

District Athletic Code

Madison Metropolitan School District

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East High School
Purgolders



La Follette High School
Lancers

West High School
Regents



Memorial High School
Spartans





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NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person shall, on the basis of handicap, race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity in the school district. If you have any questions about procedures, or if you wish to file a grievance, please contact the Athletic Director or Athletic Principal in the High School Office.



I. INTRODUCTION AND PHILOSOPHY

MMSD athletics provides **equitable** programming opportunities that support the District's vision to prepare **all students** for college, career, and community. Athletics play an integral role in **community building and the identity** of Madison schools and support the development of **commitment, reliability, honesty, integrity, accountability, and perseverance** in each of our student athletes. Through participation in co-curricular athletics programs, students strive to become **better students, athletes, leaders, and citizens**.

In accordance with Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association regulations, implementation of the Madison Metropolitan School District Athletic Code is the year round responsibility of school personnel, athletes, and their parent(s). Participation in athletics is a privilege provided to athletes who accept and follow the rules and regulations stipulated in the District Athletic Code.

II. STATEMENT OF RISK

All athletic programs involve some contact. Consequently, athletes may be at risk for serious injuries. Although the Board of Education and the Madison Metropolitan School District endeavor to operate athletic activities in a safe manner, it is impossible to eliminate risks associated with physical activity and/or sports. Therefore, parents and athletes should consider these risks carefully before deciding to participate in interscholastic athletic activities.

III. ELIGIBILITY

An athlete is eligible for athletic competition only if he/she meets all of the following WIAA and MMSD criteria:

1. Comply with all WIAA eligibility criteria.
2. Have completed the parent(s) permission and student's verification of willingness to adhere to the Athletic Code on file with the Athletic Director as specified on the WIAA cards.
3. Have medical insurance or a signed statement by the parent/guardian refusing insurance.
4. Have completed the parent(s) and athlete acknowledgements form on sport-specific cautionary statements for each sport in which the athlete participates annually.
5. Have completed the Parent and Athlete Agreement form regarding concussion awareness each school year in which an athlete participates in an activity.
7. Have paid all applicable participation fees prior to competition.
8. Adhere to all requirements stated in the District Athletic Code.

See [WIAA Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin](#) for specific information



A. Transgender Athletes

Upon the written request of the parent/guardian of an athlete, and in consideration of the criteria set forth in the WIAA's Transgender Participation Policy, the school's Athletic Director will determine whether an athlete may be a member of an athletic team that is consistent with the athlete's identified gender. Absent concerns regarding physical safety and competitive equity, it shall be presumed that an athlete may be a member of the team(s) that is consistent with the athlete's gender identity. An athlete who is denied the opportunity to be a member of a team that is consistent with the athlete's identified gender may appeal the determination to a committee consisting of the Principal of the school in which the athlete is enrolled, the Chief of School Operations or designee, the District's LGBTQ Lead Service Coordinator and other individuals deemed necessary to address the issues raised in the appeal.

B. Transfer Rule

See [Eligibility Verification of Transfer Student](#)

C. Residency

See [WIAA Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin](#)

D. Academic Eligibility

1. MMSD rules stipulate that athletes must receive passing grades in all classes or curricula at all times. **NOTE: NC (No Credit) AND INCOMPLETE INDICATORS ARE NOT CONSIDERED PASSING GRADES.**

Athletes who are ineligible by MMSD standards, **but not** WIAA (i.e. 1 failing grade, including incompletes), will be withheld from competition/performance for AT LEAST ONE CONTEST and will remain ineligible for not less than 10 school days or 22% of the scheduled competition dates for fall and spring sports; and 15% for winter sports, whichever is LESS, provided the athlete is again passing ALL classes.

Athletes ineligible by WIAA **and** MMSD standards (i.e. 2 or more failing grades, including incompletes) shall be withheld from competition/performance for AT LEAST TWO CONTESTS and until no less than 15 school days have passed from the period commencing one school day after grades are due to be submitted to the District's electronic grade database. For fall sports, the ineligibility period will be three calendar weeks from the first pre-school contest or one-third of the maximum scheduled contests for the sport, whichever is **LESS**.

