

MINERAL POINT HIGH SCHOOL
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY MANUAL
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SECTION A - Part I

ACTIVITIES PHILOSOPHY AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The activities program in the Mineral Point Public Schools is considered to be an integral part of the district's total educational program. As such, the coaches and advisors in the various sports and clubs are considered to be teachers in their respective areas and will conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner at all times. Also, the participants are considered to be students at all times during practices, games, contests, meetings and conventions and will conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner as they would in the classroom or at other school activities.

This statement will not dwell at length on the benefits of interscholastic athletics and school sponsored clubs or the many benefits derived there from by the student participants and the entire student body. Suffice to say that the school recognizes the values of an interscholastic activities program and wholeheartedly endorses and supports as broad a program as possible for students in the school.

The general objectives of the activities program in the Mineral Point Public Schools are:

1. To provide a healthful outlet for the natural energy of the adolescent student.
2. To teach and stress sportsmanship and quality participation to students.
3. To assist in the healthful development of the body and mind of the student and to promote healthful living.
4. To help in instilling a positive spirit for competition for the student.
5. To develop confidence and self-discipline.
6. To teach a model for teamwork and cooperation toward a common goal.
7. To help develop school awareness, spirit and general spirit de corps.
8. To be a source of fun, enjoyment, and school participation.

The major goal of any activities competition is to succeed. However, all such efforts of coaches/advisors and participants to achieve a victory will be made with the best interests and general welfare of the students participating foremost in mind and always in a sportsmanlike manner. Victory at the sacrifice of either of these basic principles is not a proud accomplishment and will not be practiced in Mineral Point.

DID YOU KNOW THE FOLLOWING FACTS **DOCUMENTED BY RESEARCH?**

Students who participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities tend to have higher grade point averages, better attendance records, lower drop-out rates, and fewer discipline problems than students in general. Students involved in activities/athletics are generally **motivated** to do well in school.

The **majority** of high school students nationwide perceive that athletics and other activities make school fun and enjoyable and are important. Participation in sports and other activities has proven more likely to predict future success than either high grades or high SAT/ACT scores. Involvement in extra-curricular activities leads to feelings of self-satisfaction and happiness and gives students the will to succeed in life.

Extra-curricular activities teach specific skills for managing stress and coping with the problems of life, and discourage the substitution of alcohol or other drugs as coping mechanisms to get through tough times.

A sense of belonging, high hopes for achievement, acceptance of discipline and loyalty, time management skills, responsibility, accountability, punctuality, self-confidence, a sharing of different personal backgrounds, and an acceptance of different personalities are valuable lessons for adulthood that are taught by extra-curricular activities.

PART II - THE COACH'S CODE OF ETHICS

My first consideration shall be the welfare of the athletes. My leadership shall be wholesome and contribute to clean living, better health habits, a true respect for the rules of play, authority of officials and consideration for opponents and all with whom contact is had.

My aim shall always be to make competitive athletics truly a part of the educational program.

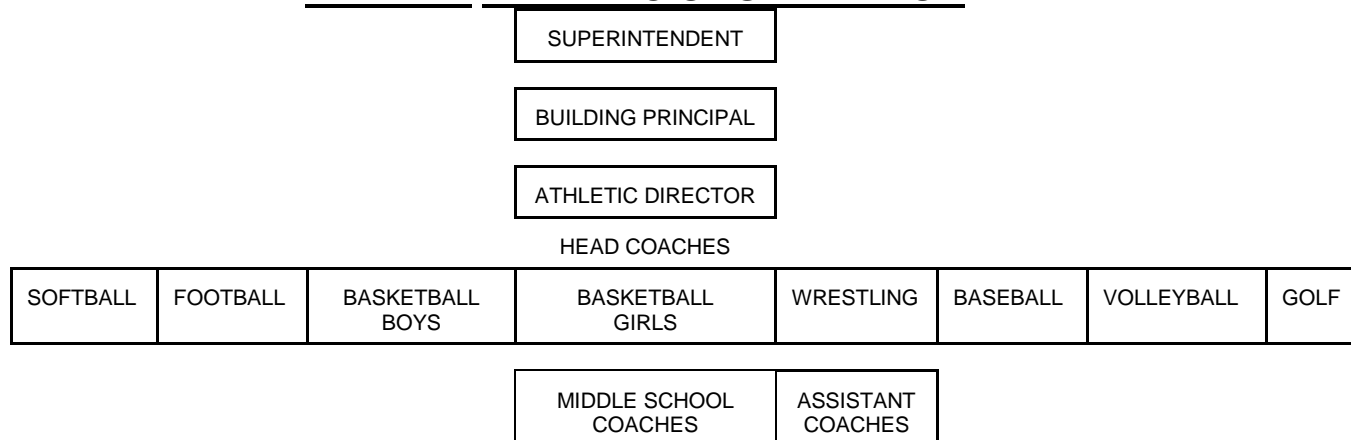
My personal conduct on the field, in the school and in the community shall be such as to be truly worthy of imitation by the players under my care.

My relationship with the players, fellow coaches, teachers and school authorities shall be such as to develop mutual respect and confidence.

My objective shall be to win with modesty and to lose graciously.

I shall teach that good sportsmanship is good citizenship and as such is essential to individual, community, state, and nation.

PART III - ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION



SECTION B

Co-curricular and extra-curricular school programs are intended to enrich student learning and development through activities that foster emotional, intellectual and physical growth.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are viewed as a privilege earned and not as an automatic right. All athletics and activities must be educational in nature in order to fit into the established position of the educational program of Mineral Point High School. The co-curricular code rules and regulations of Mineral Point High School are in effect year round. All athletes must also follow the WIAA Code of Conduct (WIAA Handbook, page 39).

BROAD GOALS

Serve the varied needs, interests and abilities of district students.

1. Provide outlets for student energies and provide a place to succeed.
2. Allow students to acquire new skills and enhance existing ones.
3. Help students develop responsibilities, leadership and skills of competition.
4. Provide opportunities for the gifted and talented abilities.
5. Provide a means of entertainment for the community.
6. Provide the community identification and pride in their schools.
7. Encourage lifetime interests in programs begun in school.

Student Activities/Athletic Code Procedure

The co-extra curricular activities are grouped into two (2) categories and governed by the codes described below.

Group A

Interscholastic Athletics
Cheerleaders

Group A Code

WIAA Code of Conduct
MPHS Activities/Athletic Code
MPHS Student Handbook

The following is a list of the sports offered:

Baseball

Basketball (Boys and Girls)

Football

Golf

Rodeo (Non-School Activity Athlete)

Softball

Volleyball

Wrestling

Co-operative programs with Dodgeville HS

Cross Country (Boys and Girls)

Gymnastics

Soccer (Boys and Girls)

Track (Boys and Girls)

Principal and/or Athletic Director-Activities Director is responsible for enforcement.

Group B

Music Performance Groups
(those that meet/rehearse only outside the school day)

Key Club

FFA

Forensics

High School Student Council

Drama (School Musical)

SKILLS USA/Outdoorsman

Foreign Language Club

Science Club

FBLA

National Honor Society

Mock Trial

Trap Shooting

Group B Code

MPHS Activities/Athletic Code
MPHS Student Handbook

Group C Code

Homecoming Court
Prom Court

ORGANIZATIONS OF TEAMS

In basketball, football, volleyball, baseball, and softball the following squads may be formulated: Varsity Squads, Varsity Reserve Squads, JV squads.

VARSITY SQUAD will be comprised of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors selected by the head coach. Only those boys/girls will be selected as varsity squad members who are sufficiently capable and skilled that they can normally be expected to participate in games a reasonable amount of time and actively contribute to the major goal of winning the games.

VARSITY RESERVE SQUAD will be comprised primarily of freshmen and sophomores who have not shown sufficient skill for assignment to the varsity squad as determined by the head coach. All WIAA and conference regulations shall be adhered to in the assignment of squad members. As much as possible, athletes will be assigned to only one squad in a given sport and will participate in only those games of that particular squad. Due to the limited number of participants, it may be necessary, in some cases, to use an athlete on two squads. Coaches will exercise keen discretion in this matter and will make any dual-squad assignments with the interests of the athlete involved foremost in mind. The major concern in this matter is the possibility that an athlete might be "overplayed" which could be detrimental to their health and wellbeing. Coaches will also exercise caution and discretion in determining the extent of participation in games of respective squads. Another point to consider is the district wants to encourage the active participation of as many athletes as possible in the athletic program at the lower squad levels. The greater effort at these levels should be toward wide game participation and basic skill development rather than on winning.

GROUP A

Eligibility:

1. 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 ineligibility.

Note: See Article 2 Residences and Transfer, Section 3, Letter A in WIAA Handbook.

2. A high school student must be under the age of 19 before August 1 of each school year.
3. A student may not participate in a sport outside of school at the same time as they are participating in that sport in school.
4. A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to:
 - Athletic Permission Form.
 - Acknowledgement of receiving the WIAA Rules of Eligibility. (Included in code)
 - Athletic Emergency Form/Authorization for Release of Medical Information
 - Current physical fitness to participate in sports. (Current WIAA physical on file)
 - Athletic User Fee
 - Parent/Athlete concussion agreement.

Academics:

1. A student is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is:
Note: A file-time student is a student 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 other students and meets obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.
 1. Carried on the attendance roles as a duly enrolled full-time student of a public member school for purposes of state equalization aids as a Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school.
 2. Carried on the attendance roles as a duly enrolled student of a nonpublic member School as a full-time Grade 9,10,11 or 12 student in that member school.
2. Students quarter grades will be used to determine eligibility. Student's fourth (4th) quarter grades will be used to determine eligibility for the first (1st) quarter of the following school year.
3. A student in grades 9-12 must not have a failing grade in the latest grade reporting or academic evaluation period (progress reports) to remain eligible for interscholastic competition. A student not meeting these requirements will miss a minimum of one (1) contest. The ineligibility period will be for three weeks (15 consecutive scheduled school days and nights) or until the student is doing passing work.
4. A student in grades 9-12 may not have a failing grade or incomplete per quarter. A student who becomes academically ineligible during the school year may regain eligibility on the 16th scheduled school day by meeting all academic requirements following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility. The student who becomes ineligible will miss a minimum of two (2) contests. A student who has incompletes will regain eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within 2 weeks after a grade report period.
5. When the earliest allowed WIAA game/meet takes place before or on the first day of classes at a member school, the maximum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of: a) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest competition in a sport: or b) one third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
6. Students who are under academic suspension may be allowed to practice at the discretion of the advisor/coach with the approval of the Activities/Athletic Director. The athlete will not be allowed to suit up for contests with another school.
7. Students are responsible for any school work missed due to co/extra-curricular activities. They are expected to make every effort to contact the instructor prior to the absence.

Attendance

1. A student absent from school for more than 4 periods in one day (unless sanctioned by an administrative officer) shall not be permitted to compete in practice or a scheduled contest on that day.
2. A student is required to be in class the day after an athletic contest unless the absence is pre-excused or there is extenuating circumstances as determined by the Activities/Athletic Director or Principal.

Conduct

1. Student-Athletes of MPHS shall abide by the WIAA Rules of Eligibility in regard to conduct throughout the calendar (12 months). The WIAA general rule is interpreted by the Mineral Point High School as follows: A student-athlete shall be subject to disciplinary action that will result in immediate suspension of the student-athlete from interscholastic competition for no less than one day of competition (but not less than one complete game or meet) for acts involving the following:
Using, possessing, buying or selling alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, street drugs, drug paraphernalia, or performance enhancing drugs, or abusing prescription drugs or legal substances (caffeine/ephedrine pills, nitrous oxide aerosols). The WIAA and Mineral Point School district are against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other performance enhancing substances (PES).
Note 1: When the suspension results in a fraction of a game, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number of games (i.e. 2.1 or 2.8 games equals 3 games).
Note 2: This is a minimum penalty and may not be reduced by any other provision of the school code.
Note 3: Any portion of the suspension not completed during the current season will carry over to the next sport or sport season.
Note 4: Victims of sexual assault and bystanders who report a sexual assault, request emergency assistance, cooperate with and assist law enforcement, and stay on the scene or who encounter law enforcement at a medical facility at which the victim is being treated cannot be issued a code of conduct violation. The victim or bystanders must meet the State Amnesty Law Requirements. The victim may not falsely claim amnesty knowing that the situation that he or she reports does not exist.
2. Mineral Point High School will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including all out-of-season offenses. For out-of-season violations, suspension begins the day of practice.
3. Mineral Point High School will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable Conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school and the WIAA, including but not limited to criminal behavior.
Note: The school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
4. The minimum penalty for acts outlined above in 1 through 3 which results in a student being suspended for any portion of WIAA tournament competitions, is immediate disqualification of the student-athlete for the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport.
5. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.
6. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a WIAA member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons and/or as a result of another State Association regulation or sanction retains such status at his/her new school for the same period decreed by the former school.

Enforcement:

1. Upon receipt of a report of a violation, the Athletic Director/Activities Director will meet with the student involved to determine the validity of the report. The AD will conduct a

review of the situation and make a recommendation regarding the suspension. The Athletic Director will make a final decision and inform the parents regarding the decision. The date of the decision will represent the initial day of suspension

2. A student who is suspended for a code violation will forfeit all school and postseason awards (this includes All-Conference, All-Area, All-District, All-State nominations) for the activity season in which he/she was serving the suspension for the infraction. A suspended student's school (MPHS) awards may be reinstated only upon the recommendation of the coach/advisor with concurrence of the Athletic Director.
3. Penalties will be cumulative over an athlete's high school career.
4. Students will be suspended for one full day, not just one competition or contest.
5. The Student/Athlete must finish the full sports season in order to complete a code violation and be eligible to participate in other school activities.

Changing Sports:

An athlete may not quit one sport and begin another during the same season except by agreement of the coaches involved and/or the school Activities/Athletic Director.

Starting a Season: Athletes who do not start practicing on the first day of a season will have two weeks to join a team. After a two week period, no athlete will be able to start practicing unless there are extenuating circumstances (illness, injury, new student).

Travel and Conduct on Trips

1. Athletes must use the mode of transportation approved by the school. An athlete who travels to a site with a school team must return with the team. The only exception to this rule is that if the athlete's parent/guardian is present at the site, he or she may request that the athlete return with the parent/guardian. This request must be made in writing to the coach/advisor in charge.
2. It is expected that students will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner while on school trips. It is important that all of our students understand that they represent their school to the general public.

Physical Examinations

1. Athletes and cheerleaders who plan to participate in interscholastic athletics are required to have a WIAA approved physical examination at least every other year. Examinations may be taken after April 1st for the following school year. However, a student who has incurred a serious injury in a sport must have an examination before he/she can continue participating in athletics. Physical Examinations must be on file in the athletic office before the student will be allowed to participate in practices or game events. The district strongly recommends that all managers have physical examinations before participating in activities.

Parental Permission

1. All students who plan to participate in interscholastic athletics and/or school sponsored athletics and/or school sponsored co-curricular activities (clubs, organizations, etc.) must have on file in the office a parental permission form before participating in any activity, events or practices.

Student Accident Insurance

Insurance is available during the school year for students participating in athletics. Costs incurred for this insurance is the responsibility of the athlete and/or their parent/guardian. Mineral Point School District encourages all parents or guardians to provide adequate accident/medical insurance for their children. Forms may be obtained from the District's Business Office.

Athletic Injuries and Their Care

1. Athletic injuries and their care have become an important consideration of the MPHS athletic program. Athletes should be in excellent physical condition to ensure that they will always be able to give their best effort in practice and in contests. The best guarantee for peak physical conditioning is a cooperative effort between athletes, parents, coaches, trainers, and members of the medical community. Significant improvement has been made in prevention and care of athletic injuries in recent years.

2. All injuries must be reported to the supervising coach immediately. In case of an emergency, students will be sent to the nearest hospital, in accordance with the Student Emergency Form.

The office will have each participant fill out and have parent or guardian sign a STUDENT EMERGENCY FORM. The coach for each squad will have a copy of the STUDENT EMERGENCY FORMS with him/her at all practices and contests. When the season has concluded, all STUDENT EMERGENCY FORMS will be turned into the office.

3. The student and/or parent should inform the athletic department of any special medical problems of the athlete prior to participating in an athletic program.
4. If an injury is discovered after the athlete has returned home from a practice or contest, the coach should be notified within 24 hours.

Co-Curricular Activity Responsibilities

Participating in co-curricular activities is a privilege extended to all students providing they are willing to assume certain responsibilities. The Board of Education has established the following expectations of students who wish to represent the Mineral Point School District in co-curricular activities.

- Display the highest standards of sportsmanship.
- Display high standards of social behavior.
- Use socially acceptable language. Profanity will not be tolerated.
- Meet all eligibility requirements, including the specific requirements in this code.
- Return all equipment.

In case of serious misconduct, the Board of Education reserves the right to impose penalties in addition to those stated below, including, but not limited to, rescinding the privilege of participating in co-curricular activities.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & OTHER DRUG USE **(SPECIAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATIONS)**

Any student participant using, possessing, buying or selling alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia, street drugs, or performance enhancing drugs, or abusing prescription drugs or legal substances (caffeine/ephedrine pills, nitrous oxide, aerosols) is in violation of the Athletic/Activity Code.

Consequences for violations listed above will apply to all sports in which the student is involved. Suspensions as detailed below may not be served while a student is academically ineligible, but will be enforced once the athlete regains academic eligibility.

GROUP A

First Offense:

1. Suspension for 50% of the regular athletic season to be completed within the current season, or to be extended into the successive season if the entire suspension is not served within the season during which the offense occurs. This also includes all athletic programs and co-curricular activities held during this period.
2. If a student athlete self-reports a violation to the Athletic Director within three days of an incident, and prior to being questioned by the Athletic Director regarding the incident in question, the suspension will be reduced to 25% of the season. When school is not in session, student athletes are expected to leave a detailed message with the Athletic Director at 987-0730, ext. 498 outlining the

date of the infraction, details of the incident, and the date and time of the telephone call.

3. If the offense occurs when the athlete is not currently competing in season, the consequence will be extended to the next season in which the athlete participates.
4. A written notification will be sent to the parents and student detailing the offense, the consequences, any special conditions, and the effective dates of the suspension from athletics.
5. Athletes under suspension for a first offense must practice and travel with the team, but will not be allowed to suit up for any contests with another school.

Second Offense:

1. Suspension of one regular athletic season. This includes all athletic programs and all co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the team at the coach's discretion, and travel with the team, but will not be allowed to suit up for any contests with another school.
3. For a second offense, should the student admit immediately upon being questioned or self-reports to the Athletic Director within three days of an incident, the suspension will be reduced by 25%. Subsequent violations of the code and the normal penalties for such violations shall be imposed.

Third Offense:

1. A suspension for the remainder of their high school career. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular school activities held during this period.
- B. The student may be reinstated if he/she satisfactorily completes a full counseling program. The counseling program will be individually designed to fit the circumstances of the student involved and may require behavioral contracts and involvement in professional counseling. A student who satisfactorily completes the entire counseling program may be reinstated for participation in co-curricular activities upon agreement of the Principal and Athletic/Activities Director after a minimum of one (1) year ineligibility from the date of the violation. The counseling program would be at the expense of the student.

**THEFT, VANDALISM, OR FIGHTING COMMITTED ON SCHOOL
GROUNDS OR AT ANY SCHOOL FUNCTION - SERIOUS MISCONDUCT**

(Actions referred to legal authorities)

First Offense:

1. A minimum suspension of one athletic competition and a maximum of 25% of the regular athletic season. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular activities held during this period.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the team at the coach's discretion, but will not be allowed to suit up for any contests with another school.

Second Offense:

1. A minimum suspension of 25% of the regular athletic season and a maximum suspension of 50% of the regular athletic season. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the team at the coach's discretion, but will not be allowed to suit up for any contests with another school.

Third Offense:

1. The student is suspended for the remainder of their high school career. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be reinstated if he/she satisfactorily completes a full counseling program. The counseling program will be individually designed to fit the circumstances of the student involved and may require behavioral contracts and involvement in professional counseling. A student who satisfactorily completes the entire counseling program may be reinstated for participation in co-curricular activities upon agreement of the Principal and Athletic/Activities Director after a minimum of one year ineligibility from the date of the violation. The counseling program would be at the expense of the student.

FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF STUDENT CODE AND RESPONSIBILITIES **SERIOUS MISCONDUCT** **(Actions referred to legal authorities)**

First Offense:

1. A minimum suspension of one athletic competition and a maximum of 25% of the regular athletic season. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular activities held during this period.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the team at the coach's discretion, but will not be allowed to suit up for any contests with another school.

Second Offense:

1. A minimum suspension of 25% of the regular athletic season and a maximum suspension of 50% of the regular athletic season. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the team at the coach's discretion, but will not be allowed to suit up for any contests with another school.

Third Offense:

1. The student is suspended for the remainder of their high school career. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be reinstated if he/she satisfactorily completes a full counseling program. The counseling program will be individually designed to fit the circumstances of the student involved and may require behavioral contracts and involvement in professional counseling. A student who satisfactorily completes the entire counseling program may be reinstated for participation in co-curricular activities upon agreement of the Principal and Athletic/Activities Director after a minimum of one (1) year ineligibility from the date of the violation. The counseling program would be at the expense of the student.

Counseling for Use of Alcohol, Controlled Substances, Tobacco and Serious Misconduct

- A. Controlled substance and Alcohol Assessment/Student Assistance Program
 1. On the second violation of the rules of prohibiting use, buying, or selling drugs and/or alcohol, adult students (18 or over) or the parents of a minor student, may choose, at their expense, to voluntarily enroll the students in a drug and alcohol assessment program
 2. If the student cooperatively participates in the assessment and treatment plan deemed appropriate by the counselor(s), the penalties for a second violation will be reduced by 25% to a sum total of 50% total reduction including the reduction for honesty.
 3. Adult students or parents of minor students must sign for a release of information at the counseling center so that the school can get verification that the student cooperatively participated in the assessment and treatment program.
 4. Failure to follow the guidelines will cause the original penalties to be restored.

- B. Tobacco
 - 1. On the first or second violation of rules prohibiting the use or possession of tobacco, a student may voluntarily participate in an educational program designed to fully educate students regarding the hazards of tobacco use and the consequences to their health. The program shall be designed to include a variety of educational experiences and shall include a counseling requirement.
 - 2. If the student successfully completes the educational/counseling program, the penalties for the first and second violations will be reduced by 25%.
 - 3. Failure to complete the program will cause the original penalties to be restored.
- C. Serious Misconduct (Actions referred to legal authorities)
 - 1. On the first or second violation of the rule that prohibits serious misconduct, a student may voluntarily participate in a program designed to modify his/her behavior. The counseling program will be individually designed to fit the circumstances of the student involved and may require behavioral contracts and involvement in professional counseling agencies.
 - 2. The design of the counseling program shall be the responsibility of the Principal, Activity/Athletic Director or designee. If the student successfully completes the behavioral counseling program, the penalties for the second violation will be reduced by 25%.
 - 3. Failure to complete the program will cause the original penalties to be restored.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MISCONDUCT

- 1.. Students may not be in attendance at a social activity without their parents/guardian where there is illegal consumption of alcohol or the use of controlled substances. (This rule is not meant to eliminate students from participating in family gatherings, weddings, etc., but to control situations where students are at activities with underage drinking or use of illegal controlled substances). If a student attends a social activity with the reasonable belief that there will be neither illegal consumption of alcohol nor use of controlled substances, the student will not be in violation of this rule if, upon learning of such illegal consumption of use, the student **IMMEDIATELY** leaves the social activity.
- 2.. Students may not be in vehicles or in any other unsupervised situations in which there is illegal consumption of alcohol or use of illegal controlled substances.
- 3. Penalty for violating the social activity rule will result in suspension from the next scheduled event in the activity that a student is a participant.

Curfew Hours:

- A. Recommended curfew hours to be maintained:
 - 1. 11:00 p.m. - Sunday - Thursday.
 - 2. 12:00 a.m. - Friday & Saturday
 Exceptions will be made on an individual basis for work, family business, or emergencies. The above curfew times are in compliance with local ordinances. Coaches may alter curfew times the night before a contest.
- B. For infractions of the curfew policy, the following minimum actions will be taken: Reprimand of the athlete at the coaches and activities/athletic director discretion.

Other Unacceptable Infractions:

Violations of unacceptable infractions will be referred to the athletic director/ and/or principal. A student becomes ineligible any time he/she is placed on adult or juvenile supervision with county or state authorities or for any type of criminal behavior. The penalty assessed for this type of violation will be the same as Flagrant Violation of Student Code and Responsibilities – Serious Misconduct. A student becomes eligible when the suspension is completed or the Principal/Athletic Director recommends reinstatement. Factors for reinstatement include recommendations by juvenile authorities and successful completion of ordered treatment or restitution. Other factors such as current academic standing, school attendance and disciplinary referral will also be utilized. Anyone under disciplinary suspension or expulsion from school shall not participate or practice until his/her reinstatement in school is complete.

Students participating in athletics are required to:

- Conduct themselves in a manner which reflects positively on themselves their family, the team, and the Mineral Point High School community.
- Comply with all school rules as established by the administration of Mineral Point High School, and all team and athletic rules established by their coaches and the Athletic Director.
- Comply with all rules as established by the WIAA
- Respect the rights and property of others.
- **Assume full financial responsibility for any school property which is lost, damaged, or stolen through negligence.**
- Refrain from the use, possession, sale or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, drug paraphernalia or any other illegal or illicit substances of any kind at all times.
- Refrain from any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles and standards of the school and the WIAA. Including but not limited to conduct inappropriate on websites such as blogs, MySpace, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, **Sexting, Cyber Bullying**, etc. and any other criminal behavior will be considered violations of the code.

HAZING

Hazing occurs when an act is committed against a student, or a student is coerced into committing an act that creates a substantial risk of harm to the student, or to any third party, in order for the student to be initiated into, or affiliated with, any school group, club, athletic team, grade level, activity or organization. Hazing is strictly prohibited at Middleton High School and will subject the violator to enhanced disciplinary action as explained below.

Hazing is defined as:

- Any activity involving unreasonable risk of physical harm including, but not limited to paddling, beating, whipping, branding, electric shock, sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, placement of harmful substances on the body and participation in physically dangerous activities.
- Any activity involving the consumption of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, or any other food, liquid, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of physical harm.
- Any activity that subjects a student to an unreasonable level of embarrassment, shame, or humiliation, or which creates a hostile, abusive, and intimidating environment for the student.
- Any activity involving any violation of federal, state or local law or any violation of school district policies and regulations. Any student athlete who knowingly is a participant of, or who participates in the planning of any hazing ritual or incident will be considered in violation of the hazing policy and will be treated **minimally** as a first offense violation of the athletic code. A subsequent hazing violation will be treated as a second offense violation of the athletic code.

Individual Coaches Rules:

Coaches may establish additional rules and regulations with the approval of the athletic administrator for their respective sports. These additional rules for a particular sport must be stipulated in writing to all team members and parents and explained fully at the start of the season. Penalties for violation of team rules will also be in writing and shall be administered by the coach. Copies of all additional team rules by coaches are on file in the athletic office.

GROUP B

Note: Activities defined in this section include conventions and field trips, not group meetings.

Eligibility:

1. Students in all groups will be governed by state association guidelines for regional and state competition.
2. A statement signed annually by students and parent indicating an understanding of the activities code must be turned before the first day of practice.

Academics:

1. Students in grades 9-12 must be enrolled in minimum of the equivalent of five (5) assigned classes. (Study halls will not be considered assigned classes).
2. Students quarter grades will be used to determine eligibility. Student's fourth (4th) quarter grades will be used to determine the eligibility for the first (1st) quarter of the following school year.
3. A student in grades 9-12 must not have more than one failing grade in the latest grade reporting or academic evaluation period (progress reports) to remain eligible for competition. A student not meeting these requirements will miss a minimum of one (1) contest. The ineligibility period will be for three weeks (15 consecutive scheduled school days and nights) or until the student is doing passing work.
4. A student in grades 9-12 may not have a failing grade or incomplete per quarter. A student not meeting this requirement shall be ineligible for competition for a period of not less than 3 weeks (15 consecutive scheduled school days and nights). The student will be reinstated if he/she is passing all classes at the end of the eligibility period. The student who becomes ineligible will miss a minimum of one (1) contest.
5. Students who are under academic suspension may be allowed to practice at the discretion of the advisor/coach with the approval of the Activities/Athletic Director.
6. Students are responsible for any schoolwork missed due to co-extracurricular activities. They are required to make every effort to contact the instructor prior to the absence.

Attendance:

1. A student absent from school for more than 4 periods in one day (unless sanctioned by an administrative officer) shall not be permitted to participate in practice or a scheduled contest on that day.
2. A student is required to be in attendance the day after a performance or competition unless there are extenuating circumstances as determined by the group director or principal.

Conduct:

1. A student shall be subject to disciplinary actions for violations (1) involving the use of alcohol or tobacco, or the use, possession, buying or selling of drugs, (2) attendance at events/parties where drugs and/or alcohol are being consumed and/or taken by minors, (3) theft or vandalism committed on school grounds or at any school activity, and (4) flagrantly violating the Mineral Point High School Student Handbook.
2. Disciplinary actions: violations occurring during the activities season the suspension is outlined in the code. Violations occurring outside the activity season the suspension begins first day of practice.
3. The Student Handbook will be the guidelines for disciplinary action for violation with the exception of those relating to drugs, alcohol and tobacco use
4. Students and parents involved will be notified of available Counseling Programs. Participation in the district Student Assistance Program will reduce the suspension to one (1) performance, activity or competition.

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use

First Violation:

1. Use, possession, buying or selling drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco. A suspension of one-half (1/2) of the regular performances, competitions or activities and all co-curricular school activities held during this period, rounded to the next highest whole number.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the advisor/instructor.

Second Violation:

1. Use, possession, buying or selling drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco. A suspension of one regular season and all co-curricular school activities held during this period rounded to the next highest whole number.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the Advisor/instructor.

Third Violation:

1. Use, possession, buying, or selling drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco. The student is suspended for the remainder of their high school career. This includes all co-curricular activities and all athletic programs.

Theft, Vandalism, or Fighting Committed on School Grounds or at any School Function - Serious Misconduct **(Actions referred to legal authorities)**

First Violation:

1. A minimum suspension of one (1) performance, competition or activity and a maximum of one-fourth (1/4) of all performances, competition or activity, rounded to the next highest whole number. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular activities held during this period.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the advisor/instructor.

Second Violation:

1. A minimum suspension of one-fourth (1/4) of the performances, competition and activities and a maximum suspension of one-half (1/2) of the performances, competitions and activities. This includes all co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be required to practice with the group at the discretion of the Advisor/instructor.

Third Violation:

1. The student is suspended for the remainder of their high school career. This includes all co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be reinstated if he/she satisfactorily completes a full counseling program. The counseling program will be individually designed to fit the circumstances of the student involved and may require behavioral contracts and involvement in professional counseling. A student who satisfactorily completes the entire counseling program may be reinstated for participation in co-curricular activities upon agreement of the Principal and Athletic/Activities Director after a minimum of one (1) year ineligibility from the date of the violation. The counseling program would be at the expense of the student.

Flagrant Violation of Student Code and Responsibilities - Serious Misconduct

(Actions referred to legal authorities)

First Violation:

1. A minimum suspension of one (1) performance, competition or activity and a maximum of one-fourth (1/4) of all performances, competitions and activities, rounded to the next highest whole number.
2. This includes all athletic programs and co-curricular activities held during this group.

Second Violation:

1. A minimum suspension of one-fourth (1/4) of the all performances, competitions and activities, round to the next highest whole number and a maximum suspension of one-half (1/2) of the regular season. This includes all co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the advisor/instructor.

Third Violation:

1. The student is suspended for the remainder of their high school career. This includes all co-curricular school activities held during this period.
2. The student may be reinstated if he/she satisfactorily completes a full counseling program. The counseling program will be individually designed to fit the circumstances of the student involved and may require behavioral contracts and involvement in professional counseling. A student who satisfactorily completes the entire counseling program may be reinstated for participation in co-curricular activities upon agreement of the Principal and Athletic/Activities Director after a minimum of one (1) year ineligibility from the date of the violation. The counseling program would be at the expense of the student.

Penalty Reduction (for group A & B)

1. For a first offense only, if the student voluntarily turns himself/herself in to the Activities/Athletic Director, the penalty will be reduced by 25%.
2. For a first or second offense, should the student admit immediately upon being questioned that he/she engaged in conduct which violated the student activity/athletic code, the penalty for the second violation, the offense will be reduced by 25%. Subsequent violations of the code will be treated as any other repeat violation of the code and the normal penalties for such violations shall be imposed.

Counseling for Use of Alcohol, Controlled Substances, Tobacco and Serious Misconduct

Controlled substance and Alcohol Assessment/Student Assistance Program

1. On the first or second violation of the rules of prohibiting use, buying, or selling drugs and/or alcohol, adult students (18 or over) or the parents of a minor student, may choose, at their expense, to voluntarily enroll the students in a drug and alcohol assessment program.
2. If the student cooperatively participates in the assessment and treatment plan deemed appropriate by the counselor(s), the penalties for a second violation will be reduced by 25% rounded to the next highest whole number, to a sum total of 50% total reduction including the reduction for honesty.
3. Adult students or parents of minor students must sign for a release of information at the

counseling center so that the school can get verification that the student cooperatively participated in the assessment and treatment program.

4. Failure to follow the guidelines will cause the original penalties to be restored.

Tobacco

1. On the first or second violation of rules prohibiting the use or possession of tobacco, a student may voluntarily participate in an educational program designed to fully educate students regarding the hazards of tobacco use and the consequences to their health. The program shall be designed to include a variety of educational experiences and shall include a counseling requirement.
2. If the student successfully completes the educational/counseling program, the penalties for the first and second violations will be reduced by 25% rounded to the next highest whole number.
3. Failure to complete the program will cause the original penalties to be restored.

Serious Misconduct

1. On the first or second violation of the rule that prohibits serious misconduct, a student may voluntarily participate in a program designed to modify his/her behavior. The counseling program will be individually designed to fit the circumstances of the student involved and may require behavioral contracts and involvement in professional counseling agencies.
2. The design of the counseling program shall be the responsibility of the Principal, Activity/Athletic Director or designee. If the student successfully completes the behavioral counseling program, the penalties for the second violation will be reduced by 25% rounded to the next highest whole number.
3. Failure to complete the program will cause the original penalties to be restored.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MISCONDUCT

Rules

1. Students may not be in attendance at a social activity without their parent/ guardian where there is illegal consumption of alcohol or the use of controlled substances. (This rule is not meant to eliminate students from participating in family gatherings, weddings, etc., but to control situations where students are at activities with underage drinking or use of illegal controlled substances). If a student attends a social activity with the reasonable belief that there will be neither illegal consumption of alcohol nor use of controlled substances, the student will not be in violation of this rule if, upon learning of such illegal consumption of use, the student **IMMEDIATELY** leaves the social activity.
2. Students may not be in vehicles or in any other unsupervised situations in which there is illegal consumption of alcohol or use of illegal controlled substances.
3. Penalty for violating the social activity rules will result in suspension from the next scheduled event in each of the activities that a student is a participant.

Other Unacceptable Infractions:

1. Violations of unacceptable infractions will be referred to the activities/athletic director/principal.
2. A student becomes ineligible any time he/she is placed on adult or juvenile supervision with county or state authorities or for any type of criminal behavior. The penalty assessed for these types of violations are the same as Flagrant Violation of Student Code and Responsibilities - Serious Misconduct. The student becomes eligible when the suspension is completed or the Athletic Director recommends reinstatement. Factors for reinstatement include recommendations by juvenile authorities and successful completion of ordered treatment or restitution. Other factors such as current academic standing and disciplinary referral will also be utilized.

3. Anyone under disciplinary suspension or expulsion from school shall not participate or practice until his/her reinstatement in school is complete.

Travel and Conduct on Trips:

1. Group members must use the mode of transportation approved by the school. A group member must return with the group. The only exception to this rule is if a parent/guardian is present at the site, he or she may request that the member return home with parent/guardian. A written request must be presented to the advisor/coach in charge.
2. It is expected that the students will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner on school trips. It is important that all of our students understand that they represent their school to the general public.

GROUP C

Eligibility - Homecoming Court

1. To be eligible as a senior escort (football, soccer, and cross country) for homecoming, the player must be a member of the varsity team during their junior and senior year. An exception to this rule is an athlete who may have suffered an injury/illness or physical limitation and was unable to participate his junior and/or senior year. If the student cannot participate because of injury/illness or physical limitation, the Athletic Director must be notified in writing at the beginning of the participant's junior or senior year. All other exceptions will be dealt with on an individual basis.
2. Class representative for Homecoming Court must be in good academic standing in order to be eligible for court. No more than one failing grade or incomplete for the most recent mid-quarter report (progress report). No "F" for the most recent quarter grade. The most recent grade report period shall be used.
3. Students who have received a code violation and have not served the consequences for the violation will not be eligible for Homecoming Court. The student/athlete must finish the full sport's season in order to complete a code violation and be eligible to participate in other school activities.
4. When becoming a Homecoming Representative, the student will abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in the MPHS Student Activity/Athletic Code and Student Handbook.
5. **Homecoming Court Selection**

COURT SELECTION

Two girls from each class (9-12) will be selected as members of the Homecoming Court by their fellow classmates. Once a young lady has served on the court, she is no eligible to be a class representative.

QUEEN SELECTION

Queen selection is completely separate from the court selection. Because queen candidates are a representation of the entire student body, all high school students (9-12) will take part in the voting process. All senior girls are eligible to become queen whether or not they have previously been on the court. If a "senior representative" selection and an "all school queen" selection happen to be the same girl, this girl will be put on the queen list – the next highest vote getter on the senior list will be added to the senior representatives.

Once the three senior queen candidates are selected, the candidates will deliver a queen speech to the entire student body. At that time, the entire student body will again vote for one of these candidates to serve as the queen.

MALE COURT MEMBERS

Male court members are to be senior boys who have participated in football, cross country, or soccer team (or combination of two) **BOTH** their junior and senior year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Foreign exchange students are not eligible to be a member of the Homecoming Court.

Eligibility - Prom

- A. In order to be eligible as a Junior Representative, the following criteria must be met:
 1. Students must be in good academic standing in order to be eligible for Prom. No more than one failing grade or incomplete for the most recent mid-quarter report (progress report). No "F" for the most recent quarter grade. The most recent grade report period shall be used.
 2. Students who have received a code violation or who have violated the student handbook and have not served the consequences for the violation will not be able to participate as a Junior Representative.
- B. When becoming a Junior Representative, the student will abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in the MPHS Student Activity/Athletic Code and Student Handbook.

NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITY RODEO (H.S. RODEO)

Mineral Point High School recognizes the High School student that participates in the high school Rodeo by awarding athletic letters with the following guidelines:

1. When at the state finals, the Mineral Point rodeo participants are representing Mineral Point High School. Before any students may compete in rodeo competition, they must secure the signature of the high school principal. This signature from the building principal certifies that the student has met the schools grade and conduct qualifications of the WIAA and Mineral Point High School. When competing in National competition, our students are not only representing our state of Wisconsin but Mineral Point High School as well.
2. The parents will elect a responsible adult to serve as school liaison for the rodeo participants. The sponsor will be the school contact person and provide the school with the necessary information.
3. Guidelines for awarding letters:

As a minimum the non-school athlete must meet the same requirements as the in-school athlete. Specifically the following rules apply:

 - The athlete must be enrolled in the Mineral Point High School.
 - An athlete will be eligible for a non-school activity letter from the time he/she enters 9th grade until the beginning of the next school year following his/her graduation.
 - The non-school activity athlete must meet the same academic requirements as the in-school athlete.
 - The non-school activity athlete must meet the same athletic/activity code requirements as in-school athlete.
 - Participate in the Wisconsin High School Rodeo for four years. The sponsor of the school activity will submit a list of candidates for letters to the high school athletic Director at the end of that particular season. The Athletic Director will then award the letters providing that the non school activity athlete met all of the requirements.

APPEAL PROCESS PROCEDURE

"Appeal Process" is a procedure that the courts of law recognize as a necessary part of any rules and regulations. Furthermore, "Appeal Process" recognizes the right of the individual since it outlines the student's recourse in the event they feel a wrong decision has been made. The "Appeal Process" outlined below is the procedure for a student and their parents to follow in appealing decisions relating to eligibility. It should be understood that students and parents are expected to follow the "Appeal Process" steps in the event legal action should be initiated at some later date.

- A. After a rule of ineligibility resulting in suspension from an activity has been made, a student and/or his parents may formally appeal the decision in writing to the principal provided an appeal is received within 14 school days of the first day such ineligibility became effective. Notice will be sent to the principal.

- B. Within three days of receipt of such written appeal, the principal shall formalize the ineligibility decision in writing and send a letter by registered mail to the parents outlining the specific details relating to (a) the violation or infraction, (b) the date of violation or infraction, the (c) period of suspension, and (d) any other pertinent information.
- C. After an appeal has been received and the school's formal reply mailed to the parents, a date for a hearing will be established by the principal. Such date shall be no later than seven school days after receipt of the written appeal of the student and their parents. Present at the hearing will be the activities/athletic director, student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and the Principal who will conduct the proceedings. The Principal will render an appeal decision within three (3) days of the hearing.
 - 1. The student will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence on their behalf at the hearing.
 - 2. Proceedings of the hearing, including the decision, will be put in writing and a copy of these proceedings will be mailed to the student and the parents.
- D. If the student and their parents are not satisfied with the findings of the hearing, a second hearing may be requested before the Superintendent or designee. The principal, activities/athletic director must receive in writing a request for such a second hearing before the Superintendent or designee within 14 days of the mailing out of the outcome or the original hearing.

Note: Provisions as outlined in letter C above, including items 1 and 2, will be applicable to the second hearing.

- E. The provision, as outlined above, shall be the sole and exclusive means for appeal from the rulings referred to in paragraph one.

IN NO INSTANCE WILL THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY BE THE APPEALS OFFICER.

PART II - ATHLETICS AWARDS

The purpose of our awards system is to acknowledge achievement in interscholastic athletics. The value of the award lies in what it represents, not in what it is worth. Love of the sport and a desire to participate should be the primary motivators, and the award should be of secondary importance.

To be eligible for these awards, athletes must be in grades 9-12 and in good standing in school. Those athletes who quit the squad or are expelled from membership by the coach for any reason before the end of the season will not receive awards. Those who are injured or incapacitated due to illness or injury in the course of the season and, therefore, cannot complete the season may be granted awards, at the discretion of the head coach without regard for the participation requirements. Each head coach will select one team manager for each squad and upon satisfactory service the varsity manager may earn a major award. The following are the awards and the participation criteria that will consistently be followed in determining award winners:

I. MAJOR LETTER

- A. Major letters are awarded to members of a varsity squad. Each athlete is restricted to receiving only one major letter. Each year of varsity participation in a given sport after having earned a major letter, they will receive a white chevron. Thus, it is possible to receive one varsity letter and a total of 9 chevrons from 9th grade through 12th grade. The next time a varsity letter is earned, a certificate will be presented.
- B. A third letter earned in a sport an athlete will be presented a Pointer emblem.

II. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA FOR MAJOR LETTER AWARDS

- A. BASEBALL - Participation in all or any part of one-third of the total innings.
- B. BASKETBALL - Active participation in all or any part of one-third of the total quarters. Each WIAA tournament game counts double quarters.
- C. CROSS COUNTRY, GYMNASTICS, SOCCER & TRACK - Coop with Dodgeville.
- D. FOOTBALL - Active participation in all or any part of one-half of the total quarters.
- E. GOLF - Participation in one-third of the total matches.
- F. SOFTBALL - Participation in all or any part of one-third of the total innings.
- G. TRACK - Participation in three-fourths of the total meets and/or wins points in one-fourth of the meets.
- H. VOLLEYBALL - Participation in one-third of the total matches.
- I. WRESTLING - Participation in one third of the total varsity matches. An award may be given to a boy who fulfills none of the above requirements but wins points in a major meet consisting of five or more schools.
- J. A major letter shall be awarded to a senior member of a varsity squad if he has been out for the sport three years and has attended practice regularly and generally contributed to the success of the team without regard for the participation requirements listed above.

III. FRESHMAN AWARD

- A. A freshman award consisting of numerals designating the year the athlete will graduate, will be given to all participants at the completion of their first sport season. This award is not subject to the same participation requirements of the varsity squad. Freshman will be given a participation certificate. Certificates are also presented for Junior Varsity participation.

IV. PLAQUES

- A. Plaques will be given to the following individuals: football, wrestling, volleyball, basketball, softball, and baseball captain or co-captains, most improved, most dedicated, and most valuable (line-man and back in football).
- B. TRACK - Captain, most valuable track, most valuable field, most dedicated.
- C. GOLF - medalist, most valuable, captain, or most improved.
- D. CHEERLEADERS - captains, (football, basketball, and wrestling), most dedicated, most improved, best all-around.
- E. The winners of school plaques awarded in any sport or cheerleading will be selected by a vote of the members of the team in good standing at the conclusion of the season. The team coach will conduct the voting. The voting results provided in writing to the athletic director following the team meeting. If a tie exists in the team balloting, a second ballot should be conducted between the candidates tied for the plaque. If on this ballot a tie still exists, then co-award winners would be announced. The plaques for the fall, winter and spring sports will be publicly announced at the athletic awards banquet scheduled at the conclusion of each of the three athletic seasons.
- F. The captains or co-captains of each sport will be awarded a captain star. Other identified school awards will also be presented. All cheerleading awards including letters, numerals, stars, and plaques will be given on the same basis as other athletic awards. The only students to qualify for these awards will be members of the Mineral Point High School.
- G. Other appropriate awards as identified and selected by coaches should be given to the students of the team at a time other than the athletic banquet. The athletic banquet is to recognize the athletic leaders based on the school awards, letters and plaques identified. Other school athletic awards approved by the district are the American Legion Athletic Award, the Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Award, Senior Athletic Award, and the W.I.A.A. Scholar/Athlete Award. These awards may be given at the Senior Awards/Scholarship Night or at an all-school assembly.

V. PARTICIPATION PINS

- A. All athletes that finish the season in good standing will be awarded a participation pin.

VI. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- A. In case of extenuating circumstances, the coach may award a letter or another award to anyone who has filled all requirements except participation. The coaches should use this option sparingly and wisely. A coach also has the right to deny one an award when their conduct may be considered detrimental to proper school citizenship. The principal will approve all such exceptions stated in this paragraph prior to making the award winner list public. This applies to awarding or withholding an award.
- B. All head coaches are required to maintain accurate cumulative written records of each participant and must strictly follow the policies set forth presented within two weeks of the close of the season involved and such awards will be made at an awards program or banquet.

VII. AWARDS ISSUED

- A. Freshman Numerals - Issued after completion of first season during career. (One per athlete)
- B. Major Letter- Issued when athlete first has satisfied criteria in any given varsity sport or activity. (One per athlete)
- C. Metal Emblem - Issued when an athlete finishes the season in any given sport or activity. (Different emblem for JV and Var.)
- D. Pointer Emblem - Issued when an athlete satisfies criteria for a major letter in a third sport or activity. (One per athlete)
- E. Gold bar - Issued each subsequent time an athlete satisfies criteria in any given varsity sport or activity. (No limit)
- F. Captains- Pin - Issued to team captains or co-captains in any varsity sport or activity. (No limit)
- G. Plaque - Issued to those members of the varsity squad selected by the squad for special awards as indicated in Athletic Handbook.
- H. Certificates - A varsity certificate is awarded to an athlete who has lettered in a sport and who has already received a Major Letter (MP).
- I. Varsity Reserve Team Members are awarded a Junior Varsity certificate.
- J. JV/Freshman Team members are awarded participation certificates.
- K. Senior plaques – Senior athletes who have lettered in two varsity sports for two years.



2017-2018 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Mineral Point High 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.wiaawi.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, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2017-2018 school year**:

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. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. 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.
- F. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete 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 grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.
- D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- F. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.

- I. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete 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.
- J. 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 sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. 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 and complete move.
- L. 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.
- M. 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, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant 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 for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. 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 schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

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 salary, cash or share of game or season proceeds 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: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.
- 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 because of ability, potential and/or performance 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 any and all interested students.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) 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

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school 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. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- 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 officially or unofficially (including "banditing") in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
- (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) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
 - (3) 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 and in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. 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. All sports except football 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.
- E. 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.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.