that of their families, their teams and their school.

We are first and foremost an academic institution. Students are expected to strive for excellence in their studies. Severe underachievement (as defined below) could result in athletic ineligibility.

The use of alcohol and tobacco products can harm a student-athlete's physical and mental health, athletic and academic performance, and personal reputation. Use of these items is both illegal and dangerous. The safety, health and well being of a student-athlete is the top priority of the athletic department and its programs.

Discovery of illicit drug usage by our student-athletes is governed under the Bishop Chatard Drug Policy which all students must adhere to and accept.

The conduct of a Bishop Chatard student-athlete should be consistent with the mission of the school, and the behavioral policies of the athletic department shall reflect appropriate values and attitudes.

With these things in mind, there are certain types of conduct that will not be tolerated from a Bishop Chatard student-athlete. **The following rules are in effect year-round, whether on or off school grounds. The consequences are cumulative.**

**Important:** Bishop Chatard is not asking student-athletes to make sacrifices. Sacrifice implies giving up good things. We are asking our student-athletes to do the opposite: live clean, think clean and do things that will make them better people.

**Rule #1: Academic Eligibility Standard** -- To be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, a student must maintain a quarterly grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.0. For the purpose of this standard, the GPA will not be rounded. Eligibility is based on quarter grades and determined based only on courses offered through Bishop Chatard High School during the regular school year. There will be no eligibility exceptions for any student with a quarterly GPA below a 2.0.

Any student who fails to meet this Academic Eligibility Standard will not be allowed to participate in athletic contests or club sponsored events during the next grading period. During this time, participation in practices, tryouts or meetings is at the discretion of the administration and outlined in the Academic Plan. Eligibility begins and/or ends one week from the end of the grading period. Underclassmen who fail to meet the Academic Eligibility Standard in the last grading period of a school year will be ineligible for the first grading period of the next school year. Coursework completed over the summer does not change a student's eligibility for the first grading period of a school year.

Each student who fails to meet the Academic Eligibility Standard in a grading period will be required to meet with the principal and/or his designee to discuss his/her eligibility status. The student's parents will be informed of his/her eligibility status via written communication.

All ineligible/probation students will be required to meet with their counselors to develop an Academic Plan in collaboration with the students' teachers and the administration. An Academic Plan will be based on the individual needs of each student and will outline a course of action and expectations for each student. The student, a parent, and the principal or his designee must agree to and sign the Academic Plan.

**Rule #2:** A Bishop Chatard student-athlete shall not use, consume, possess, buy or sell alcohol, tobacco products or illicit drugs.

### **Consequences:**

A. First offense: (1) The student-athlete must attend a 1-2 hour class aimed at educating the violator as to the dangers and long-term health concerns resulting from the use of tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs. (2) The student-athlete must complete 12 hours of pre-approved community service. The hours must be completed within a 30-day time period and will not satisfy any of the required school service hours. (3) If **"self-reported"** within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident to the Principal, Director of Athletics or Assistant Director of Athletics (NOT to a coach), then the student-athlete will be suspended from **25%** of the contests from his or her most immediate season. If the offense is not self-reported, then the suspension will be **50%** of the contests from his or her most immediate season.

For sophomores, juniors and seniors the suspension must be served in a sport in which the athlete competed the prior school year. A student-athlete serving first offense sanctions may practice or condition with the team. At the coach's discretion, a student-athlete ending the season in good standing is eligible for all athletic department awards.

- B. Second offense: (1) The student-athlete must be evaluated by a pre-approved agency for placement in an education / rehabilitation program. The recommended program must be completed at the expense of the student-athlete. (2) The student-athlete will be suspended from all athletic contests for one calendar year. At the coach's discretion, the athlete may practice or condition with the team. A student-athlete serving second offense sanctions is not eligible for any athletic awards for that year.
- C. Third offense: The student-athlete loses all privileges of participation, both practices and contests, for the remainder of his or her high school career. He or she will be offered direction in seeking further evaluation and / or rehabilitation.

**Rule #3:** A Bishop Chatard student-athlete shall not exhibit behavior that is inconsistent with the mission of the school or the intent of the Athletic Code of Conduct.

**Consequences:**

When inappropriate behavior by a student-athlete is brought to the attention of the administration, said student-athlete is suspended immediately from all athletic contests pending his or her appearance before the Athletic Council. The Athletic Council meets as needed. The Council will determine the sanction based on the severity of the violation. Any athletic contest(s) missed in the interim will be considered a completed portion of the sanction levied. If any inappropriate behavior is deemed reviewable by the Bishop Chatard Disciplinary Board, then their conclusions and/or consequences supersede Athletic Council or Department actions.

**Note: The Athletic Council will be convened to consider Rule #3 violations (behavioral issues) only.**

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I have read and understand the Bishop Chatard Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its terms.

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*Signature* of student-athlete

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*Signature* of parent or guardian

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 Printed name of student-athlete

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