2. Coaches are responsible for monitoring class attendance and eligibility through the use of weekly Academic Status Reports. If the weekly Academic Status Reports indicate an athlete is not receiving a passing grade in all classes, the athlete has 7 days to achieve a passing grade in all classes or is considered ineligible under the MMSD standards. In the case of an athlete who has an IEP, the case manager shall be consulted to determine the applicability of timing regarding progress reports and quarter grades.



Interpretations:

- Determination of academic eligibility is the function of the coach involved who shall inspect the grades of all athletes prior to the start of any season's competition/performance, and during the season when a report card or report from a home-based private educational program provider is issued. For athletes enrolled in a home-based private educational program a report of grades and/or performance in the home-based curriculum will be requested at or near the same time that report cards are issued by the District. If a home-based private educational program provider fails to provide a report of grades and/or performance the home-based private educational program athlete will be deemed ineligible until such report of grades and/or performance is provided.
- WIAA ineligible athletes shall be withheld from competition/performance for AT LEAST TWO CONTESTS and until no less than 15 actual school days have passed from the period commencing one school day after grades are due to be submitted to the District's electronic grade database. For fall sports, the ineligibility period will be three calendar weeks from the first pre-school contest or one-third of the maximum scheduled contests for the sport, whichever is **LESS**.
- On the 15th school day (21st calendar day from first pre-school contest or one-third of the season in the fall), a review of grades will be made to determine the athlete's status--if passing all classes, the athlete may return to competition on the 16th school day IF the two contest provision has been met--if still ineligible, the athlete will remain ineligible until such time as he/she is passing all classes.
- Eligibility may be regained or ineligibility periods shortened in summer school by making up failures incurred during the spring semester.
- Eligibility may also be regained immediately if incompletes or NC's are made up within 10 school days of any grade reporting period.
- During the ineligibility period, the coach has the prerogative to allow the athlete to practice or not.
- Continuous progress (CP) courses are considered only if eligibility is questionable--then it is the responsibility of the coach involved to ascertain a letter grade from the CP teacher.
- Athletes who drop a class after week seven with an F will become immediately ineligible for the remainder of that semester plus the report card ineligibility period stipulated above.
- Once eligibility is regained, the athlete must continue to be passing ALL classes for the remainder of the grading period in order to remain eligible -- if not, the athlete becomes immediately ineligible until such time as again passing all classes. It shall be the responsibility of the athlete who has regained academic eligibility to turn in current grade status reports on a weekly basis for the remainder of the grading period in order to maintain eligibility.



NOTE: If a contest forfeiture results due to false academic or residential information furnished by an athlete or his/her parent(s), the athlete becomes ineligible for all sports for one (1) calendar year from the date of last contest participation.

IV. PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS, CHANGING SPORTS, LEAVING THE TEAM, AND LETTERING

- A. Once athletic cards are on file in the athletic office, students are considered athletes for the remainder of their high school careers.
- B. Athletes are not prohibited from participating in more than one school sponsored athletic activity during any given season.
- C. Individuals who voluntarily sever their team affiliation and/or quit during the season and later have a change of heart may be reinstated to team status at the coach's discretion.
- D. Letter winners must meet sport requirements and MUST complete the sports season in good standing with the team/squad and coaching staff.

V. TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

- A. If transportation is provided, team members must use the transportation provided by the school to reach the site of the contest or practice. If transportation is provided back to the District school site, Team members must also return to school via the same mode of transportation unless parent(s) request permission to take the player home in their private vehicle. Said request must be in writing or in person. Only the legal parent(s) or guardian(s) will be given this prerogative.
- B. The type of transportation used should be as clean at the end of a trip as it was at the beginning.

VI. LOCKER ROOMS AND CARE OF EQUIPMENT

- A. The locker room is for players and coaches only.
- B. There shall be no horseplay in locker rooms at any time.
- C. Locker rooms are to be kept clean.
- D. Each athlete is responsible for the proper care and safekeeping of all equipment issued. Lockers must be secured before and after practice or competition.
- E. Upon termination of sport participation, the athlete is required to turn in equipment and clear out of their team locker within THREE days. The school is not responsible for personal items left in unattended lockers after three days and such items will be discarded.
- F. Lost or stolen items must be paid for through the high school office or to the coach in charge (such equipment remains school property and will be confiscated any time it reappears--refunds may be obtained within 30 days of fine payment).



