

### **"Three Strike System"**

This code is comprised of an accumulated demerit system with a demerit being referred to as a *"strike"*. A *"strike"* may consist of anything from unacceptable language, poor classroom conduct or school suspension to missing practice, quitting a sport or attitudinal problems. The Coach will issue a *"strike"* for any misbehavior that is considered unfavorable and/or unacceptable, in his/her opinion, whether-or-not the player is in the season-of-sport or out. (Season-of-sport is from the first practice to the last game including play-offs.)

1. **"STRIKE ONE"** = The first *"strike"* shall be handled by the coach in whatever manner he/she deems necessary.
2. **"STRIKE TWO"** = The second *"strike"* would require a conference and/or action which may include contest restrictions.
3. **"STRIKE THREE"** = The athlete who receives three *"strikes"* will automatically be removed from the team for a period of two (2) *"game weeks"*. A *"game week"* is a week in which there contains a contest. (*"Game weeks"* carry over from one sport to the next, regardless of the time of year.)

An athlete, in the season-of-sport, will automatically receive three *"strikes"* and be suspended from the team for two (2) *"game weeks"* for using tobacco (including chewing tobacco); four (4) for alcohol; and six (6) for drugs. That player will be required to attend at least one rehab counseling session during each week of suspension.

4. Eligibility reinstated = An athlete will have all *"strikes"* cleared when he/she completes a sport without being on suspension.

At the completion of the suspensions the athlete returns to the team with one *"strike"*, only with the permission of the Coach. (The player may be required to continue practicing with the team, during the suspension period.)

If the suspension over-laps another sport, the *"game weeks"* must still be served. This keeps the penalty consistent, no matter when the player is caught.

If a player does not complete the season-of-sport, either from quitting or suspension, he/she will not be eligible for awards given for that sport, (whether previously announced or not).

If a player quits a sport (without the Coach's permission, he/she goes to the next sport with one *"strike"*. (If two sports in a row, then two *"strikes"*. If the player quits three sports in a row then he/she will be ineligible for one year.)

An Athlete may be suspended or expelled from an athletic team for any on/off campus conduct that adversely affects the team or school and/or the athlete.

Players can work off a strike, (not after the *"third"* strike is issued) with 10 hours of *"supervised"* community service. The work must be approved, then certified by the Athletic Director. All athletes must serve a third strike when they receive it.