Playing athletics at South Charlotte Middle School is a privilege. **IT IS NOT A RIGHT!** You need to be the ones that are the best behaved students at this school. In order to represent our school appropriately on the playing fields, the Athletic Department has developed some rules and guidelines that you must comply with to continue to participate as a Shocker Student Athlete.

**Attendance Policy**

Student athletes are expected to attend all practices and games. It is unfair to the rest of the team if a teammate has excessive absences. **Student athletes must be at school for half the school day in order to participate in practice or that afternoon’s contest**.

Excused Absences

Students with an **excused absence** will not be penalized. An excused absence can be a doctor’s appointment, illness, death in the family, injury, school approved activity, or a religious holiday. *Student athletes must communicate with their Coach prior to the absence.*

Unexcused Absences

Students with an **unexcused absence** shall not participate in the next contest. A second unexcused absence will result in the removal from the athletic team for the remainder of the season. This penalty does not carry over from season to season. Examples of an unexcused absence include family trips, **participating in another sport league activity (Club Team)**, community activity, or any other activity other than those listed as excused.

**ISS/OSS/Bus Suspension Policy**

ISS (In School Suspension)

An athlete serving in the ISS program will not participate in any school athletic practice or contest during their stay in the program **and will earn a suspension as deemed fit by the coach and AD.**    An athlete serving ISS for the **second** time during the school year will be removed from the team for the rest of the season.

OSS (Out of School Suspension)

An athlete serving OSS will not participate in any practices or contests during the length of the suspension **and will earn a suspension as deemed fit by the coach and AD.**   *.  Football and Track athletes will serve a one game/meet suspension.*  An athlete serving OSS for the **second** time or OSS after already earning an ISS during the school year will be removed from the team and not participate in any sport for the remainder of the school year.

Bus Suspension

If an athlete is suspended from the bus, the athlete will not participate in any school athletic practice or contest during their suspension. This will start from the day the suspension begins through the last day served. An athlete serving a **second** bus suspension will be suspended from the team for the rest of the season.

**\*\*\*The above serves as minimum consequences for athletes that have disciplinary referrals.  The school administration retains rights to assign consequences that they deem fair and appropriate in all athletic discipline cases.**

**Quitting/Dismissed**

An athlete who quits or is dismissed from a team may not participate for another team until the team they have been dismissed from or quit has finished their season.

**Students charged with crimes on or off campus**

Students with pending criminal charges will not participate in any athletic practices or contests. The student will be suspended from the team until the issue is resolved. Students found guilty of any criminal charge will never participate in any athletic practice or contest at South Charlotte Middle School and will not be on any team in any capacity.

Underage Drinking

Students with pending underage drinking charges will not participate in any athletic practice or contest. Students found guilty of underage drinking will be dismissed from the team and will not participate in the nest sports season (fall, winter, spring).

Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia

Students suspended from school from bringing illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia to school will not participate in any athletic practice or contest, will be dismissed from the team, and will not be permitted to be on any team the next sports season (fall, winter, spring).

**NCHSAA Ejection Policy**

The NCHSAA has an ejection policy which carries a suspension of two contests (four contests for fighting). **CMS will double this to 4 contests and 8 contests for fighting**. Exception: Football. The state policy is the next contest and two for fighting. CMS Football: 2 contests and 4 contests for fighting.

-2 ejections will result in a suspension for the remainder of that sports season.

-3 ejections will result in a 365 day suspension

-Student athletes will also be required to complete the STAR PROGRAM before returning to play

**I have read the SCMS Athletic Discipline Policy and agree to follow all policies as stated above.**

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| Parent Name | Parent Signature | Date |
| Student Name | Student Signature | Date |

***Please return to Coach Sprenger prior to your first contest***