

**MARATHON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board Rule 377.1

**MVA ATHLETIC CODE**

**A. Eligibility Rules**

1. In order to represent Marathon Venture Academy in interscholastic competition:
  - a. The athlete must meet the rules of eligibility set by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and any additional Marathon City School District rules.
    - i. Trimester Grades and mid-term progress reports will be used to determine academic eligibility.
  - b. A pledge must be signed by the parent/guardian and athlete stating that the athlete will abide by the terms of this athletic code. The pledge must be filed with a school official before the student may participate in practice or athletic events.
2. No student may be a member of more than one athletic team per season.
3. Students must be in attendance during the entire school day in order to compete in games or meets. Exceptions are made for pre-excused absences or appointments. Participation in practice is at the discretion of the coach and/or principal.
4. Continued participation in interscholastic athletics shall be at the discretion of the school's administrators.

**B. Conduct Rules**

The following conduct rules shall be in effect on a year-round basis.

1. Athletes shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, buy or sell alcohol, controlled substances, tobacco products, street drugs, or performance-enhancing substance.
2. Athletes shall not participate in or be present at activities at which controlled substances are being used or alcoholic beverages are being unlawfully consumed.
3. Athletes shall not commit acts of vandalism.
4. Athletes shall not engage in conduct contrary to the ideals, principles and standards of the school or the WIAA, including but not limited to criminal behavior.

**C. Penalties for Violation of Conduct Rules**

The penalty for violating this athletic code shall be based on the maximum number of contests per sporting season as stipulated in the WIAA handbook. The suspension for seasons that have 12 or fewer contests is different than for seasons that have 13 or more contests.

An athlete may have his/her suspension reduced if he/she seeks counseling. Counseling must be done with an accredited program and:

1. The athlete must be enrolled in the accredited program.

2. The program must be completed within a specified time, as determined by the counselor.

An athlete must complete the sports season in which he/she is serving a suspension in order for the suspension to be fulfilled.

Athletes shall participate in as many practices as prescribed by the coach during all suspensions in order to serve the suspension to its completion.

TERM OF SUSPENSION COUNSELING SERVICES

<u>Offense</u>	<u>12 or Fewer Contests / 13 or More Contests</u>
First offense	1 contest / 2 contests
Second offense	4 contests / 8 contests
Third offense	1 year
Fourth offense	1 year
Fifth offense	1 year

\*Suspension due to a(n) alcohol, controlled substance or tobacco product rule violation shall consist of no less than one day of competition.

TERM OF SUSPENSION WITHOUT COUNSELING SERVICES

<u>Offense</u>	<u>12 or Fewer Contests / 13 or More Contests</u>
First offense	2 contests / 4 contests
Second offense	8 contests / 16 contests
Third offense	MVA Career
Fourth offense	MVA Career
Fifth offense	MVA Career

\*Suspension due to a(n) alcohol, controlled substance or tobacco product rule violation shall consist of no less than one day of competition.

D. Appeal Process

If a student denies violating the athletic code, he/she shall be given an opportunity to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced.

An appeal of suspension may occur in the event that an athlete feels a wrong decision has been made. The "Appeal Process" outlined below is the procedure for an athlete and/or his/her parent/guardian to follow in appealing decisions relating to suspension. It should be understood that the athlete and/or his/her parent/guardian must follow the "Appeal Process" steps listed below in the event legal action is to be initiated at some later date.

