

Hannibal Central School District Extra-Curricular & Interscholastic Athletic Activities Code of Conduct for Grades 9-12 & Selective Classified Students on JV/Varsity Sports



ATHLETIC RULES & REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR & INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. PLEASE REVIEW THESE RULES WITH THE STUDENT AND KEEP THIS FOR REFERENCE DURING THE YEAR.

Prior to any student being allowed to participate in an extra-curricular and/or interscholastic athletic activity, both parent and student signatures must be submitted; acknowledging they have reviewed all rules pertaining to extra-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities and that said rules will be adhered to during the year.

Student athletes who participate in the Interscholastic Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities have a responsibility to their parents, school, team, coach(s), advisors and to themselves. If a student accepts the **responsibility** of being a member of an extra-curricular activity and/or athletic team, he/she **must** adhere to certain rules and regulations as outlined herein.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A student trying out for an athletic team **must** have a medical examination performed and a report on file in the school Health Office before the student can try-out for and participate in any athletic sport. It is recommended, but not required, that the school physician employed by the district perform the examination. If a community health care provider performs the physical examination, the school physician would have the final authorization for the student to participate in a sport, if the situation warranted.

A student who is in school the day the physical is given and chooses not to see the school physician will **not** be allowed to participate in any sport season unless he/she has a physical:

1. At his/her own expense.
2. Has submitted a written statement from the family doctor indicating the athlete has taken and passed a sport physical.

A student who is absent on the day the physical is given and wants the sports physical, at school expense, should see the school nurse the **next day he/she is in school** and make arrangements for the physical. Sports physicals for **ALL** sports will be scheduled in August of the upcoming school year. New students who registered for school after August will be given an opportunity to receive their physicals in school, at no expense to them.

- A. The school physician has the absolute authority to determine the physical capacity of a pupil to participate in a sport.
- B. **ONLY** the school physician can release a player that has been treated for a concussion.
- C. No student will be allowed to practice or try-out for a sport until approved by the school physician or written permission has been granted by their family doctor. The Athletic Director or the school nurse will notify the coaches of such students.
- D. Coaches are **NOT** to accept the physical exam slips from the students. Students are to be instructed to take their slips to the Athletic Director or the nurse to get final clearance. **UNDER NO CONDITIONS** will a coach take a verbal statement from a student that he/she has had a physical examination. If the student's name does not appear on the original list sent by the Athletic Director or the nurse, the coach must obtain a note from the nurse stating that the student has had the physical.
- E. The medical examination and approval of the school physician or family doctor is valid for the school year, unless an interruption of participation occurs as a result of injury or illness.
- F. All students shall have a health history interview with the nurse prior to the start of try-out/practice sessions at **the beginning of each season**, unless the student has received a full medical examination within the immediately **preceding 30 days**. (30 days prior to the start date of try-outs/practices).

ATTENDANCE

All students must be on time and in attendance for the entire school day on the day of and the day following a contest or activity. Tardiness or absence of the student on either of these days may make the student ineligible to participate in the next activity or contest. Monday is considered the day after a Friday or Saturday activity or contest. **Tardiness will be determined by the start of the first block/period or whenever the student is required to report. Every student is allowed two unexcused tardies per season on days other than a contest or activity. After the second**

tardy, the student is not allowed to participate in the activity or contest, the day of the infraction. *Those students who participate in year round activities and have excessive tardies or absences will be subject to consequences following a meeting involving the activity advisor and an administrator.* Tardiness and/or absence from school for medical, religious, bereavement and/or educational reasons which have been administrator approved (i.e. field trip, college visit, etc.) will be recognized with appropriate documentation and no penalty will be administered.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

Removal from athletics:

Required: The immediate removal from athletic activities of any pupil that has or is believed to have sustained a mild traumatic brain injury.

No pupils will be allowed to resume athletic activity until they have been symptom free for 24 hours, completed the return to play protocol, and has been evaluated by a licensed physician and received written and signed authorization from the school medical director.

HAZING

Hazing, in any form, is forbidden by New York State law. Hazing is “any action or situation which intentionally or recklessly endangers the mental or physical health of a student” for the purpose of initiation or association with a team/club/organization. Persons in violation shall be subject to district discipline as well as state penalties.

INJURIES

In order for a coach/advisor to make the best decision for a student, it is extremely important for students to report all injuries immediately to the head coach/advisor. The appropriate paperwork will be completed and submitted to the school nurse and school district administration.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Sportsmanship is the demonstration of generosity and genuine concern for others. It is a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. It is expected that Hannibal students show good sportsmanship at all times. Students should show respect for officials, coaches, fans, teammates, opponents and one’s self. The district may take disciplinary action in instances of unsportsmanlike behavior, even if an official or event host of the event does not act upon such behavior.

EQUIPMENT - FACILITIES - PROPERTY

PLAYERS ARE TO RESPECT HANNIBAL CENTRAL SCHOOL AND THE OPPONENT’S SCHOOL EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND PROPERTY.

- A. Equipment, uniforms, etc., issued to players are to be used only for the purpose of scheduled practices, games or when authorized by the coach.
- B. Lost or misused equipment will be charged to the player responsible for it and restitution will be required. No awards or further participation will be granted and post-secondary transcripts will not be forwarded until restitution is made.