- G. Broken basketball rims and backboards are the financial responsibility of those who break them.
- H. No athlete will be allowed to compete in another sport until all equipment and/or uniform obligations are cleared up with their previous coach.

VII. PERSONAL CONDUCT

- All athletes shall conduct themselves at all times in such a way as to reflect positively on themselves, their family, their community and their school. The Behavior Education Plan for Middle and High School Students ("BEP"), Harassment and Anti-Bullying Policies apply to athletes. All athletes must realize that participation in sports activities is a privilege and not a right. In order to protect all people in the school community, misconduct will be addressed in light of the seriousness of the Athletic Code violation. In addition to the penalties set forth in this Code, athletes may also be withheld from competition for insubordination or disrespect to any school employee, coach, or official, or for not meeting the expectations of individual coaches.
- MMSD recognizes that misconduct could be so severe that an athlete's privilege to practice and participate could be suspended for the duration of their high school career.

A. Wisconsin Statute

In accordance with state law, legal authorities may share law violations with the school as follows:

- Wisconsin Statute 938.396(1)(c)3 permits law enforcement agencies to provide school districts any information in their records relating to the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, controlled substances, or controlled substance analogs by students enrolled in the school district.
- In addition, law enforcement agencies are permitted to provide school districts any information in their records:
 - Relating to the illegal possession of a dangerous weapon by a juvenile.
 - Relating to an act for which a juvenile enrolled in the school district was taken into custody for a violation of any state or federal criminal law.
 - Relating to the act for which a juvenile enrolled in the school district was adjudged delinquent.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 118.127, a school district may use law enforcement officers' records obtained pursuant to s. 938.396(1)(c)3 as the **sole** basis for taking disciplinary action against a pupil, under the District's Athletic Code.



B. Attendance

For athletes enrolled full-time in the District, unexcused absences during any day of the season will result in the athlete not competing in the next scheduled contest, regardless of the level of competition. Athletes are allowed 5 school days to clear any unexcused absences from their attendance record. This is a one for one cumulative situation (i.e., unexcused absences on three different days will result in 3 different meet/game suspensions). Athletes enrolled in a home-based private educational program shall attend their program in a manner that allows them to obtain at least 875 hours of instruction during the school year.

C. Team Membership

1. All athletes are expected to attend all practices and games unless excused by the coach of the sport involved or by administrative excuse--failure to comply will result in discipline and/or suspension. MMSD will make every effort to avoid scheduling athletic events/contests on days identified as "Observances That May Impact Attendance." Avoiding scheduling athletic events/contests on days of observances applies only to events scheduled at the school level or by the District. It does not apply to participation in events the scheduling of which is outside of the control of the District. Individual athletes who miss practices or competitions due to their participating in their religious beliefs will not be penalized.
2. Athletes may be dropped from team membership for not being in good standing with the team for repeated or flagrant discipline problems and/or failing to attend school and go to all classes, study halls, and practices all the time.
3. Athletes dropped from team membership will not have fulfilled any Code suspension penalty served during the season and must re-serve their full suspension during the next sport they participate in.

VIII. FORMAL SUSPENSIONS

When a Code violation occurs the head coach, coach in charge, assistant principal, or the building principal has/have the obligation individually/collectively to issue a formal suspension through the Athletic Director verbally and in writing. Suspensions take effect at the time that the verbal notification is given to the student or written notification is mailed to his/her address of record, whichever is first.

Not all conduct that may result in coach or team imposed sanctions are listed in this Code. Less serious conduct, such as violations of the BEP that fall within Response Levels 1 or 2 may, at the discretion of the athlete's coach, result in disciplinary action up to and including a Level 1 suspension (see below). Examples of such disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, limiting playing time or sitting an athlete for the beginning of a competition in which the athlete would normally be a starter.

A. LEVEL I – Non –Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug related Athletic Code Violations or Self-Reported Level II AOD Violations

1. Attending gatherings where underage drinking or drug use takes place or deliberately transporting athletes to same. (See BEP's Glossary of Terms for



definition of "drug")

2. Any conduct for which 1 to 3 days of out-of-school suspension is determined to be an appropriate consequence and which is not covered by a Level II or III violation as set forth in this Code.

