

# PEOTONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 207--U

## ACTIVITY CODE

### 2010-2011

#### PHILOSOPHY

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Each student is in school first to obtain an education and then to participate in athletics or activities. Participation in extracurricular activities demands certain commitments. Through participation, students will learn skills, develop loyalty to others, learn the meaning of commitment, discipline, honor, and develop work ethics that are essential to a successful life.

#### PURPOSE

The Board of Education and staff of Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U have adopted this Activity Code which applies to all students in grades 6-12 who desire to participate in extracurricular activities or athletics. This document applies in addition to other policies, rules and regulations concerning student conduct and imposes additional requirements on participants in extracurricular activities and athletes.

The use by any participant in any activity of tobacco, alcohol, performance altering substances not prescribed by a physician for medicinal purposes for the patient who is using them in the manner in which they were prescribed is prohibited. There are other specific prohibitions relating to tobacco, alcohol and or performance altering substances contained elsewhere in this Code which are to be read in addition to the above. The use of these items by a student who participates in an activity presents a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the student, as well as those with whom the student participates or competes.

Participation in activities is a privilege available to qualified students. Those who participate have a responsibility to favorably represent the school and community. Students are expected to conduct themselves both in and out of school in a manner appropriate to their responsibilities as representatives of Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U.

Strict adherence to the rules and policies set forth in the Activity Code is a responsibility which accompanies the privilege of participation. If a student fails to comply with the terms of this Code, the privilege to participate may be lost in accordance with the terms of this Activity Code.

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **1. Student or Participant**

Student or participant in this Activity Code means any boy or girl enrolled in grades 6 through 12, or who otherwise has authorized administrative permission to participate and who is participating and/or intends to participate in an interscholastic athletic or other Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U sponsored extra curricular activity.

### **2. Activity**

“Activity” is to be read as broadly as possible whenever the word appears herein and means any tryout, practice, game, event, contest, competition, tournament, match, meeting or recreation connected to the conduct of a sport or school sponsored activity, including school sponsored weight training, summer league, camp, or open gym.

### **3. Sport**

Sport means any interscholastic sport sponsored by Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U and includes Dance Team.

## **CONFERENCE AFFILIATION**

Peotone High School is a member of the Interstate Eight Conference and Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Eligibility of students is governed by the rules and regulations of the IHSA, the relevant conference, the Board of Education, the superintendent of schools, the principal, the athletic director and the coaches and sponsors of the various sports and activities offered at Peotone Junior and Senior High School.

## **WHEN THIS ACTIVITY CODE IS IN EFFECT**

The rules set forth in this Activity Code are in effect throughout the year from the student's initial date of school registration until the end of the student's eligibility, twenty-four hours a day, whether or not school is in session and including vacation periods, and holidays. The rules apply on and off campus and whether or not the misconduct occurs at school or a school-sponsored activity or in some other locale.

## **POLICY CONFLICTS**

In the event of conflict between any school board policy, rule or regulation and rules contained in this Activity Code, the rules contained in this Activity Code shall exclusively apply and prevail. In the event there is uncertainty as to whether this Activity Code is in conflict with or is meant to be in addition to school board policies, rules and regulations, this Activity Code shall be deemed to be in addition to school board policies, rules or regulations.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN: ATHLETICS OR DANCE TEAM**

An athlete or participant in dance must have the following fully executed documents on file at the school office wherein the athlete or dance team member is in attendance before the first participation in any activity:

1. A current physical examination report completed by a physician licensed in Illinois to practice medicine in all its branches that finds the student is physically able to participate; and
2. A permission slip to participate in the specific activity in which the student intends to participate signed by the student's decision making authorized parent or guardian; and
3. Proof the student is covered by medical insurance; and
4. A receipt showing the student and his/her parents received a copy of the Activity Code, understand the terms of the Activity Code and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Students seeking to participate in activities other than athletics and/or dance team shall comply with items 2. and 4. herein above.

