

Sydney Academy
Team/Co/Extra Curricular Discipline Policy (Revised Oct. 2011)

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

A student must pass at least three (3) courses at the mid-term and final reporting periods in each semester to be eligible to take part in sports. If a student passes two courses they shall be removed from the team for four (4) weeks from the issuing of report cards. After this period they may be reinstated if satisfactory student progress has been achieved. If the student has less than two (2) passing grades they will be ineligible until the next official report.

SUBSTANCE USE VIOLATIONS

First offence - A two to five day suspension from school and a 30 school day suspension from school sports teams/co/extra curricular activities.

Second offence - A five day suspension from school and removal from all teams/co/extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. If the second offence occurs in the last two months of school (May or June) then the suspension from teams/co/extra curricular activities is for the remainder of the current school year and the first semester of the next school year.

Third offence - A five day suspension from school with possible recommendation to the School Board for a further suspension and termination from all teams/co/extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's school attendance with the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board.

SCHOOL RELATED SUSPENSIONS

First offence - Student is ineligible to play, practice, or participate in team/co/extracurricular activities while serving a suspension from school.

Second offence - Student will receive a game suspension for each day suspended from school (a three day suspension includes a three game suspension). Students will not be permitted to take part in co/extra curricular activities for five school days following their return to school from the suspension from school.

Third offence - Student is suspended from school sport/co/extra curricular activities for the remainder of the year.

LEAGUE RELATED SUSPENSIONS AND TOURNAMENT TRAVEL

A player who is suspended from league play and whose eligibility will not be reinstated during round robin play is ineligible to travel with the team to any tournament. If the tournament does not contain a play off round then the coach must check with the school administration to determine if the player will be eligible to travel with the team.

ATHLETES PLAYING MULTIPLE SPORTS

Athletes who play more than one school sport at the same time must inform their coaches of conflicts. Athletes are required play games rather than practice when conflicts arise. The athlete will practice and play with the team in play offs before any other teams commitment. If both sports are in the regular season the athlete will alternate games for each team unless an alternate agreement is made with the coaches and athlete.

ATTENDANCE

Any student who is unexcused absent or excused sick is not permitted to take part on teams and/or co/extra curricular activities on the day of the absence. If a student does not inform the coach of their ineligibility and plays in the above circumstance they will be ineligible to play for the next two games. Students involved in other co/extracurricular activities will be ineligible to participate for the next five school days.

Students with 5 or more unexcused absences in any class will be ineligible for participation on teams and/or co/extracurricular activities for two (2) weeks regardless of marks in that course. After the two weeks, the student may be reinstated if the administration is satisfied that the student's attendance pattern has improved. There **may** be an additional one (1) game suspension for each unexcused absence after being reinstated. The school administration will remove students from clubs/teams if poor attendance patterns continue (Family vacations are not excusable absences). For activities that begin mid-semester, students will be permitted to participate if they have a clean attendance record for two (2) weeks leading into the activity. Any additional absences will lead to the two week suspension as outlined above.

**** Students are not permitted to drive themselves or other students to any co/extra curricular event, as per Board Policy****

Athlete Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____