



Green Local Schools Athletics
Smithville High School/Green Middle School

- A. All athletes must have a physical PRIOR to participating in any practice, organized team instruction, conditioning session or contest.

Equipment

Leader in Me: Habit 3

- A. Athletes are responsible for equipment issued to them. Failure to return issued equipment will result in loss of awards, payment for replacement cost, and grade reports/transcripts/diplomas not being released. Athletes may not be issued uniform for subsequent teams until past uniform is returned or paid for.

Transportation

- A. Transportation to athletic contests will be arranged by the athletic department in conjunction with the coaching staff. Arrangements other than the provided transportation must be approved by the athletic director.
- B. Athletes must always travel with the team unless the coach/advisor excuses a player to travel with his/her parents.

Withdrawal/Dismissal

- A. Any athlete who withdraws (quits) from a team within the first five days of practice from the beginning of the official OHSAA start date may participate in another in-season sport or off-season program. Any athlete who withdraws (quits) after the first five days of practice must receive written permission from the head coach of the sport withdrawn to participate in another in-season sport or off-season program.
- B. Any athlete who is dismissed from a team for violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct or Team Rules may not participate in another in-season sport or off-season program without the written permission of the head coach from the sport dismissed and the Athletic Director. The coach must inform the Athletic Director and communicate to the parent the reason for the dismissal.
- C. Any athlete who is dismissed from a team for violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct or Team Rules will not be eligible to receive any team or individual awards.
- D. Any athlete who withdraws from a team before the season is completed will not be eligible to receive any team or individual awards (excluding injury or illness).

APPEARANCE

Leader in Me: Habits 1, 2, 3

At the beginning of each sports season, the coach and players shall determine appearance rules. Suggested guidelines are:

1. Uniforms should be clean and neat and in good repair.
2. The school Dress Code will be in effect.
3. Athletes are expected to be well groomed and appropriately dressed at all times.



Green Local Schools Athletics
Smithville High School/Green Middle School

STUDENT DRUG, TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY - ATHLETICS

Participating in extracurricular activities with the Green Local School District is not a right but a privilege which may be regulated by the Board of Education. It is required that students participating in athletic activities become familiar with and understand the rules and regulations required of students participating in athletic activities within the Green Local School District. Students participating in athletic programs are required to abide by the rules and policies as set forth in the policy at all times regardless of whether or not the student is on school grounds, attending a school function or activity, on private property or at a private party.

Alcohol—Any liquor, wine, beer or other beverage containing intoxicating substances.

Alternative Nicotine Products—An electronic cigarette or any other product, device or personal vaporizer (e.g., JUUL) that consists of or contains nicotine that can be ingested into the body by any means, including but not limited to chewing, smoking, absorbing, dissolving or inhaling.

Drugs—Any drug, including illegal drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens, cocaine, amphetamines, steroids, barbiturates, marijuana, inhalants, legal prescription and over-the-counter drugs used or possessed or distributed for unauthorized purposes, counterfeit (look-alike) substances and clove cigarettes.

Drug Paraphernalia—Equipment or apparatus designed for or used for the purpose of measuring, packaging, distributing or facilitating the use of drugs, including, but not limited to, pipes, roach clips, syringes, hypodermic needles and cocaine spoons and kits.

Electronic Cigarette—Any electronic product, device or personal vaporizer (e.g., JUUL) that produces a vapor that delivers nicotine or any other substance to the person inhaling from the device to simulate smoking and is likely to be offered to or purchased by consumers as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarette or electronic pipe.

Tobacco—Any product with tobacco as an ingredient that is smoked, chewed, inhaled or placed against the gums.

Under the Influence—Manifesting signs of substance abuse, such as staggering, reddened eyes, odor of alcohol or drugs, nervousness, restlessness, falling asleep or dozing, memory loss, abusive language or any other behavior or physical appearance normal for the particular student (determination by school authorities as to what constitutes “under the influence” is distinct and separate from any such determination by the courts).

Distributing—Making available to or passing on to another individual, even if not for profit or trade, any alcohol, drug or tobacco products.

The Athletic Department recognizes that the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco has a negative effect on behavior, learning and performance. In addition, such use affects fellow participants, family members and other significant individuals in one’s life. The Athletic Department further recognizes that representing Smithville in any contest is a privilege, not a right, that calls for students



**Green Local Schools Athletics
Smithville High School/Green Middle School**

to demonstrate the highest qualities of leadership and citizenship throughout the entire year. Therefore, a year-round code of conduct is established for students involved in extracurricular events. Students shall not possess, use, sell, give, or otherwise transmit or be under the influence of any drug, alcohol or tobacco as a member in any school sponsored extracurricular activities during their school career.

