

# ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION POLICY AND CONTRACT

## South Umpqua High School

For the purpose of this policy a "participant" is any student/participant at South Umpqua High School that participates in athletics or activities. Conditions set forth in this contract will last for the student's entire high school career, (INCLUDING OUT OF SEASON PERIODS) from the date it is signed until their last day of their senior year. This contract is binding throughout the school year, all breaks, holidays, and summer vacation.

In order to participate in the OSAA sanctioned extracurricular programs at South Umpqua High School each participant will conform to the following Policy:  
**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Each athlete must have an up-to-date physical exam by a doctor of their choosing, and have proof of proper insurance coverage. Each participant must pay the district mandated participation fee as set by the district.
2. Season fees are due in full by the first contest to be eligible to participate. Viable options will be considered for critical financial needs.
3. A participant must meet all OSAA and Department of Education standards.
4. A participant may drop one activity and transfer after consultation with both coaches and administration.
5. A participant who does not return equipment either at the conclusion of the season or after dropping the activity will not be able participate until all equipment is checked in by coaches or athletic office.

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Participants must have passed five subjects the previous semester and show adequate progress towards graduation.

### ATTENDANCE

1. In order for a student to be eligible to attend/or participate in any after school activity (including practices), the student is required to attend one half of their class periods and be excused from the missed periods with parent/guardian or doctor communication.
2. Students who skip one or more classes are ineligible for after school activities or contests (including practices) on that day.

### PRACTICE STANDARDS

1. Attend practice daily.
2. Missed practice could result in loss of playing time, based on specific program guidelines.
3. Multiple unexcused absences from practice will result in dismissal from the team, as determined by the head coach.

### SUSPENSION

Suspension from school eliminates the participant from practice for the length of the suspension. The participant will miss the contest or contests, which takes place during the suspension or the next contest if no contests are during suspension. The athlete could miss more contests at the discretion of the coaches or administration.

### PARTICIPATION STANDARDS

1. No use, or possession of, or traffic in illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.
2. No behavior unbecoming a participant of South Umpqua High School which includes negative acts of willful disobedience, up to and including violence, bullying, harassment and criminal activity. The high school principal will have the final authority to determine unbecoming behavior.
3. Participants representing South Umpqua will follow a dress code (neatly dressed) as required by each advisor or coach.
4. Students will ride to a school-sponsored activity with their team or group. Individual exceptions must be approved in advance by the head coach/advisor. Students who ride to a school-sponsored activity MUST have a parent/guardian fill out the "Student Transportation in Private Vehicles" form BEFORE they may ride "HOME" in a private vehicle. The completed form MUST be received by school officials BEFORE the bus leaves for the activity, and must be renewed each sport season. (See Board Policy EEAE)

### PARTICIPATION RULES VIOLATION

#### First violation:

The penalty for breaking rules 1, 2, 3 above, will result in a suspension for 1/5 of the game day season or activity season, whichever is greater from the date of the infraction. If necessary, the suspension will extend to the athlete's next season to complete 1/5 requirement. The penalty for breaking Rule 4 above, will result in disciplinary action up to, and including, game suspension or removal from the team, and will be determined by the principal, athletic director, and head coach. This includes any violations that occur out of season, during breaks, holidays or summer vacation.

1. Parents/guardians will be notified by the administrator that their child has violated a participation standard. During this time period the student may practice but not play in any authorized contests. If student has been found to violate the contract, the administrator will notify the parent/guardian. Notification will include the length of the suspension and necessary steps for returning to the activity in a timely manner. At this time parents/guardians may request a meeting with head coach and administrator.

2. If alcohol, drugs or tobacco are involved, the student must successfully complete screening and any program recommended. If student fails to follow these guidelines then it is considered to be an act of noncompliance and the student will be ineligible for activities/athletics until drug treatment requirements are met

#### Second Violation:

The penalty for a second violation of rules above, will result in suspension for 2/3 of the game day season or the activity season, whichever is greater. If necessary, the suspension will extend to the athletes next season to complete the 2/3 requirement. If drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are involved, completion of a drug treatment program is mandatory, at the cost to the parents/guardians, and is required to be considered for eligibility.

#### Third Violation:

Suspension from school activities for the remainder of the student's time at South Umpqua High School. Violations are cumulative throughout the student's time at South Umpqua.

I have read and understand the Athletic/Activity Participation Policy/contract and have received a copy of and acknowledge the content of the SUHS Activities Handbook for Parents and Students.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Student Signature

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Date