- C. Any student found to be guilty of removing personal effects or damaging equipment from local or the opponent's school will be subject to suspension, arrest and/or legal action and restitution.
- D. Student Parking for Practice/Games: Student/Athletes who drive to practice or for home games must park in the student parking/designated area. **Students are not allowed to leave their vehicles in the drop off loop or the bus loop. Unauthorized vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense with future driving privileges suspended.**

TRANSPORTATION

Each student will be transported to all away events by school-authorized vehicles only. Exceptions may be made at the Athletic Director's discretion. If a student is to leave any activity or contest with a parent/guardian, they must first be signed out with the coach by a legal guardian before the student will be allowed to leave the activity or contest site. **Failure to do this may result in the student losing this privilege in the future.** If a student is to go home with a designee, they must have an Alternate Transportation Form completed and then signed and authorized by the Athletic Director two days prior to the day of the event.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The opportunity to participate in extra-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities is a privilege, not a right. A policy has been established that focuses on academic achievement for students. The format of the policy is as follows:

- A. Students who participate in extra-curricular and/or interscholastic athletics must be enrolled in a full academic schedule and/or meet the credit criteria. The approval from the principal is required for any and all modifications to this rule.
- B. Students who fail (2) or more subjects at the end of the academic year will begin the next school year on academic probation. These students will be reviewed at the end of the first two weeks of school to determine further eligibility.
- C. The students' academic achievement will be evaluated every 5 weeks.
- E. Students failing (2) or more subjects will be placed on probation for 2 weeks.
- F. Students will have (2) weeks to raise their grade in those subjects.
- G. If, after the (2) weeks, a student is still failing (2) or more subjects, the student will be ineligible to participate or attend activities at Hannibal until the student is no longer failing (2) or more subjects. The teacher must sign-off to clear a student for reinstatement and this information must be submitted to the principal who will advise the coach/advisor of the student being eligible for participation.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO and DRUGS

To help ensure a positive experience for all students, it is the belief of the Hannibal Central School District that a student participating in extra-curricular or interscholastic athletic activities as a representative of the district will adhere to the Code of Conduct year round, whether in or out of school.

Students participating in any extra-curricular or interscholastic athletic activity are to refrain from the use, sale, and possession of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs including, but not limited to (illegal, non-prescribed “controlled substances”, synthetic substances (bath salts, synthetic marijuana, etc.) and/or performance enhancing drugs) or related paraphernalia throughout their career in the Hannibal Central School District. **Additionally, it is the expectation that if a student is in the attendance of a party or event in which underage drinking, drugs, or underage tobacco use is occurring, that the student will remove themselves from the situation as quickly as possible. Failure to do so will result in a violation of the Code of Conduct’s alcohol, tobacco, and drugs policy.**

Penalty for Violations (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IN SEASON OR NOT)

First offense – suspension from participation in 30% of the scheduled activities or contests of the student’s current extra-curricular and/or interscholastic athletic activities. The suspension period of any student who when first questioned by school officials provides accurate and honest information will decrease to 20%. The student must continue to participate in practices and attend activities or contests as a member of the extra-curricular and/or interscholastic athletic activities. He or she will not wear the uniform, but will be dressed appropriately. When the student returns to participation they forfeit team captain honors and MVP honors if applicable. ***There is no appeal process for a first offense.**

Second offense – This will end a student’s eligibility in any extra-curricular and/or interscholastic athletic activities within the Hannibal Central School District for one calendar year. An appeals process exists for students who have pursued the necessary steps to address the issue, which lead to their removal. After six months a student can apply for reinstatement. Application does not guarantee reinstatement. District administration will review the appeal process with the student prior to the six month period.

Any additional infractions will result in permanent loss of eligibility.

Awards associated with extra-curricular activities will be forfeited.

*Failure to complete an activity or season or being removed from an extra-curricular and/or interscholastic athletic activity will result in that student being eliminated from any and all awards, which may include, but not limited to; (MVP, MIP, etc.), Varsity letter/pin, league or sectional honors, exceptional senior contests, all-star teams and participation in any extra-curricular and/or interscholastic activities banquets.

Reporting Violations

- A. Reports of alleged violations coming from the individuals listed below, having ***personally witnessed*** the alleged violation, must be investigated by the District Administrator or designee.
1. Any district employee or school board member
 2. Any adult acting as a chaperone or assisting with a school activity at the request of the district.

- 3. Any law enforcement officer or agency
- 4. A parent or legal guardian of the student involved
- B. Reports of alleged violations from persons other than the above may be investigated if cause to do so is warranted, by a district Administrator or designee.
- C. Alleged violations may be reported to a coach/advisor or a school administrator.

Policy Enforcement Committee

The Policy Enforcement Committee will consist of a combination of coaches, teachers and/or advisors, and a school counselor. The Athletic Director/Assistant Principal will present the information to the committee and the committee will make the appropriate determination. Appeals to the committees' decision may be made to the Superintendent for review.

Situations not addressed within this policy will be subject to athletic council discretion. An athletic council may consist of any number of the following members: Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, Principal, Superintendent, Coach, Advisor and Teacher.

-----Cut along dotted line, sign and return to Coach/Advisor-----

CODE OF CONDUCT

Student and Parent Agreement Document

Students who participate in extra-curricular or interscholastic athletic activities are required to sign and return this form to his/her coach or advisor within the first 5 days after tryouts have been completed or within 5 days of the first meeting of the start of an extracurricular activity. Any student who fails to return this document to his/her coach or advisor within the above allotted timeframe will NOT be allowed to continue with his/her activity until it is returned.

By signing this document, the student and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have read this document and the student as agreed to adhere to the procedures laid forth within the Extra-Curricular and Interscholastic Activities Code of Conduct. This agreement only needs to be signed once during the school year and is in effect for the entire year and carries over from the end of school in June to the start of school in September.

Parent/Guardian (Print)

Date

Student (Print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature