

Nah Tah Wahsh PSA
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High School Athletics was established with several things in mind; Character Development, Proper Health Habits, Team Spirit, Individual and Team Morale, the Development of Leadership and Good Citizenship. All are essential factors in order to develop a successful athletic program.

The Athletic Code applies to all students who want to participate in athletics. Athletics includes competitive sports, extracurricular activities and cheerleading. This code applies in addition to other rules and regulations concerning student conduct and imposes additional requirements on student athletes and cheerleaders.

Participation in athletics is a privilege. Those who participate in athletics have a responsibility to favorably represent the school and community. Student athletes are expected to conduct themselves both in and out of school in a manner appropriate to their responsibilities as representatives of the school. If a student fails to comply with the terms of this code, the privilege to participate may be lost in accordance with the terms of the Athletic Code.

Eligibility for most athletes is also governed by the rules of the Michigan High School Association and, if applicable, these rules will apply in addition to this Athletic Code. In a case of a conflict between MHSAA and this Athletic Code, the most stringent rule will be enforced.

Proof the athlete is covered by medical insurance is required.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM GOALS

A goal of any team entering a competition is to compete fairly and, to the potential of each team member, to promote the team's success in the contest. Coaches shall make a sincere effort to allow each member of an athletic team an opportunity to play. However, membership on a team does not guarantee participation in every competition (if participating in a sport which allows player substitutions).

Component sports of the interscholastic athletic program shall:

1. Afford all students the opportunity to improve physical fitness through strenuous activities that are planned and supervised.
2. Provide a controlled environment within which athletes will learn the significance of not only rules and regulations but also respecting those who enforce them.
3. Develop courage through the challenge of competition.
4. Develop high ideals of sportsmanship which includes the ethics of fair play, poise, humility, pride and compassion whether in victory or defeat.
5. Develop an emphasis on teamwork, team identity, and the role of each participant as a team member.
6. Develop within the athletes the necessity of being loyal to those with whom they work and play, and the school they represent.

7. Develop within athletes the desire to strive to win utilizing personal strengths and the development of skills enhanced through rigorous self-discipline.
8. Develop self awareness within the participants to strive for the limits of their physical and mental capabilities.
9. Develop within the participants the ability to set goals and the necessity of exerting effort in order to achieve them.
10. Develop an appreciation of the role sports may play in enhancing the quality of life.
11. Develop leadership skills.
12. Develop cooperation and communication.
13. Develop within the participants the ideal that “doing their very best” is fulfilling even if they don’t win.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

1. Student/athletes must have 1.5 GPA and may not have more than (1) F or E during quarterly grading periods (9 weeks).
2. Any student/athlete who has less than a 1.5 GPA or more than one (1) F or E during the grading quarter will be placed on athletic academic probation.
3. During athletic academic probation the student athlete is required to complete a weekly check for passing grades.
4. The student athlete is responsible for picking up a grade reporting sheet from the Athletic Director.
5. The student athlete is responsible for taking the grade sheet to his/her teachers for a grade for that week (this includes ISD classes).
6. When the student/athlete has all grades submitted by teachers, the form is then submitted to the Athletic Director for averaging. The average must be at least 1.5 and no more than one (1) F or E may be averaged.
7. If the GPA average is 1.5 or better, the Athletic Director will sign and date the form which allows the student/athlete to participate in athletics for one week from the date indicated on the form. A copy will be kept on file.
8. The student/athlete is expected to submit the original grade sheet to the coach.
9. The form is good for one week only. The student/athlete is responsible to have the form completed each week and submitted to the coach in order to be eligible to participate.
10. This process shall continue for the entire nine (9) week quarterly grading period at such time the student/athlete will once again be evaluated for an acceptable GPA.

TRAINING RULES

Use/Possession of Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs:

Smoking, chewing tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages, or the use or distribution of behavior-altering drugs will not be allowed at any time. Possession of these items will not be allowed except for tobacco used for ceremonial purposes. In the event that an athlete is accused of violating this rule, the person making the accusation must present a signed statement and any supporting evidence to the administrator. Any member of the school district who wishes to lodge a violation report must personally do so to the Principal within

(2) two school days following the alleged violation. Parent/guardian credence or permission will not be honored nor tolerated as an acceptable excuse for such actions. The policy is in effect 24 hours of every day of the athletic season.

First violation: After a complete investigation and evaluation of the facts presented, the Administrator will suspend the athlete for all contests within a two week period and/or the next four games. The athlete will be allowed to continue practicing, but will not travel with the team during the suspension. Cancellation of the scheduled games will not apply to the penalty. The penalty becomes effective immediately upon notification and is to be served in a consecutive manner.

Second violation: If upon review of all facts and evidence, a violation occurs a second time, the Administrator will suspend the athlete(s) from all remaining scheduled events in that sport.

Third violation: If upon review of all facts and evidence, a violation occurs a third time, the Administrator will suspend the student for the remainder of the school year in all sports. If there is less than one year remaining, the student will be suspended for the first two sporting events occurring in the following school year.

BEHAVIOR

Any behavior inappropriate or unbecoming of an athlete, as so determined by the School Board, coaches, and/or Administration, either **in or out of school**, will in fact jeopardize an athlete's participation, and may cause the complete suspension of an athlete. **Students suspended from playing for improper behavior will be required to attend practices and home games.**

Criminal behavior that is alleged but is unproven, will be considered innocent upon the athlete until he/she is proven guilty by a court of law.