## **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL ON DAY OF ACTIVITY**

A student who is absent from school on the day of an activity shall be ineligible for any activity on that day unless the absence has been approved in writing by administration. Exceptions may be made: 1.) for a medical reason pre-arranged with administration or 2.) for a death in the student's family. A student who has one or more truancies or who has been suspended from school may be suspended from participation in activities (including athletics) by administration.

A student who is absent from school on a Friday before a Saturday event may be withheld from Saturday activities at the discretion of the administration.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility shall be governed by the rules of the IHSA and all applicable school board policies, rules, and regulations. In some cases, Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U eligibility rules may be more stringent than IHSA rules, in which case the Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U policies, rules and regulations, whichever, is appropriate shall apply. To retain eligibility, a student must have passed 20 semester hours of academic course work in the semester preceding his or her eligibility and must have passed 20 semester hours of academic course work in the week preceding his or her eligibility.

## **GOOD STANDING**

In order for a student to qualify for post-season awards and/or recognition, the student must complete the season in "good standing." For a student to be in good standing the student must be eligible to participate in the activity. If a student fails to complete a season in good standing because the student has been disciplined by school officials, the disciplinary penalty shall be continued into the next season in which the student participates until the penalty has been served completely.

## **ELIGIBILITY - GRADES**

Students involved in extracurricular activities failing two or more subjects after the first and/or third quarters will be ruled ineligible for the entire succeeding quarter. Student(s) involved in extracurricular activities failing more than one subject may practice, but not compete or perform in a contest or event.

Students involved in extracurricular activities failing two or more subjects after the first and/or second semester will be ruled ineligible for the entire succeeding semester. Student(s) involved in extracurricular activities failing more than one subject may practice, but not compete or perform in a contest or event.

Academic summer school options may be available at off-campus sites. To have such course work apply to restoration of eligibility, a student must obtain prior approval from school administration.

## **MANDATORY SCHOOL-SPONSORED STUDY SESSIONS**

Students who are failing one (1) or more course(s) per week will be required to complete a school-sponsored study session in order to remain eligible. If a student is failing one course in a given week, the student must actively participate in one 45-minute school-sponsored study session in that course to remain eligible. Study sessions will take place each Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 am - 8:15 am in the Driver's Education / Health Classroom.

Failure to complete the required school-sponsored study session shall result in the student's loss of participation privileges in the next academic school week. When a student participant is determined to be passing a course he or she was previously failing, then the student shall be excused from the study session requirement described above, unless the student requests otherwise.

A student who is failing no more than one (1) course, shall not be penalized as to participation in an activity so long as the student actively participates in the school-sponsored study session.

## EXPECTATIONS

School officials have the following expectations of students who participate in activities:

1. Students will make and keep a season long commitment to the activity, its coaches, and sponsors and the participant's teammates.
2. Students will comply with the rules of the school, Activity Code, and team.
3. Students will be coachable and have positive attitudes.
4. Students will be drug and alcohol free.
5. Students will set realistic and challenging goals for themselves.
6. Students will be true student-athletes focusing on academics and showing school spirit.
7. Students will respect the coach, sponsor, teammates, officials, parents, and PHS facilities and equipment.
8. Students will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
9. Students will be leaders and positive role models.

## ACTIVITIES

Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U provides the following activities and sports, each of which is governed by this code:

### Athletics - (Boys and Girls)

Golf	Football	Soccer	Volleyball
Basketball	Bowling	Wrestling	Baseball
Track & Field	Cheerleading	Dance	Softball

### Activities / Clubs - (Boys and Girls)

Drama / Theater	National Honor Society	VICA	Ecology
Show Choir	Speech	FFA	Yearbook
Foreign Language	Journalism	FCCLA	Math
Technology	Class Officer	TAD	
Science	Scholastic Bowl	Student Council	

## **INSURANCE**

Before any student-athlete or dance team participant shall be permitted to practice for, participate or compete in any athletic event, and before any athletic equipment is issued to the student, the student must:

- a. be currently enrolled in, and have paid the current premium for the school district's health insurance plan; or
- b. provide proof of coverage for athletic injuries by a private insurance carrier in the form of a certificate from the insurance coverage and have on file with the school district a signed insurance waiver.

## **REPORT OF INJURY**

Each student shall promptly report all injuries and illnesses or medical conditions, regardless of severity, and whether or not caused by competition or participation to the head coach of the sport in which the athlete competing or the sponsor of the activity in which the student is participating.

## **STUDENT INJURY**

No student shall be permitted to participate in an activity if the nature or extent of an injury to the student dictates that the student should be withheld. When doubt exists as to the ability of the student to participate, practice, or compete, competent medical advice shall be solicited.

## **MEDICAL RELEASE TO RETURN TO PARTICIPATION IN AN ACTIVITY**

When there is any question of a student's medical fitness to participate, practice, or compete, coaches, sponsors or school officials may require the student to provide a release to participate, signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in Illinois, before allowing the student to engage in further activity. In each instance when a student has been directed by a coach, sponsor or other school officials to seek medical examination or treatment, the student shall provide a release to participate, signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in Illinois, before the student is allowed to resume participation in the activity.

## **USE OF EQUIPMENT**

Participants shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all equipment issued to them.

## **RETURN OF EQUIPMENT**

Each participant issued equipment shall return the equipment in the condition in which it was received, normal wear and tear expected, to the coach or sponsor within one week of completion of the season for which the equipment was issued, or within one week of the end of the student's participation for the season, whichever comes first. If a student fails to return equipment as required, or returns it in damaged condition, the student may be charged for replacement or repair, or otherwise disciplined as appropriate.

## **LOCKERS**

Lockers are school property and are loaned to students for their temporary use. Lockers are subject to search by school officials at any time.

## **TRAVEL**

All students shall travel to activities and return home from activities with the team, group or club in which the student participates by use of school approved means of transportation. A written waiver of this rule may be issued by a coach, sponsor or administrator upon advance written request of an student's parent or guardian and provided the parent or guardian appears and accepts custody of the student. In no case shall a waiver be issued unless the alternate means of transportation anticipated by the waiver is provided by the parent. Oral requests shall not be honored and oral permissions shall not be valid.

## **TRAINING RULES**

The coach of each sport may establish training rules, which shall apply to each student athlete participating in the sport, provided however, such rules shall not be inconsistent with the rules provided herein. Training rules, the purpose of which shall be to enhance the educational experience, provide for the safety, or protect the physical well-being of the student athlete, shall be subject to the approval of the superintendent of schools. Before the adoption of any training rule(s), the proposed rule(s) shall be submitted to the athletic director who shall submit the rule(s) to the superintendent of schools for approval.

## **ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES, GAMES, MEETS, AND ATHLETIC EVENTS**

For the protection of the health and safety of students, and to protect the integrity of the team, group or club, members shall be required to attend all regularly scheduled practices, games, meets and events of the team, group or club. Failure to attend by a member may result in discipline, including suspension or dismissal from the team, group or club.

## **DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND/OR TOBACCO**

Except with respect to prescription drugs used by the person for whom such drugs were prescribed in the manner intended by the prescribing medicinal doctor, the possession, use, distribution, purchase or sale of any alcoholic beverage, drug, drug paraphernalia, controlled substance, look-alike, tobacco or tobacco product or any other substance which, when taken into the human body is intended to alter mood or mental state, including any item or substance which is represented by a student to be, or is believed by a student to be any of the foregoing, regardless of the true nature or appearance of the substance, is prohibited in school buildings, on school buses and on all other school property or school related events or activities at any time. This prohibition shall include all school-sponsored or related activities, whether held before or after school, evening or weekends and shall additionally include a prohibition of use by a student in any instance where the school can demonstrate a reasonable connection to the school program or school extra curricular program. For the purposes of this policy, students who are under the influence of prohibited substances shall be treated in the same manner as though they had prohibited substances in their possession.

Any student found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the school district's Activity Code discipline policies, rules and regulations as provided herein.

## **DEPORTMENT AND CONDUCT**

Behavioral misconduct by students participating in activity(s) shall not be tolerated. Behavioral misconduct shall include but shall not be limited to:

- a. insubordination; or
- b. any behavior which is negligently or intentionally injurious to a person or property or that places a person or property at risk of injury or damage; or
- c. any behavior that disrupts the appropriate conduct of a school program or activity; or
- d. hazing or harassment of any kind; or
- e. use of profanity; or
- f. exhibition of bad sportsmanship; or
- g. violation of the Activity Code, training rules, or any other school policies, rules or regulations.

## **IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINE**

School administration shall impose disciplines appropriate to the offenses committed. The discipline imposed for any particular offense shall be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the school administration.

## **APPLICATION AND CONFLICT OF DISCIPLINARY RULES**

In the instance of violation of school policies, rules, or regulations or this Activity Code by a student, nothing herein or elsewhere shall prohibit the school district from imposing disciplines available under this Activity Code and classroom-academic penalties for the same offense. School officials, at their sole and exclusive discretion, may alter penalties contained herein or elsewhere to fit the misconduct such penalties are intended to punish.

## **DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSIONS OF PARTICIPANTS**

The school administration may suspend a student from participation for violation of the Activity Code, training rules, or other appropriate policies, rules and regulations of the school district. Suspension is defined as removal of the student from participation in one or more practices, games, meets or other activities but less than dismissal for the balance of a season. The following procedures shall apply to disciplinary suspensions:

- a. Prior to suspension, the student shall be provided an explanation of the charges against him or her. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his or her version of the incident to the suspending school official.
- b. Upon written request, the student may appeal his or her disciplinary suspension to the principal or athletic director, who shall have the final and binding authority to determine the appropriateness of the suspension.

Disciplinary suspensions may be imposed pending dismissal proceedings.

## **DISCIPLINARY DISMISSAL FROM AN ACTIVITY**

The school administration may dismiss a student from participation for violation of the Activity Code, training rules, or other appropriate policies, rules and regulations of the school district. Dismissal from a team or activity is defined as removal of the student from participation in one or more practices, games, meets, or other activities in an activity for the balance of a season or for a specified period of time greater than the balance of the season but lesser than the balance of the student's high school eligibility. The following procedures shall apply to disciplinary dismissals:

- a. Prior to dismissal, the student shall be provided an explanation of the charges against him or her. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his or her version of the incident to the suspending school official.
- b. The parent of the student shall receive written notification by certified mail of the charges against the student, which notice shall include notice of the right to request hearing before appropriate school officials and a copy of this Activity Code. An appeal may be filed upon written request by the parent or student whereupon the principal or athletic director shall schedule a meeting with the relevant parties and shall thereafter determine the appropriateness of the suspension.
- c. If the student is dissatisfied with the conclusions reached in b. above, the student may submit a written request for a hearing before the school board which shall schedule a hearing at for its next regularly scheduled meeting unless the request for hearing is received within seven calendar days of a regularly scheduled board meeting in which case the hearing shall be scheduled for a date within twenty one (21) days of receipt by the school board of the request for hearing. At this hearing, the student shall be provided an explanation of the charges against him or her, may be represented by counsel at his or her own expense, may call witnesses, cross-examine adverse witnesses and may present evidence in his or her defense. The decision of the school board shall be final and binding.

## **DISCIPLINARY INELIGIBILITY FOR FURTHER PARTICIPATION**

The school administration may declare a student ineligible for further competition in any activity or activities for violation of the Activity Code, training rules, or other appropriate policies, rules and regulations of the school district. Ineligibility for further competition in any activity(s) is defined as removal of the student from participation in any sport or activity for the balance of his or her high school eligibility. The following procedures shall apply to disciplinary ineligibility:

- a. Prior to dismissal, the student shall be provided an explanation of the charges against him or her. The student shall be given an opportunity to present his or her version of the incident to the suspending school official.
- b. The parent of the student shall receive written notification by certified mail of the charges against the student, which shall include notice of the right to request hearing before the principal and a copy of this Activity Code. A request for hearing may be filed upon written request by the parent or student whereupon the principal shall schedule a meeting with the relevant parties and shall determine the appropriateness of the suspension.
- c. If the student is dissatisfied with the conclusions reached in the principal, the student may submit a written request for a hearing before the school board which shall schedule a hearing at for its next regularly scheduled meeting unless the request for hearing is received within seven calendar days of a regularly scheduled board meeting in which case the hearing shall be scheduled for a date within twenty one (21) days of receipt by the school board of the request for hearing. At this hearing, the student shall be provided an explanation of the charges against him or her, may be represented by counsel at his or her own expense, may call witnesses, cross-examine adverse witnesses and may present evidence in his or her defense. The decision of the school board shall be final and binding.
- d. In any case of a finding of ineligibility for further competition, the school board shall schedule a review hearing to consider the reinstatement of the student of the student at the beginning of each subsequent school year the student is enrolled in school and otherwise would have remaining eligibility for participation in the activity from which the student was originally removed.

## **DEPOSITION OF PENALTY PENDING APPEAL**

Whether or not a student shall be reinstated pending appeal of a penalty by the student shall be at the sole and exclusive discretion of school officials.

**RECEIPT FOR PEOTONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. 207-U  
ACTIVITY CODE**

**2008-09**

I have received a copy of the Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U Activity Code. I have read the Activity Code. I understand the rules contained in the Activity Code apply to me (my child). I acknowledge that even with the best coaching and supervision, injuries are a possibility in any athletic endeavor or other activity and my child and I accept the risks of such participation.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(student)

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian)

Except with respect to the use of prescription drugs prescribed for me by a medical doctor when used by me in the manner intended by the prescribing medical doctor, I promise that I will not possess, use, distribute, purchase or sell any alcoholic beverage, drug, drug paraphernalia, controlled substance, look-alike, tobacco or tobacco product or any other substance which, when taken into the human body is intended to alter mood or mental state, including any item or substance which is represented by me or anyone else to be, or is believed by me or anyone else to be any of the above, regardless of the true nature or appearance of the substance for so long as I am a student within the meaning of the Peotone Community Unit School District No. 207-U Activity Code or subject to its terms and conditions.

I understand that my eligibility to participate is conditioned on my keeping this promise.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(student)

**AUGUST 11, 2008**

**CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING**

**WELCOME:**

Sports pocket Schedules are now available.

Football, Soccer, Golf and Volleyball practice will begin Wednesday, August 13.

Cheerleading and Dance Team have already begun practices.

Athletic Booster Club: \$10.00 membership. Your help is greatly appreciated. Lots of merchandise available.

**REMINDERS:**

1. All students must register for school before the 1st day of practice.
2. All Transfer Students (new to the district this school year) in Grades 10 - 12 need to see me in the main office immediately following the presentation. IHSA Transfer Paperwork must be completed.
3. Photo Day for the Fall Sports will be Monday, August 18, 2008.

4. Again this fall, our coaches and athletes will conduct community service during the Will County Fair August 25 - 27, 2008.
5. Fall Winter Awards Night will be Monday, Oct. 29, 2008 at 6 pm in Auditorium.
6. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 20, 2008.  
(8:25 - 11:20 am)
7. Family, Adult, and Student Passes are available in the main office for your convenience. Admission prices at the gate are \$4.00 per adult and \$3.00 per student this year.
8. Activity Fees will be collected by each respective Head Coach.  
\*\* \$ 60.00 per sport with a \$ 90.00 MAXIMUM per athlete.
9. We will have a new athletic trainer provided by O.A.K. His name is Drew Schaafsma. He will be provided necessary evaluations and recommendations for treatments to our student-athletes.

# GO BIG BLUE