

## SOLEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

### SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – CODE OF CONDUCT

We welcome and encourage our students to participate in the activities offered by Solen Public School. These activity programs exist for the student development of skills, attitudes, and self-esteem. Activities enhance the physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth of our students.

Participating in a Solen Public School activity program is a privilege which requires students to uphold high standards of citizenship, conduct, and appearance that are appropriate for the students who represent Solen Public School and the communities of Solen and CannonBall. To participate in a school activity, parents/guardians and students must sign this code and accept the terms, conditions, and rules set forth by Solen Public School, the North Dakota High School Activities Association, and the coach of each activity.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to be positive and supportive in their relationships with coaches. A team effort by parents/guardians, the school, and participants is needed. Positive parental/guardian communication with coaches is encouraged.

**CODE OF CONDUCT/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM** – All activity participants along with parents/guardians are required to read and sign this Code of Conduct/Medical Care Release Form. This form must be completed every year. Activity participants are NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONTEST, GAME, PERFORMANCE OR OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENT until a current Code of Conduct/Medical Care Release Form is on file with the Athletic Director of Solen Public School.

**PHYSICALS** – All athletes are required to have a physical signed by a physician and the participant's parents/guardians certifying that the participant has passed an adequate physical examination. Only physical forms from April 15 or later are accepted for the coming school year. The above named participants are NOT ALLOWED TO PRACTICE until the form is on file with the Athletic Director at Solen Public School.

**SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY** – In accordance with the North Dakota High School Activities Association, Solen Public School has adopted the following academic requirements for eligibility in school activities:

- a. Solen Middle School Students: To participate, students must be passing 6 out of 7 classes. Grades are checked every Monday. If the student is passing at least 6 classes on Monday, he/she will be **eligible** to participate until the following Monday. If the student is not passing at least 6 classes on Monday, he/she will be declared **ineligible** until the following Monday. In addition, any Solen Middle School student participating on a Solen High School team must be passing **ALL** classes to be academically eligible for that particular activity. Failure to pass at least 6 of the 7 classes at the end of the trimester will make the student ineligible for a period of four weeks the following trimester when participating on the Solen Middle School Team. Failure to pass ALL

classes at the end of the trimester will make the student ineligible for a period of four weeks the following trimester when participating on the Solen High School Team.

- b. Solen High School Students: To participate, students must be enrolled in at least 5 classes each trimester and passing at least 5 classes. Grades are checked each Monday. If the student is passing at least 5 classes on Monday, he/she will be eligible to participate until the following Monday. If the student is not passing at least 5 classes on Monday, he/she will be declared ineligible until the following Monday. Failure to pass at least 5 classes at the end of the trimester will make the student ineligible for a period of four weeks the following trimester.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE** – At both the junior high and high school level, a student must be in attendance at school all day on the day of competition unless prior approval is given by the Athletic Director or Building Principal.

**CITIZENSHIP/SPORTSMANSHIP** – School activity participants are expected to exhibit good citizenship and sportsmanship while at school and in the community. The conduct and behavior of participants is closely observed in many areas of school life and is a direct reflection of themselves, their parents, the school, the community and the coach. Participants will be courteous and show respect for people and property. Poor citizenship and poor sportsmanship will be determined by coaches and school administrators and may result in suspension from one to six weeks from school activities. Poor citizenship will include but not limited to: vandalism, theft, false fire alarms, bomb scares, abusive language, fighting and severe misconduct on bus trips.

**SPECIFIC TEAM/ACTIVITY RULES** - Individual programs may have additional training rules that apply to students. Program participants will be made aware of any specific program rules that exist. The Athletic Director will approve specific program rules. Ability alone does not guarantee a position in any activity. Dedication, cooperation, practice, teamwork, fundamentals and respect for team rules are required.

**PRACTICE & GAME ATTENDANCE** – Activity participants are expected to attend all practices and games while in season. In certain situations, participants will need to be absent for justifiable reasons and are considered “excused absences.” However, “unexcused absences” may result in suspension from school activities. Excused and unexcused absences will be determined by coaches and school administrators and may vary from sport to sport depending upon specific circumstances.

**SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS** – A participant who receives an out-of-school suspension or expulsion for any part of the school day shall not be allowed to participate in any event for the entire day. Furthermore, a participant shall not be allowed to practice or attend school-sponsored events until this type of suspension/expulsion is completed. A participant who receives an in-school-suspension may be ineligible for participation in school activities. Participation will be decided by the administration and coach of the activity affected based upon the severity and circumstances leading to the in-school-suspension.

**ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUGS** – Use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, drug paraphernalia or other controlled substance defined by North Dakota law is prohibited. Any student who uses or

possesses any of these substances will be suspended from all competitions beginning when the Principal or Athletic Director is NOTIFIED by the student, parent/guardian or law enforcement.

1. First offense of the school year- 6 weeks suspension
2. Second and subsequent offenses in the same school year – additional 18 weeks for each offense
3. Summer infractions will carry a six week suspension from the date and time the notification is given to the school administrator. Summer infractions shall not figure into a student's violation when determining multiple infractions during a school year. Summer infractions could occur from the last contest in the spring to the first practice in the fall. Multiple summer infractions will result in a maximum of two contests per infraction.

### **SPECIAL NOTES**

When a student is suspended for any reason (other than out-of-school or expulsion), he/she may continue to practice at the coach's discretion, but is not eligible to participate in any game and is not allowed to travel with any team or activity group. If the suspension is out-of-school or expulsion, the student is not allowed to practice.

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**CODE OF CONDUCT AND MEDICAL CARE RELEASE**

**2014-15 CODE OF CONDUCT**

I (student and we (parents/guardians have closely read the Solen Public School Code of Conduct for School Activities and acknowledge our acceptance and willingness to observe the code of conduct and follow its rules and regulations.

We (student and parents/guardians) further acknowledge that we (student and parents/guardians) have been properly advised, cautioned, and warned by the administration and coaches of the Solen Public School District that by participating in school activities exposes oneself to the risk of serious injury including but not limited to sprains, fractures, ligament and/or cartilage damage which could result in a temporary or permanent, partial, or complete impairment in the use of any limb, brain damage, paralysis, or even death. Having been so cautioned and warned of the risk of injury, it is still my (student) desire to participate in school activities and we (parent/guardians) give our consent for our child to participate in any and all Solen Public School Activities.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE RELEASE**

We (parents/guardians) do hereby grant permission to the attending physician and/or emergency medical personnel to carry out any and all necessary medical and/or first aid procedures on (full name of student) \_\_\_\_\_ in the case of an emergency. We (parents/guardians) understand that every effort will be made to contact us before any procedures are carried out, if possible. However, we understand that there may be a situation in which emergency care must be undertaken immediately by the attending physician and/or emergency medical personnel. We hereby give our consent to the above mentioned medical personnel to carry out such procedures if immediately necessary.

We (parents/guardians) further acknowledge that the Solen Public School District does not carry or provide medical insurance to participants in school activities who may be injured or become ill while participating in a Solen Public School District sponsored activity. All such costs are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

