

ARGENTA-OREANA EXTRA-CURRICULAR

THE PLAYER

1. He/She is clean and plays hard. Plays for the love of the game.
2. Wins without boasting, loses without excuses, and never quits.
3. Respects officials and accepts their decisions without question.
4. Never forgets that he/she represents his/her school.

THE COACH

1. Inspires in his/her athletes a love for the game and the desire to win.
2. Teaches them that it is better to lose fairly than to win unfairly.
3. Leads players and spectators to respect officials by setting a good example.
4. Is the type of person he/she wants his/her athletes to be.

THE OFFICIAL

1. Knows the rules.
2. Is fair and firm in all decisions. Calls them as he/she sees them.
3. Treats players and coaches courteously and demands the same treatment.
4. Knows the game is for the athletes, and lets them have the spotlight.

THE SPECTATOR

1. Never boos a player or official.
2. Appreciates a good play, no matter who makes it.
3. Knows the school gets the blame or praise for his/her conduct.
4. Recognizes the need for more sportsmanship and fewer "sports."

Philosophy

First and foremost, participation is a privilege, NOT a right.

It is the philosophy of the Athletic Program at AOHS to provide each individual who is willing to adhere to the rules of good sportsmanship and guidelines of our athletic policies the best possible opportunity to grow morally, physically, socially, and mentally through participation in our program of interscholastic activities.

To the Parents

One of the most important factors in having a successful Athletic Program is the cooperation and support of the parents of our athletes. As a parent of an athlete, it will be necessary to give an extra amount of your time in support of your son or daughter and our school's athletic program. We sincerely hope that these sacrifices and commitments will be a valuable and rewarding experience to both you and your AOHS athlete.

Our coaches are experienced in their fields and have the desire to help all of our athletes become respected, successful, and useful citizens of our community-both now and after graduation. If, as a parent, you feel the need to discuss a particular policy or situation, please call and make arrangements to talk with a coach or the Athletic Director.

Participation in our program requires a large commitment from each athlete. Your cooperation in making your son or daughter punctual for his/her activities will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, we want to thank you for allowing your child to participate.

Fan Behavior (IHSA Ruling)

We strongly encourage our parents and fans to follow the ethics of clean competition and good sportsmanship. IHSA By-Laws state: "Any person found to be in gross violation of the ethics of competition or sportsmanship may be barred from interscholastic contests." These areas will be stressed to our athletes and coaches, and it is

the hope of our total program that the parents and fans of our community will lead the way toward good sportsmanship.

The school board may make and enforce reasonable rules of conduct and sportsmanship for athletic and extra-curricular school events. Any person who violates such rules may be denied admission to school events for not more than one year, provided that written 10 days notice of the violation is given such person and a hearing had thereon by the board pursuant to its rules and regulations. The administration of any school may sign complaints as agents of the school against persons committing an offense any school events.(ILCS 5/24-24)

To Athletes, Cheerleaders, Scholastic Bowl, Student Council, Band, and Chorus

Your first responsibility is to acquire a quality education while attending Argenta-Oreana High School.

Every Argenta-Oreana student becomes an extra-curricular participant from the first scheduled fall athletic season practice until the last scheduled spring competition. The extra-curricular code will apply for the entire school year whether the student is currently involved in an extra-curricular activity or planning to be involved in an extra-curricular activity.

As you are a representative of this school, your actions and behavior must be such as to reflect a respected image on yourself, fellow students, your parents, your school and community. You will spend a great amount of time and effort in participation with your respective activity, but hopefully you will find it to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience that will be important to you now and in the years to come.

Any member of the A-O Administration having proven knowledge of any violation of rules will report the incident to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director and Teacher/Coach will give notification to the participant that he or she has been temporarily suspended from the organization until the appropriate reaction to the breach of rules has been determined.