Offenses and Disciplinary Action Use, sale or possession of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, controlled substances, inhalants, electronic cigarette, personal vaporizer (e.g., JUUL), electronic nicotine delivery system, look-alikes and/or other illegal substances, including drug paraphernalia, lighters, matches and other flame producing materials, etc., is strictly prohibited throughout the calendar year (365 days). Any extracurricular participant hosting or attending (as confirmed by a law enforcement agency or school district employee) a party where tobacco products, alcohol or other drugs are consumed shall also be prohibited. A student's second infraction builds on the student's first infraction no matter what type of offense. For example, a student with a disciplinary incident of citizenship/character as a freshman and then an alcohol/drug/ tobacco offense as a junior will be dealt with on the second offense level and vice versa.

<u>First Violation</u>	<u>Second Violation</u>	<u>Third Violation</u>
Student will be suspended from game participation for 50% of regular/post-season scheduled contests of current season and/or the first scheduled sport in which the individual participates and successful completion of a self-funded Educational Diversion Program.	Student will be suspended from participation for 70% of regular/post-season scheduled contests of current season and/or the first scheduled sport in which the individual participates, successful completion of a self-funded Educational Diversion Program, and <i>will serve twenty hours of community service</i>	Suspension from all athletics for one calendar year.
<i>If the student-athlete completes ten hours of community service, they may reduce the first offense to 30%. This must be documented and approved by the Athletic Director before reinstatement back to participation occurs.</i>		<i>After one calendar year from the date of a third violation, the student may appeal to the athletic director, superintendent and board of education representative for reinstatement. The decision on this matter is final.</i>

In cases where the suspension occurs near or at the end of a season, the balance (%) of the suspension will be applied to the next sport in which the athlete participates. Game suspensions not fulfilled during the school year in which the incident occurred are



**Green Local Schools Athletics
Smithville High School/Green Middle School**

carried over into the following school year. The athlete may participate in practices if the coach desires, but may not dress for any athletic contests during the suspension.

If the second offense occurs within the same school year, the athlete will be denied participation from all sports in the Green Local School District for one full year from the date of offense.

Self-Referral

The self-referral option is available to students only on the first infraction (no prior violations on record). If a student seeks assistance in dealing with an alcohol, tobacco-related or other drug problem by self-referral to their coach, advisor, school administrator or Athletic Director and agrees to participate in an assessment and carry out the recommendations, and attend a minimum of nine (9) hours drug and alcohol education, the student will be removed from all athletic activities for seven (7) days.

A self-referral cannot be used by a participant as a method to avoid consequences once the policy has been violated and a student has been identified as having violated such policy.

Social Networking

Leader in Me: Habits 1, 2, 3

Student-athletes are responsible for information contained in written or electronic transmissions (e.g., email/text) and any information posted on a public domain (e.g., *Social Media* - internet, chat room, Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, Twitter). Inappropriate or embarrassing information or pictures should not be posted in any public domain. Student-athletes are not restricted from using any on-line social network sites and digital platforms. However, users must understand that any content they make public via on-line social networks or digital platforms must comply with all policies, rules and regulations of the Green Local Schools Athletic Department and the OHSAA rules and regulations, as well as with federal, state and local law. Student-athletes must recognize the power of public media domains and the potentially negative image that they can portray about student-athletes, coaches, the athletic program and school district. Student-athletes should be reminded that they serve as representatives of Green Local Schools. Any individual that is identified on a social networking site which depicts illegal or inappropriate behavior will be considered a violation and is subject to athletic discipline, suspension, or expulsion.

Physical Confrontations

Leader in Me: Habit 5

Initiating, instigating, or willfully participating in a physical confrontation before, during, or after an athletic contest will result in a minimum one contest denial to participate to a maximum of denial to participate for remainder of season.

Theft

Any act of unacceptable conduct such as theft, malicious vandalism, or destruction of property in or outside the school may disqualify the athlete to represent Green Local Schools.



**Green Local Schools Athletics
Smithville High School/Green Middle School**

Curfew

Leader in Me: Habits 1, 2

Will be determined by the head coach during that season.

Participation

An athlete who tries out for a certain sport may quit and select another sport (in season) if the athlete does so *before the first scheduled game of the first sport*; however, this practice should be discouraged. If an athlete quits or is dismissed after the first scheduled contest, the athlete becomes ineligible for any conditioning program of any subsequent sport season until the conclusion of the said sport. Any athlete cut from a squad becomes eligible for another sport.

Academic Eligibility

Leader in Me: Habits 1, 2, 3, 4

Green Local Schools will follow the Ohio High School Athletic Association eligibility standards:

To be eligible (grades 9-12), a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses, in the immediately preceding grading period.

To be eligible (grades 7-8), a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grade in 5 of their enrolled classes' immediately preceding grading period.

Any violation of codes listed above, in-season or out-of-season will result in a penalty which may consist of a warning to denial of participation for the remainder of the student's athletic career. In the event that the Athletic Code of Conduct or other school policies or procedures do not cover situations that arise, the Athletic Director reserves the right to establish such rules, conditions, and penalties to respond effectively to unanticipated or unique circumstances.



**Green Local Schools Athletics
Smithville High School/Green Middle School**

Signature page

If at any time you have questions, please contact Mrs. Shutt. Thanks.

I have read the Code of Conduct.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Coach Signature

Date