

**PARENTS AND ATHLETES-PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE FORM**  
**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN**

**ATHLETIC RULES FOR PARTICIPATION AT  
THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON**

1. An athlete of The Charter School of Wilmington shall not:
  - A. **Use tobacco** in any manner or form
  - B. Consume, possess or distribute **alcoholic beverages**
  - C. Consume, possess or distribute any **drug, drug-like substance or paraphernalia**.

**NOTE:** THE ABOVE RULE APPLIES FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, WHETHER OR NOT THE ATHLETE IS PARTICIPATING IN A SPORT. IF AN ABOVE OFFENSE OCCURS DURING SCHOOL OR AT A SCHOOL FUNCTION, THE SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY CODE TAKES EFFECT FIRST.

**PENALTY:**

- **First Violation:** The athlete shall lose eligibility for the next two consecutive
  - Athletic contests or two weeks of a season in which the athlete is a participant, whichever
  - Is greater.
  - **Second Violation:** The athlete shall be ineligible for that sport for at least the
  - remainder of the season or longer if circumstances warrant it.
  - **Third Violation:** The athlete will not be permitted to participate on any athletic
  - team for a period of one year. The one year period begins on the date of the third offense.
- NOTE:** The above penalties shall accumulate starting with the date of the first offense. The accumulation period will extend for one year, beginning with the date of the first offense.

2. **Failing two or more courses**, whether they are required or elective in a marking period, Will disqualify the athlete from participation in extracurricular activities until the number of failures has been reduced to no more than one at the conclusion of the next quarter. Eligibility will be determined on the day that the report card is issued. Additionally, student-athletes must earn a 76% general average in a marking period to maintain academic eligibility. Seniors must pass all courses needed to graduate.

3. **Athletes must be in school by 11:00AM** on days that they are required to be in school in order to practice or participate in a contest. Exceptions would be allowed (note required) for such things as a physicians appointment or attendance at a funeral.

4. **Suspension** from school on a practice or game day **results in suspension from the Team** for as long as the school suspension lasts.

5. **Good sportsmanship is expected of CSW athletes at all times**, whether they are directly participating in the game, sitting on the bench/sidelines or observing a contest as a spectator.

6. **Coaches may add but not delete from these rules**. If coaches do add to the rules, the CSW President must have a copy of the additions.

7. Coaches, athletes and fans must comply with all rules of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (ex. Completed DIAA Physical Form).

8. The 24 Hour Rule applies for all contests. Any athlete, parent or spectator who has a concern with a coach may **NOT** bring this to the coach immediately before a contest. They **MUST** wait 24 hours after the contest to address the concern.

9. **The Proper Channels Rule:** Concerns about rules and penalties must be addressed **FIRST WITH THE COACH**. If there is still a concern, then it may be brought to the Athletic Director. Concerns about any issues related to athletics must follow a proper procedure with direct communication starting with the Head Coach, then the Athletic Director and then the administration of the school.

10. The following is the **ATHLETIC POLICY of The Charter School of Wilmington:**  
A member of any sports team must finish the season in good standing in order to be eligible for any post season awards which include the following:

**ATHLETIC AWARDS**

- \* Varsity or Junior Varsity letter and/or certificate
- \* Team Banquets and recognitions
- \* All-State nominations
- \* Sport All-Star nominations
- \* Senior Sports Banquet awards

**REASONS/CAUSES FOR AN ATHLETE NOT TO BE "IN GOOD STANDING"**

- \* Academic ineligibility
- \* Violation of student commitment
- \* Violation of school athletic participation rules
- \* Violation of team athletic participation rules
- \* Dismissal from the team
- \* Suspension from the team
- \* Undocumented absence from an athletic event
- \* Quitting the team
- \* Behavior deemed detrimental to school athletics

**SUSPENSION FROM AN ATHLETIC TEAM**

- \* Any student who is suspended from one or more contests, will not be permitted to be in attendance at those contests.
- \* This pertains to both **Home** and **Away** contests.

**REASONS FOR A SUSPENSION FROM AN ATHLETIC TEAM**

- \* Walking out of a practice or contest
- \* Disrespect to coaching staff, team mates or officials
- \* Repeated violation of team rules

**QUITTING A TEAM**

\*Any student who quits a team during the season understands that they have violated the ATHLETE's COMMITMENT which demands athletes "...put team goals and welfare before their own." The consequences of such action are already clearly stated in the Rules for Participation Policy- suspension from the athletic team and ineligibility for any post season nominations or awards. Future actions are at the complete discretion of the head coach of the respective sport.

NOTE: Any questions concerning appropriateness of reasonableness of these athletic rules will be determined by the CSW President.

**I have read and acknowledge the CSW Rules for Participation and Athletic Policy and by my signature agree to adhere to these rules and policies.**

**PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ ATHLETE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_**

**SPORT \_\_\_\_\_ SEASON: (PLEASE CIRCLE) FALL WINTER SPRING**