

BLACK HAWK SCHOOL 7-12

ACTIVITIES CODE

1. Philosophy

Participation in extra-curricular activities provide a significant extension of the educational experience for Black Hawk students. Athletics and other extra-curricular activities provide opportunities difficult to duplicate in the classroom setting. To ensure that these activities complement Black Hawk's mission, this code emphasizes the following:

- a. In addition to representing themselves, students represent their school, their community, their fellow students, and their families.
- b. Participation in the activities is a privilege which carries certain responsibilities.

In an effort to outline these responsibilities, the Black Hawk School Activity Code establishes the following:

- a. An activities participant must adhere to the academic and training rules set forth in this code.
- b. All students involved in extra-curricular activities and a parent are required to sign a pledge sheet before the student may participate in any activity.
- c. Enforcement of this hand book is the responsibility of the school, parents, and students on a YEAR ROUND BASIS.
- d. This code is enforced on a four year basis and violations accumulate.

2. Eligibility

A. Academic

Academic ineligibility will be tracked every three weeks during a grading term. Students who are earning an F in one or more classes will be ineligible to participate in activities until they are passing each class. Students who are receiving an F in a class will be required to participate in our after school credit reinforcement program until passing. Students can be reinstated by their instructors as soon as they are passing the course. At the end of a grading term, a student who has failed a class for that term is ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for a time period of 15 school days. Grade check will be reported on the Tuesday of each third week of a quarter. Ineligibility period begins on the following Monday.

A student who is enrolled in any state-approved EEN program and who receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.

A student who is ineligible for a minimum of 15 days under the provisions of this section may not return to competition until the school day following the 15-day ineligibility period.

Students who are academically eligible and have their parents and coaches/advisors approval may attend that activity's state tournament/competition that they have participated in that year, without going off waiver hours.

These academic eligibility requirements do apply to students in 7th and 8th grades.

B. Citizenship Grades

In addition, a student's Citizenship Grade will be calculated and reported every three weeks during the listed grade check dates. Students will be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities if they receive the following:

- a. An overall Citizenship Grade of a 1.5 in 3 or more classes
- b. An overall Citizenship Grade of a 1.0 in 2 or more classes
- c. A combination of the above two criteria. Example: 2 – 1.5's and 1 – 1.0 mark.

C. A student is ineligible by WIAA policy for athletic competition if he/she:

1. Becomes 19 years old before August 1 of any school year.
2. Attends more than 8 semesters of high school (a semester of eligibility is charged after 40 school days or participation in one interscholastic contest).
3. Enrolls after the 17th day of a semester without extenuating circumstances (i.e. sickness, accident, transfer).
4. Competes in a given sport more than four different seasons.
5. Participates in an all-star contest or similar activity involving participants from more than a given league.

In addition, a student is eligible for athletic competition according to WIAA standards, only if he/she:

1. Maintains amateur status.
2. Does not compete in outside activities in the same sport during the same school season.
3. Has a physical examination at least every other year as confirmed on the WIAA physical examination card or alternate year athletic permit card.
4. Has parent's signed permission on the WIAA card.

3. Personal Conduct

1. All students shall conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect positively on themselves, their family and school while representing Black Hawk High School.
2. Students who use, possess, or are involved with drugs or alcohol, or the use of tobacco in any manner, will be suspended from activities/competitions according to the disciplinary procedure outlined in Section VI. This is a zero tolerance policy. Absolutely no use at ANY time will be allowed-this includes family gatherings or home use with or without parent/guardian presence.
3. Students shall be in attendance at school all day on the day of a contest/competition. An exception can be made at the Principal's discretion for a doctor visit for the purpose of gaining a release to participate, or some other reasonable absence. Permission must be obtained prior to the absence.
4. All participants are expected to attend all practices and competitions unless excused by the advisor/coach of the activity involved.
5. Students may also be disciplined or suspended from participation for showing disrespect to any school employee, coach, or official, or not meeting the requirements of individual coaches/advisors.
6. Violations which occur during a WIAA tournament will result in suspension from the remainder of the tournament series.

4. Transportation Regulations

1. Team members must use the transportation provided by the school to reach the site of the contest or practice and return to school using the same transportation unless parents request otherwise in writing prior to the event. Personal contact by legal parent/guardian must be made with the coach/advisor prior to departure from the event to enable the student to ride in a private vehicle. This parental/legal guardian option is strongly discouraged.
2. Coaches/advisors may enforce their own guidelines in the following areas:
 - a. The degree of talking and singing on the way to or from a contest or practice.
 - b. The consumption of food or beverages.

5. Changing Sports

1. All students will sign an agreement before participating in any sport at BHHS. The intent of this written agreement is to prevent any athlete

from changing sports during the season due to disciplinary action by coaches or administration.

- a. According to the agreement, no student will change sports after the first (1) practice unless his/her present coach agrees to sign a waiver allowing the athlete to switch to a different sport.
2. It is the student's responsibility to inform the coach when dropping or changing a sport.
3. If during participation, any ineligibility period is being served and the student then chooses to quit the sport, the ineligibility period will be re-served before participating in the next sport.

6. Disciplinary Procedure

1. Minor Violations will be handled by the coach/advisor in charge.
 - a. Minor violation will include, keeping late hours, field discipline, lack of cooperation, missing practices, etc.
 - b. Penalties for minor violations will range from a verbal reprimand, suspension from practices/meeting and games/performances up to a maximum of ten school days.
2. Major violations will be handled by the principal/athletic director or his/her designee.
 - a. Major violations take place when a student is involved in the use, possession, buying, or selling of intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs, or the use of tobacco. A student who knowingly attends any party where illegal drinking is occurring will be considered in violation of this code whether or not the student him/herself actually consumes beer, liquor, or illegal drugs.
 - b. Undesirable in school behavior, (suspensions, discipline, etc.).
 - c. Conduct unbecoming a Black Hawk Activities Participant.
 - d. Violation of state or local ordinance.
3. Penalties for major violations will be as follows and will be carried over from season to season:

FIRST Major Violation

Group 1 Activity

The penalty for the first major violation will be a suspension from 20 percent of the total number of games for the activity in which the violations occur. A student may agree to voluntarily enroll and compete an assessment program, (when applicable). This agreement will reduce the suspension time to 10 percent. The suspension will carry over from one sport season to another if necessary. Any pre-season or vacation violations will carry the same suspension when the athlete enters an activity season. Practice attendance will required throughout the suspension period.

Failure to complete the assessment program at any violation level reinstate the full penalty.

Group II Activity

A member of a Group II activity will be ineligible to compete or perform for 14 calendar days from the date of conviction or the start of the next activity. A student may reduce the penalty to 7 calendar days by agreeing to complete an assessment program (where applicable).

SECOND Major Violation

Group I Activity

The penalty for a second major violation will be a suspension from 40 percent of the total number of contests for the activity in which the violation occurs. A student may reduce the penalty to 20 percent of the total contests by voluntarily agreeing to complete an assessment program (when applicable). The suspension will carry over from one season to another if necessary. There will also be loss of team honors (letter, special awards, etc.), loss of captaincy and no All-Conference consideration.

Group II Activity

A member of a group II activity will be ineligible to participate for 30 calendar days from the date of conviction or the start of the next activity. A student may reduce the penalty to 15 calendar days by voluntarily agreeing to complete an assessment program, (where applicable). There will also be a loss of any office held and any awards.

THIRD Major Violation

Suspension from all activities from one calendar year upon conviction of third violation.

FOURTH Major Violation

Permanent suspension

7. Enforcement and Reporting

- A. Valid evidence – any information or evidence considered to be relevant, valid, and accurate by any person(s) reviewing a particular alleged violation shall be considered. If such information cannot be substantiated on the basis of subsequent investigation, it will be treated as a rumor.

Violations must be reported in writing to the Principal/Athletic Director within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence.

- B. Procedures will be followed which will provide opportunity for the student to have the case reviewed in regard to the violation(s). A copy of the procedure will be made available to a student at the time he/she is notified of an alleged violation or whenever he/she requests an appeal.

A student shall begin a suspension when one or more of the following conditions are met:

- a. The student admits the violations
- b. The principal has met with the student, investigated the case, and determined the student has committed a major violation of the activity code.
- c. Suspensions shall begin immediately after the student has been found to have committed a violation.

8. The Appeal Process

- A. If the student or the parent(s)/guardian(s) are dissatisfied with the decision rendered by the principal they may appeal the decision in writing to the person who made the decision within (5) school days after receipt of the letter notifying them of the decision.
- B. Upon receiving an appeal, the principal shall schedule a meeting with the Activity Board as soon as possible. The student may be accompanied by parent(s) or guardian(s) at the meeting. They will have an opportunity to present evidence and challenge evidence presented against the student at this meeting. This meeting will be conducted by the District Administrator or a designee.

The athlete will remain under suspension during the appeal.

The Activity Board shall consist of:

- a. Principal
- b. Athletic Director/or non –athletic activity advisor
- c. Coach/Advisor of the season
- d. One school board member
- e. One faculty member

- C. The school shall consider the decision of the (section 8 A and B) final.

9. Listing of Grouping I and II

Group I

All athletics
Cheerleading
Forensics

Group II

All existing & future clubs
Student Council
Musical
Class Officers
Homecoming Court
Club Officers
Prom Court
FFA
All existing and future counts
Yearbook Staff
Badger Boys/Girls State
National Honor Society
Field Trips (unless academic
Letterman credit is given)
Library
Honors Band
Honors Chorus

10. Penalties for Violations of Group I Activities.

Listed is the number of contests students would have to sit out if they violated the activity code.

Number of Contests	Number of Contest Penalized		
	10%	20%	40%
1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	3
8	1	2	3
9	1	2	4
10	1	2	4
11	1	2	4
12	1	2	5
13	2	3	5
14	2	3	6
15	2	3	6
16	2	3	6
17	2	3	7
18	2	3	7
19	2	4	8
20	2	4	8

ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS REPORT

Name of Student _____

Grade _____ Date of Report _____

Alleged Code Violation:

Date of Alleged Violation _____

Person Making Report _____

I agree to appear regarding this matter if requested.

Signature

Action Taken as a Result of the Reported Violation:

Comments on Admission or denial of person accused of violation:

Action taken after full investigation (if necessary):

Parents notified of violation and action taken:

Date _____ Method _____

Date when student is restored to full athletic participation:

Date _____

Additional Comments:

Athletic Teams and Events

Black Hawk is proud of its athletic program and looks forward to the continued growth of its athletic traditions. Athletic events are an important part of high school life, and students are encouraged to participate both as an athlete and as a fan. Students can help ensure everyone's enjoyment of the game by showing courtesy to all around them. All school rules are in effect for those attending athletic events and all other school activities.

Interscholastic Athletics

Fall

Volleyball, Football

Winter

Women – Basketball, Wrestling

Men – Basketball, Wrestling

Spring

Women – Softball, Track

Men – Baseball, Track

Athletic Playing Time

The School District of Black Hawk has established the following guidelines for playing time for athletes. The district philosophy establishes different philosophies at the varying competitive levels.

Black Hawk Playing Time Philosophy:

The Coaches Purpose:

- The coach is to provide an opportunity for student/athletes to have a positive experience.
- The coach should focus on developing sport specific skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-regulation.
- The coach shall communicate her/his expectations with the students, parents, and other key stake holders.
- The coach should be open and honest with athletes and parent/guardians.
- The coach should be sensitive and compassionate to the student/athlete's perspective.

Playing Time Guidelines (School Sponsored Sports):

Middle School:

Focus on skill development

Focus is not on winning

Work to provide all student/athletes an ample amount of playing time

Junior Varsity:

Focus on skill development

Winning is still not #1 focus, winning does take a small role.

Work to provide all student/athletes an ample amount of playing time

Varsity:

Coach's discretion

Winning Becomes a main focus

Best players play the most – Assuming the following

- Eligibility
- Following team/school rules
- Meeting Coaches expectations

Strive to find playing time for other athletes

- Outcome of game is well in control
 - Work other athletes into games when there is a significant point differential
 - Seek opportunities to work athletes in throughout the game

Filing a Grievance related to Playing Time

The District would strongly encourage parent/guardian and students to discuss their concerns with each other before either the parent/guardian or child approaches the coach.

Guidelines:

All discussions about playing time should involve the following parameters

- Allow for a 24 hour period to pass after a game
- Be pre-arranged – set a time to meet with the coach

Parent and student should meet with the coach first (all individuals involved shall)

The district would support a student approaching the coach on their own accord

- Be respectful
- Be honest
- Refrain from discussing other athletes

If the parent and student are not satisfied with the explanation/result then they can proceed through the next chain of command in the following order, using the same parameters:

- Athletic Director
- Administration
- School Board

Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility

Any student may practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics after placing on file within the school written evidence attesting to:

- a. Parental permission each school year

- b. Current physical fitness as determined by a licensed physician not less than every other school year.
- c. The acceptance of and understanding of the school's code of conduct on a year round (12 month) basis.
- d. Evidence of health/injury insurance.

PLEDGE SHEET

Return this paper to the athletic director/principal if you wish to participate in athletics or any other activities. This pledge sheet must be signed by both the participant and a parent or legal guardian before participation will be allowed.

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I hereby agree to abide by the policies and regulations listed in the Athletic & Activities Code Handbook.

Signature of Participant

Date

.....
I, as a parent of legal guardian of the above participant, have read the policies and regulations set forth for athletic and activities participation at Black hawk High School and give my permission for my son or daughter to participate under these conditions. I hereby agree with these policies and regulations and will see that my son or daughter abides by them to the best of my ability. If any of the rules are violated, I will go along with the disciplinary actions taken.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Telephone Number

.....
I also give permission for the coach or advisor to secure first aid and emergency care for my son or daughter from qualified personnel should he or she requires such assistance.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and:

Black Hawk School

(School)

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a summary of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawf.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless

approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.

- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full-time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- E. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to practice and/or compete for one calendar year.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.

- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer:
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to practice and compete for one calendar year.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffelbags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature - badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team:

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate in any nonschool games, including scrimmages against other teams.

- (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.); specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.); fun runs, etc.
 - (2) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year, before and/or after the school season of a sport, a student-athlete may participate in sport activities outside of school with these restrictions:
- (1) A student-athlete must not participate in nonschool programs, activities, camps, clinics and/or competition that is limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
 - (2) Nonschool activities in which students are engaged may not resemble in any way a school team practicing or competing out-of-season.
 - (3) Nonschool team rosters may not include more than the following number of participants from the same school: Volleyball, Hockey, Basketball - 3; Soccer - 6; Baseball, Softball - 5; and Football - 4.
- C. In the summer nonschool roster restrictions are not in effect and members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school-coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- D. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- E. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- F. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.

Detach and Return to Athletic Director

**PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
SIGN-OFF FORM**

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

School Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student-Athlete's Signature

Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.