- A. A "no contest" plea will be treated as a plea of guilty and will require the same penalties as a guilty plea.
- B. Admission of guilt by the athlete to the coach and/or athletic director, or any administrators shall be documented and result in immediate action as if there were a guilty plea in a court of law.

Out of School:

The following situations will invoke an immediate four (4) game suspension. Students so suspended from playing will be required to attend practices and home games (on the bench in street clothes).

1. Conviction of any misdemeanor
2. Issuance of any alcohol/drug/tobacco related fine or appearance ticket
3. Conviction of any civil infraction, including alcohol related traffic tickets

Should there be a second offense or reoccurrence of any of the above situations, the athlete will face suspension for the remainder of the season and relinquish all post season awards, honors, recognitions, etc. !

In-School:

Any behavior deemed inappropriate or unbecoming of an athlete during the school week, on school grounds, may jeopardize an athlete's eligibility. If the behavior is not immediately corrected or resolved, the athlete could be partially or fully suspended from athletic participation.

An athlete suspended from school for disciplinary reasons that require a board hearing for reinstatement will be automatically suspended from all extra-curricular sports related activities.

The following guidelines and policies apply during the season:

Attendance: After the second full day unexcused absence or four half days, beginning the first official day of the season, an athlete will be suspended for the next two games, matches, events, etc. Athletes are still required to attend all scheduled practices and home games.

1. School Wide Athletic Attendance Policy:

All teams must practice together to have team continuity...therefore all athletes are to attend practice and coaches are to keep a practice attendance record. Tardiness will be at the discretion of the coach.

2. In-School Suspension:

Students restricted from class and spending time in the office for disciplinary reasons are deemed absent from class. Students who have, and serve ISS are still required to attend practice.

3. Out-of-School Suspension:

Students will automatically miss all scheduled practices and games during the suspension until reinstated in school by the appropriate personnel.

4. Skipping Class:

Students skipping one hour of a scheduled class will be issued an unexcused absence.

5. Insubordination to Staff Members:

The seriousness of the violation as determined by the Staff Member and the Principal will determine the amount of suspension issued from practices and games. (See Code of Conduct)

6. Disciplinary Action:

Students who refuse to serve detention/ISS time will be unable to attend scheduled practice on that day. Students will not be able to return to athletics until detention/ISS is served.

All Detention time must be completed by 4:00 P.M. Thursday (For this purpose, the week starts on Friday)

Students who have any detention on the Thursday prior to a scheduled competition will be deemed ineligible for that weekend's competition. (EX: A student earning detention on a Friday must serve it by the following Thursday or be deemed ineligible for that weekend's competition.)

7. **Appeal Policy:**

Athletes suspended for violating training rules have three school days in which to submit an appeal if they wish to challenge their suspension. Appeals are to be submitted to the Athletic Council consisting of the Coach, the Athletic Director, and an Administrator. Further appeals will be directed to the School Board.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

One physical examination per year is required for those wishing to participate in interscholastic athletics. Athletes must have a physical examination form on file in the Athletic Director's office. The physical examination form must be completely filled out and signed by the student and parent/guardian of the athlete. Physical cards must be submitted before practice can commence. **A doctor's release must be submitted by any student returning to participation after an injury or extended illness.**

SCHOOL DAY EXCUSES

Athletes will be excused from class if it is necessary to leave for an athletic contest during the school day. The athlete must make arrangements ahead of time for make-up work with the teachers for classes he/she will miss. In order to compete in scheduled practices and games, athletes must be in attendance the morning prior to an away game and a half day prior to a home game (Unless given prior approval by the Administrator). Even in the event of late arrivals due to weather conditions or transportation problems, athletes are expected to attend school the following day.

TRAVEL

All athletes are to travel to and from athletic events in vehicles arranged by the school. Parents must personally request approval from the coach to allow the athlete to travel back from a contest with them. **Parents must be present when the athlete is released.** No athlete or group of athletes are allowed to leave the coach's immediate supervision for any reason, without the coach's prior permission. It is the discretion of the coaches and the administrator to determine whether behavior deemed inappropriate during travel shall disallow or suspend future travel to games and further athletic participation.

HANNAHVILLE ALL-SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM

Athletes exhibiting exemplary academic and behavioral excellence will be awarded placement on the Hannahville All-School Academic Team. Athletes selected for this prestigious award will have their name engraved on a plaque to be on display in one of our trophy cases. Selection will be determined by: the athlete maintaining all A's & B's., the student's attendance records (including at school and practice), and the student's behavior in and out of school. No suspensions, with a limited amount of detention during the course of a season. (Definition of what constitutes a minimum amount of detention will be determined by the Administrator and the Athletic Director).

CLOTHING POLICY

Student athletes must be dressed appropriately.

- No headwear (including bandanas, caps, hats, or hoods) is allowed in any building.
- Pants must be worn above the hips.
- Hannahville teams and athletes are to look and act like a team.
- No clothing can be worn that advertises illegal substances, drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or images that are determined to be inappropriate by the coach or administrators.

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Ineligible Students Needing Grades for Eligibility**

Marking Period _____

Student Name _____

Your name has been put on the ineligibility list for this marking period. It is your responsibility to get your grades, after two weeks into this period, from the teachers and turn this sheet into Mr. Ohman for approval to play in any sport. After Mr. Ohman signs this form you must give it to the coach before you can resume playing. Mr. Ohman will also keep a copy of the form.

Read the athletic requirements in your Handbook if you have any more questions. If you do not understand the handbook, contact Mr. Ohman for an explanation.

Course	Grade	Teachers Signature

Coach: This student is OK with his grades as of this date _____.

Tom Ohman, Athletic Director