

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 stakeholders.
- 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.

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