In conjunction with the philosophy of the MMSD Athletic Code Policy, alcohol and drug use is discouraged. Athletes and their parents should discuss the AOD policy and the subsequent consequences.

- Athletes are required to leave gatherings where underage drinking or drug use is taking place immediately upon their knowledge of the presence of illegal substances or illicit activities. Failure to do so will result in a **25%** suspension.
- Transporting other athletes or students to one or more illegal gatherings where it is known that AOD usage will take place, will result in a **25%** suspension penalty whether or not the driver stays at the gathering.

With the exception of the suspensions for remaining at, or transporting athletes/students to gatherings where underage drinking or drug use is taking place (see above), the suspension penalty for a Level I Violation is a minimum of 1 (one) current (or next sport if out of season) sports' season competition date WITH practice, with a maximum FOR FIRST TIME VIOLATIONS of **four** contest dates OR a maximum of three contest dates if one of the **three** dates is a multiple-event contest such as an invitational soccer tournament or a wrestling invitational or a softball double-header. Subsequent violations will result in additional **25%** suspensions with no maximums.

- Alcohol, tobacco, and drug related Code violations will be referred to each school's AOD coordinator. Failure of violators to meet with or follow through with the recommendation(s) of the AOD Coordinator will result in continuous ineligibility.
- If the AOD coordinator refers the violator to a non-school AOD provider for counseling, screening, assessment, or intervention, a release of information is required.

B. **LEVEL II** – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Related Code Violations

1. Possession and/or use of any tobacco product or nicotine inhaler (i.e. electronic cigarette, personal vaporizer).
2. Possession of any beverage containing alcohol or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.
3. Possession of drugs or being under the influence of any drug. (See BEP's Glossary of Terms for definition of "drug").

[Suspension penalty is **50%** of current (or next sport if out of season) sports' season competition dates WITH practice.]

- Alcohol, tobacco and drug related Code violations will be referred to each school's AOD Coordinator. Failure of violators to meet with or follow through with the recommendation(s) of the AOD Coordinator will result in continuous



- ineligibility.
- Alcohol may be consumed as part of an off-campus religious ceremony, sanctioned by the student athlete's church or religious community.

If the AOD Coordinator refers the violator to a non-school AOD provider for counseling, screening, assessment or intervention, a release of information is required.

- Repeated Level II violations may result in the athletes being dropped from team membership at the discretion of the coach in charge with the approval of the Athletic Director prior to such action taking place.
- Voluntary first-time entry into an approved AODA Treatment Program will require a **25%** suspension penalty. Voluntary means that it is unrelated to a specific AOD incident and the student has not received an AOD Athletic Code Violation. Upon written documentation of successful completion of the program, the individual involved may have any remaining AOD suspension reduced as determined through appeal to the Athletic Board. Subsequent treatment program participation will result in the normal **50%** AOD suspension penalty.

C. **LEVEL III** - Extremely Serious Violations

1. Organizing, hosting or having gatherings where the consumption of alcohol or the use of drugs takes place. (See BEP's Glossary of Terms for definition of "drug")
 2. Selling, providing, distributing or possession with intent to deliver alcohol or drugs. (See BEP's Glossary of Terms for definition of "drug")
 3. Possession of a dangerous or concealed weapon.
 4. Reproducing or distributing school keys.
 5. Theft of money or property of another that is valued at more than \$200.
 6. Property damage where the total value of the property affected is more than \$200.
 7. Hazing/initiations.
 8. Battery or sexual assault.
 9. Any conduct for which a response level 4 or 5, as set forth in the BEP, is determined to be an appropriate intervention.
 10. There is a reasonable belief that the athlete has committed a violation of a state or federal criminal law or the athlete received a misdemeanor disorderly conduct citation.
- Any athlete who commits any Level III violations will be suspended immediately for a minimum of 50% of the current (or next sport if out of season) sport season's competition dates WITH practice and may be suspended for up to a maximum of 150% of the current and next sports seasons with or without practice as determined by the Athletic Commission or pursuant to any appeal.



