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Oley Valley School District Student Athlete Code of Responsibility

The Oley Valley School District Discipline Code and the Student Athlete Code of Responsibility governs all students participating in Oley Valley School District Interscholastic athletic programs. Any violation of the student discipline code may result in the forfeiture of the privilege of participation on an Oley Valley School District athletic team.

As representatives of the Oley Valley School District and its programs, participants are expected to exhibit exemplary behavior in and out of school. Therefore, it is understood that all responsibilities listed in, but not limited to, the Code of Responsibility will apply at all times and that suspension and/or dismissal from athletics may result from failure to comply with these responsibilities.

The Oley Valley School District sponsors the following athletic activities:

Boys' Soccer (7 – 12)	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country (7 – 12)	Field Hockey (7 – 12)
Golf (9 – 12)	Boys' & Girls' Basketball (7 – 12)	Wrestling (7 – 12)
Baseball (7 – 12)	Boys' & Girls' Bowling (9 – 12)	Girls' Soccer (7 – 12)
Softball (7 – 12)	Boys' & Girls' Track & Field (7 – 12)	Cheerleading (7 – 12)
Boys' Volleyball (9 – 12)		Girls' Volleyball (7 – 12)

1. While head coaches may assess penalties for violation of team or activity rules and regulations, the building principal or his/her designee may declare a student ineligible from participation in athletics because of conduct or behavior unbecoming of a student athlete.
2. All in-season student athletes must be in school before 9:30 AM. The building principal must approve any exception to this rule.
3. Each student is responsible for school issued equipment and uniforms. It is the student athlete's responsibility to properly secure equipment in the appropriate area. Each student athlete is responsible for reporting lost, damaged or unsafe equipment to the head coach. Any student athlete who has not returned all school issued equipment and uniforms or has any other obligations will not be eligible for participation in another sport and will not receive their report card or diploma until the equipment is returned or the debt paid.
4. Student athletes must meet all Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) requirements and abide by all governing rules of the PIAA and the Oley Valley School District including, but not limited to, age regulations, amateur status, physical examination, and academic requirements. Students who do not meet or who violate the requirements of the PIAA and/or the Oley Valley School District shall be deemed ineligible for participation and may receive additional disciplinary action.
5. The student athlete may not be failing two (2) or more classes in any one week. Weekly academic eligibility reports are submitted to the athletic office for review. Student athletes who are failing two (2) or more subjects in any one week will be deemed ineligible for the following week, which includes Sunday through, and including, the following Saturday. Student athletes who are failing two (2) or more subjects at the end of a grading period will be deemed ineligible for the following four (4) weeks, starting with the first day of the next grading period.

6. A high school student athlete who has fifteen (15) demerits will be ineligible to participate in any activity, which includes practices and games, until his/her demerit total is below fifteen (15) demerits.
7. Student athletes must obey the following rules governing Oley Valley School District student athletes:
 - Student athletes are required to use the school district approved transportation to all athletic events sponsored by the Oley Valley School District. Special exceptions may be allowed by permission of the Athletic Director. Student athletes who wish to travel to or from a contest with their parent/guardian must complete the appropriate form located in the athletic office and on the Oley Valley School District web site and return the form to the Athletic Director twenty-four (24) hours prior to the event. Student athletes will only be granted permission to travel with their parent or guardian.
 - Student athletes must receive permission from the coach for any use of a cell phone during an athletic trip or event.
 - Student athletes must bring all equipment and uniforms inside the building at the beginning of school. Equipment should be placed in the student assigned locker. Students are not allowed to go to their cars when there is an early dismissal nor will they be allowed to drive home if they have forgotten equipment. Student athletes are not allowed to park in the back parking lot behind the high school gymnasium.
 - Student athletes are not eligible for participation when serving In School Suspension or Out of School Suspension. If a suspension is served on a Friday, the student is also ineligible for any activities taking place on that Saturday, unless the principal or his/her designee gives specific permission.
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 - Student athletes who are found to be consuming, possessing, distributing, or under the influence of any controlled substance, including alcohol, on school grounds will be disciplined by the principal. The student athlete may be required to meet with a certified Drug & Alcohol counselor before reinstatement to an athletic team. Suspension and/or dismissal from the team may occur, and in addition, possible police notification may take place.
 - Student athletes who violate the discipline code as stated in Oley Valley School Board Policy from legal residency to school and back to the same legal place of residency shall be held accountable for their actions during that entire period of time. The current discipline code that all students follow in their respective buildings shall be in effect.

The student athlete may not participate in any athletic practice or contest until this signed form is returned to the Athletic Director.

We the undersigned parent/guardian and student athlete have read the above rules and guidelines governing athletic participation in the Oley Valley School District. We understand that any violation of school district rules not limited to those above may result in disciplinary action. This may include suspension, dismissal from a team, and in addition, possible police notification may take place.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Athlete Signature _____ Date _____