

GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC POLICIES FOR STUDENTS

GENERAL ATHLETIC POLICY

Since athletics will be an integral part the overall school program, all athletes are expected to conform to the policies of the South Carolina High School League, Greer Middle College, as well as to those of the athletic department and respective coaches.

- A. Prior to the first contest of each sport, an athlete's parent is expected to attend a meeting by the coach of that sport and the athletic director. At this meeting, the coach and athletic director will explain the policies pertaining to athletics and the coach's expectations relevant to that sport. The parent will be required to sign a statement acknowledging that he/she has been made aware of the policies and understands them.
- B. Student-athlete's grades will be monitored during the time a student participates in any sport. If a grade falls below failing in any subject, to remain eligible to participate in athletics, the student must attend academic assistance that is available in that subject priority. **Any Athlete who does not attend an assigned academic assistance will sit for one game. Any athlete who does not attend academic assistance twice will be dropped from the team.**
- C. An athlete will not commit any action deemed a detriment to his/her team, school or community. Violations will result in punishment or removal from the team by the head coach. The coach may ask the athletic director to establish a committee consisting of an administrator, head coach of another sport, a parent, a student and the coach involved to help determine an appropriate action.
- D. Student-athletes are expected to conform to the following:
 - Student-athletes will be subject to all established school discipline policies regarding tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances. Additionally, any athlete possessing, using or distributing illicit drugs and alcohol will be dismissed from athletics for one calendar year. If he or she, with parent agreement, enters into an established counseling or substance abuse program, then the athlete may participate in other sports that year. A second offense will result in immediate dismissal from all athletics for the remainder of their high school career
 - Any athlete who voluntarily admits to a drug or alcohol abuse problem and enters into an established drug or alcohol abuse program will be allowed to participate as long as he or she continues or completes treatment.
 - Athletes caught using any form of a tobacco product will be disciplined by the coach and reported to the principal.
 - Athletes dismissed from a team, or who quit a team, shall not participate in another sport during that sport season.
 - During the time that an athlete is suspended from school, he or she may not participate in competition. However, the athlete may be required by the individual coach to attend practice for the purpose of conditioning exercises.
 - Any athlete who does not attend Saturday School (without viable excuse) will be suspended from any games (Not Practice) that occurs during the period until there is another Saturday School.
 - An athlete must be in attendance during the school day for two periods in order to practice or participate in a game.
- E. Individual coaches/advisors may set up rules pertaining to their particular sport or activity. Students will be informed of these rules and are required to abide by them.
- F. Health and Injury
 - Once each school year, every student athlete must pass a physical examination prior to his/her practice or participation in any interscholastic sport. **No athlete will be allowed to practice without a physical and parent's permission.**
 - The student athlete will report all injuries to the coach no matter how minor.
 - If a student athlete has a physician-attended injury, or is absent from attendance in school or at practice sessions, due to illness, for five or more consecutive days, he/she must have the approval of the attending physician before participating in a practice, scrimmage or game.
 - **WARNING: Participation by a student in athletic activities involves some degree of risk of physical injury. Such physical injury can occur in any type of sports activity, be it "contact" or a "non-contact" sport. Further, many injuries are truly accidental in nature and involve no negligence by anyone, including a student. By volunteering to participate in a school-sponsored athletic activity, a student and his/her parent(s) acknowledge the potential risk for an accidental physical injury to occur.**

The athletes of Greer Middle College Charter High Schools are also subject to the policies of the South Carolina High School League. To view policies the SCHSL website is www.schsl.org.

I agree that I have received a copy of the GMCCHS policies for students and will take these home to my parents.

Signature of Student

Date