If person in possession of alcohol or controlled substances (invited or uninvited) arrive at a gathering being given by a MMSD athlete, that athlete is responsible under this policy for the immediate removal of those persons and of all alcohol or controlled substances from the premises. A responsible adult or the police should be contacted without delay if those persons refuse to leave.

- Repeated Level III violations may result in the athlete being dropped from the team membership at the discretion of the coach in charge with the approval of the Athletic Director prior to such action taking place.
- Alcohol, tobacco, and drug related Code violations will be referred to each school's AOD Coordinator. Failure of violators to meet with or follow through with the recommendation(s) of the AOD Coordinator will result in continuous ineligibility.
- If the AOD Coordinator refers the violator to a non-school AOD provider for counseling, screening, assessment or intervention, a release of information is required.

D. SELF REFERRALS

Any Code violation that is self or family reported to the Athletic Director, Athletic Principal, Coach or AOD Coordinator, prior to staff awareness of the violation, **may** result in up to a **50%** reduction of the normal suspension penalty. Self referrals must be made before the team's next practice/game/event or by 12:00pm on the first school day following the incident during the school year and before 12:00pm on the third day following the incident during Winter, Spring and Summer recesses, whichever comes first. Athletes are strongly encouraged to self report AOD violations to assist them in the AOD assessment process and to minimize suspension penalties.

E. SUSPENSION NOTIFICATION

All athletes with formal suspensions have the right to receive notice of their suspension as follows:

1. The athlete and/or parent(s) will be verbally advised of the violation and corresponding suspension. Verbal notification of a suspension may be made by the Athletic Director, Coach or the Athletic Principal.
2. Within 5 business days of verbal notification, the violation and suspension penalty will be set forth in writing and sent via electronic email or U.S. first class mail to the athlete and/or parent.

F. APPEAL PROCEDURES

All athletes who have received suspensions for Level I and Level II violations have the right to appeal their suspensions through the following procedures:

1. An appeal may be made to the building principal or designee at any time during the term of the suspension in writing through the Athletic Director. The following appeal procedures will apply:



- a. The Athletic Director will schedule a meeting between the building principal or designee and the parent/athlete. The parent/athlete may also be accompanied by other individuals.
 - b. The Athletic Director presents information regarding the violation to the building principal or designee.
 - c. The athlete and his/her parent(s) may provide any information relevant to the appeal.
 - d. A discussion may ensue between the building principal or designee and the athlete and his/her parent(s) and/or the Athletic Director.
 - e. The building principal or designee may question the athlete.
 - f. The building principal or designee may render a decision immediately or render a decision after further reflection and consideration.
 - g. The decision will be provided in writing within 3 working days of the date of the meeting between the building principal or designee and the parent/athlete.
 - h. The Athletic Director shall not serve as the school official presiding over the appeal.
2. An appeal of the building principal's or designee's decision may be made to the Chief of Schools for Secondary, or his/her designee, in writing, stating the factual reasons and basis for the appeal, within 10 working days of the date on which the building principal's or designee's decision was made. The athlete/parent may rely solely on the written appeal or may request a meeting with the Chief of Schools for Secondary, or his/her designee. If requested, a meeting shall be granted.
 3. The Chief of Schools for Secondary, or his/her designee, will notify the athlete and his/her parent(s) in writing of his/her decision within 5 business days after receipt of the appeal, or if a meeting is held, 5 business days after the meeting is held. The decision of the Chief of Schools for Secondary, or his/her designee, shall be final.

All athletes who have received suspensions for Level III violations have the right to appeal their suspensions through the following procedures:

1. The athlete and/or his/her parent(s) MUST request an Athletic Commission Hearing through the Athletic Director in writing. [NOTE: If a request is not made for a hearing, the athlete remains ineligible until he/she graduates. Pending Athletic Commission Hearings for extremely serious violations will be kept on file until the athlete graduates.]
2. The Athletic Director schedules an Athletic Commission Hearing.
 - a. The Athletic Commission is made up of 3 assistant principals.
 - b. The Athletic Director presents the situation to the Athletic Commission.
 - c. The athlete and his/her parent(s) provide relevant information to the Athletic Commission.
 - d. There may be a discussion between the Athletic Commission, Athletic Director, athlete, and his/her parent(s).
 - e. The athlete, his/her parent(s) and the Athletic Director shall leave the room during the deliberations of the Athletic Commission.
 - f. The Athletic Commission deliberates and makes a decision.



- g. The Athletic Director notifies the athlete and his/her parent(s) in writing of the decision of the Athletic Commission within 3 business days of the Athletic Commission Hearing.
 3. An appeal of the Commission's decision may be made to the building principal or designee in writing stating the factual reasons and basis for the appeal within 5 working days of the date on which the Commission's decision is rendered. The following appeal procedures will apply:
 - a. The Athletic Director will schedule a meeting between the building principal or designee and the parent/athlete. The parent/athlete may also be accompanied by other individuals.
 - b. The Athletic Director presents information regarding the violation to the building principal or designee including the outcome of the Commission Hearing.
 - c. The athlete and his/her parent(s) may provide any information relevant to the appeal.
 - d. A discussion may ensue between the building principal or designee and the athlete and his/her parent(s) or Athletic Director.
 - e. The building principal or designee may question the athlete.
 - f. The building principal or designee may render a decision immediately or render a decision after further reflection and consideration.
 - g. The decision will be provided in writing within 3 working days of the date of the meeting between the building principal or designee and the parent/athlete.
 - h. The Athletic Director shall not serve as the school official presiding over the appeal.
 4. An appeal of the building principal's or designee's decision may be made to the Chief of Schools for Secondary in writing stating the factual reasons and basis for the appeal within 10 working days of the date on which the building principal's decision is rendered. The athlete/parent may rely solely on the written appeal or may request a meeting with the Chief of Schools for Secondary, or his/her designee. If requested, a meeting shall be granted. The Chief of Schools for Secondary, or his/her designee, will notify the athlete and his/her parent(s) in writing of his/her decision within 5 business days after receipt of the appeal, or if a meeting is held, 5 business days after the meeting is held. The decision of the Chief of Schools for Secondary, or his/her designee, shall be final.

G. INTERPRETATIONS

1. Athletes on suspension must practice with and be a member in good standing with the team until season's end in order to complete any suspension (unless otherwise determined by the Athletic Commission). Commencing team membership for said individuals is NOT POSSIBLE 1 (one) week after the last athletic team has made cuts in any particular season.
2. Suspensions will be figured and must be served at the highest level an athlete participates at during the course of a season.
3. Suspension determinations of .5 or greater will advance to the next highest whole number of dates. In-season violations will result in immediate suspension from the



next regularly scheduled contest(s); while out-of- season violations or carry-overs result in suspension from the first contest(s) the athlete would normally be eligible for having practiced with and been a member in good standing with the team.

5. If a suspension cannot be completely served during the athlete's current sports season, the remaining **percentage** will carry over to the next sport in which the athlete participates.
6. Multiple suspensions and/or academic ineligibility must be served consecutively and may not be served concurrently (i.e.: an athlete must be academically eligible first in order to then serve any Code violation suspension).
7. Formal suspensions for Code violations which result in an athlete being suspended for one or more WIAA tournament competitions will result in immediate disqualification from the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport, along with the remaining percentage penalty carrying over to the next sport participated in.
8. Community service to work off Code violations is not an option.
9. Prior Athletic Code violations may be considered by the Athletic Director, Athletic Board or Athletic Commission in deciding upon the level of the suspension penalty.

H. POST-SEASON HONORS AND SCHOOL-BASED AWARDS/HONORS

Athletes who receive suspensions due to Code violations are NOT eligible for individual post-season honors at the City, Conference, Area, or State levels for the season during which the penalty was served. The season will include the time up to the awarding of post-season honors.

IX. MMSD'S ADOPTION OF BIG 8 CONFERENCE BY-LAWS ON HARASSMENT, FIGHTING, TAUNTING, AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

- A. Fighting in any sport shall be construed to consist of: an invitation to fight or closely following an opposing player during a disturbance and making any menacing or taunting gesture or sound -- punching or slugging whether or not contact is made - - wrestling or tackling an opponent as part of an altercation. In addition, leaving the player box or player bench area to approach an altercation shall be construed as participation in the altercation.
- B. Athletes who are subjected to harassment violations will IMMEDIATELY:
 1. Report the incident to their coach.
 2. The coach will report the incident to a contest official.
 3. The official will inform the opposing coach of the allegation. Officials will be expected to rigorously enforce sportsmanship regulations and will be especially alert for repetition of the alleged incident.
 4. Coaches notified of allegations will immediately counsel all squad members of the allegation and take appropriate steps to prevent any future incident.
- C. Any athlete, coach, or team member ejected by a contest official at any time for acts of harassment, fighting, taunting, or unsportsmanlike conduct, or for such acts as witnessed by a school official before, during, or after any contest will be subject to the penalties delineated in D below.



- D. Athletes, coaches or team members who violate the prohibition against harassment, fighting, taunting, or unsportsmanlike conduct shall bring an automatic suspension for the remainder of that contest plus suspension from the next scheduled contest. In addition, an ejected athlete or team member must complete the season in good standing or the suspension is considered not to have been served and will carry over to the next sport season he/she participates in and successfully completes.
 - E. Should the original violation of this rule occur during the final contest of the season, the violator will be suspended from the next contest the athlete is eligible for during a season in which he/she participates and successfully completes.
 - F. Whenever an ejection occurs, all coaches involved in the contest are required to notify their Head Coach, Athletic Director, and Principal immediately; if harassment has occurred the offended school will receive a report from the offending school outlining actions taken. Athletic Directors will then confer to insure a conference suspension penalty is administered accordingly.
 - G. For unsportsmanlike conduct resulting in ejection, a second violation by the same individual during the same season brings automatic expulsion from that sport for the remainder of the season plus suspension from any and all WIAA tournament contests of that same season. If a second violation occurs during the last contest of a season, the individual is suspended from any and all WIAA tournament contests of that season plus suspension from the first contest normally eligible for during the next season he/she participates in and successfully completes.
 - H. For harassment incidents resulting in ejection, a second or subsequent violation AT ANY TIME DURING ANY SEASON brings automatic expulsion for one calendar year from the date of ejection.
 - I. A more severe penalty may be assessed against an individual for a violation if, in the judgment of the school, such action will be beneficial to the future of that sport.
 - J. Unsportsmanlike conduct suspension appeals may be made by member schools and the local principal, following communication with the other involved principal, will rule on the suspension. For harassment ejections, there are NO APPEALS.
- X. PARTICIPATION FEE
- A. Participants are required to remit an athletic participation fee of \$115.00 for EACH sport in which they participate. There will be an additional \$100.00 surcharge for athletic participation in gymnastics and wrestling and \$118.00 additional surcharge for boys and girls golf. There will also be an additional surcharge of \$800.00 for athletic participation in hockey. Families will pay a maximum of \$500.00 for athletic participation. Surcharge amounts are excluded in the family maximum however, the \$115.00 portion of the participation fee will be included in the family maximum. Athletic participation fees are collected after the team has been selected. Athletic participation fee refunds will be issued before the first date of competition for that specific sport. Athletes that are unable to practice or participate due to prior injuries, will not pay the participation fee until they are released by their physician for this activity.
 - B. In accordance with Board of Education policy, athletes who meet certain criteria may apply for athletic fee waivers at the school office.



XI. ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Following is a list of possible activities offered on an annual basis. Not all activities are offered at all schools. Students should contact the Athletic Director at the High School they attend to determine current sport offerings.

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Freshmen</u>
Cross Country	X	X		
Soccer	X	X		X
Volleyball	X	X		X
Basketball	X	X	X	X
Hockey	X			
Swimming	X	X		
Baseball	X	X		X
Golf	X	X		X
Tennis	X	X		X
Track	X	X		X

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Football	X	X	X	X
Wrestling	X	X		
Cheerleading	X	X		
Pom Pom	X	X		

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Freshmen</u>
Cross Country	X	X		
Golf	X	X		
Swimming	X	X		
Tennis	X	X		X
Volleyball	X	X		X
Basketball	X	X	X	X
Gymnastics	X	X		
Soccer	X	X		X
Softball	X	X		X
Track	X	X		X
Hockey	X	X		

XII. ATHLETICS – SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

Since athletics must operate within the framework of sound educational principles, it follows **that:**

1. Athletic teams come under the jurisdiction of and are required to abide by the rules of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education Policies so that all athletes may compete under identical standards.



2. Visiting teams that have Native American team names, mascots or logos (i.e. the "Indians," the "Warriors," the "Blackhawks") may not bring a team mascot. Nor may a student or individual associated with a visiting team that has a Native American team name, mascot or logo wear or don a costume of a mascot depicting a Native American or a caricature of a Native American.
3. Those who take advantage of the privilege of athletics, either as a participant or spectator, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not detract from the educational principles which direct the basic organization.
4. Athletes and officials are human beings -- they are not perfect and never will be. Everyone involved in a contest may make a mistake. Competitors, coaches, officials, and spectators enter into competition knowing that errors are a normal part of an activity and are likely to happen.
5. Even though winning is certainly an admirable goal, it is hollow if it comes at the expense of morals, ethics, and just plain common sense.

SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. Stand during the National Anthem and remove all headwear.
2. Cheer for their team rather than against their opponents.
3. Maintain self-control at all times while conducting themselves as responsible citizens.
4. Show **RESPECT** for opponents in every way possible.
5. Always be positive in support of their teams.
6. Recognize and acknowledge good performances made by both teams.
7. **RESPECT** officials and accept their decisions.
8. Be humble and not boastful in victory and gracious and not bitter in defeat.
9. Leave the site of an activity--including the parking lot--as soon as possible after the activity is completed.

SPECTATORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO:

1. Use negative chants which focus on or exploit mistakes such as You, You, You, Sieve, and Airball.
2. Participate in chants or behaviors which use obscene or insulting language or gestures or which mention or imply topics which would tend to ridicule, taunt, harass, intimidate, humiliate, degrade, or embarrass others in attendance, incite or abuse opponents, or bring disrespect upon game officials.



3. Sit in the opposing team's seating/cheering sections.
4. Stand next to playing surface railings or ice rink plexiglass or pound/push on plexiglass; or sit/stand in bleacher aisles or doorways.
5. Engage in body passing or any action that endangers the safety of participants, spectators, or officials.
6. Bring stereo, tape, or radio equipment to athletic contests or make use of noisemakers in the stands.
7. Throw anything onto the playing surface or at players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, band members, supervisors, police, fans, or guests.
8. Carry or consume any alcoholic or controlled substance while on school or athletic property or attend a school-sponsored function while under the influence of same.
9. Leave an athletic event before it is over and return at a later time.
Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned rules will result in the spectator being removed from the premises and, in the case of an athlete, further disciplinary action by the appropriate grade level principal. ANYONE EJECTED FROM A REGULAR SEASON OR WIAA TOURNAMENT GAME IS AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED FROM ANY AND ALL REMAINING GAMES OF THAT TOURNAMENT.

**REMEMBER: WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING...BUT STRIVING TO
WIN AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS!**

Nonschool Competition During the School Sport Season

The WIAA rule regarding participation in nonschool competition during the school sport season in the same sport states:

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 1 – In-Season

A. It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. Athletes may compete in not more than **two nonschool competitions** with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition **will not** be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in more than **two nonschool games, meets, or contests** in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances.

For additional rules including reporting late, see Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Sections 1 & 2 and Amateur Status rules with the athlete, see Rules of Eligibility, Article IV, Section 1.

Counting the contests for high school: the determination of competition is made in the manner that the particular sport maximum limits and individual limits are determined. Cross country, swimming, track, gymnastics, and golf is counted as a meet. Wrestling, tennis and volleyball may be a dual or a tournament. Baseball, softball, football, soccer, basketball and hockey can only be two games and could not be a tournament with four games.

Counting the events for middle school: events in MS are defined as either a contest or tournament.

Keep in mind that school approval must be requested before the nonschool competition.

Name of Student _____

Name of Competition _____

Sponsor of Competition _____

Date of Competition _____ Location of Competition _____

Sport _____ Start Date of Season _____ First WIAA Tournament Date _____

Nonschool Competitions this Season (circle one): 1 2 Regular Season (circle one): Yes No

Type of Competition (circle one): Contest Tournament

Student Name _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ Date _____

_____ Approved

_____ Denied Reason _____

Head Coach _____ Date _____

Athletic Director _____ Date _____