

ATHLETIC CODE HANDBOOK

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Middle School Grades 6-8

High School Grades 9-12

The Assumption Catholic Schools Are Catholic Schools in the Diocese of La Crosse. As Catholic Schools, we shall teach and advocate our Catholic Faith. All students are welcome in our schools, and all parents/legal guardians must understand that Catholic Doctrine shall be taught.

The passing on of our Catholic Faith is our number one priority.

Daily prayer and reflection will be a part of our teams' practices, meetings, and competitions. Student-athletes should expect to participate in: Mass, faith-filled events, and service activities.

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OVERVIEW OF ATHLETIC CODE HANDBOOK

PHILOSOPHY

A sound interscholastic athletic program must be based on sound Catholic educational principles. Interscholastic athletics outside the traditional school day is an extension of the education process provided during the classroom day. Every interscholastic athletic sport sponsored and supported by the Assumption Catholic Schools should be considered a phase of the Catholic educational process for each student. Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege (not a right) and should elicit great pride in the student, his or her family, and the respective school and community. Interscholastic athletics shall provide opportunities to students for spiritual and personal growth, skill development, physical fitness, socialization, development of moral qualities, and growth in emotional maturity, development of a strong character, creativity, and competition. Each middle school and high school of the Diocese of La Crosse also upholds the concept that an interscholastic athletic program is a cooperative effort involving the Catholic Church, student-athletes, parents/legal guardians, coaches, staff, administration, and the schools' respective communities. Participants who comply with this code of conduct demonstrate a desire to dedicate themselves to self-improvement as well as to enhance the best interests of fellow teammates, coaches, and the Church, school and community. If accepted, this privilege carries certain responsibilities and this athletic code presents these responsibilities.

GOALS

Participating in interscholastic athletics as a privilege (not a right) is an integral part of the middle and high school experience, is an extension of the school day, and provides learning experiences beneficial to the student-athletes participating. The following goals are listed as a part of this athletic code handbook:

1. Provide a safe, faith-filled environment for all participants including practices, contests, facilities, equipment, coaching, transportation, and interpersonal relationships among all based on sound Catholic teaching and expectations.
2. Provide an educational experience teaching motivation, self-discipline, self-confidence, loyalty, leadership, commitment to team, sacrifice, encouragement, extra effort, team spirit, and a positive attitude within the spirit of Christ's followers.
3. Teach and display high quality Christian conduct, interscholastic sportsmanship, ethical behavior, responsibility, and integrity which represent our Church, ourselves, our families, our Assumption Catholic Schools, and our communities in the Diocese of La Crosse.
4. Allow for broad participation of student-athletes to the developmental level of each student respectively to the level of competition expected within the interscholastic athletic framework broadly from middle school to varsity levels in a Christian manner.
5. Allow for the outcomes of the athletic experience to be a positive expression of Christ's love for ourselves and our fellow competitors.
6. Treat all persons respectfully regardless of individual differences just as Christ would.

7. Show respect for legitimate authority, such as administration, coaches, officials, and captains just as Christ respected his family and friends.
8. Show respect for opponents: players, coaches, supervisors, administrators, and communities, just as Christ respected all people.

PURPOSE OF ATHLETIC CODE HANDBOOK

The Assumption Catholic Schools accept the responsibility to develop policy and procedures and establish resources for the purpose of providing an optimal environment for the spiritual, mental, physical, social, and emotional development of its students. In addition to scholastic pursuits, students are provided an opportunity to develop self-respect and respect for others, a willingness to accept responsibility, and the ability to make sound decisions and interact effectively. Providing an environment conducive to developing these skills requires an active combined effort of home, Church, school, and community.

This handbook has been prepared for the benefit of the students, parents/legal guardians, and coaches and has been approved by the Diocese of La Crosse. The purpose of this handbook is to set forth the rules and responsibilities that regulate participation in interscholastic athletics.

Students and parents/legal guardians are expected to carefully read the entire athletic code handbook. Each season, the coaches will emphasize the rules found within this handbook. The student's participation in interscholastic athletics and the rules set forth in this handbook should be discussed by parents/legal guardians with their son or daughter who desires to be a participant in the school's athletic program.

Those not willing to comply with the rules and regulations shall not be permitted to participate in the interscholastic athletics.

WHEN THIS ATHLETIC CODE IS EFFECTIVE FOR THE PARTICIPANT

The athletic code handbook applies to all middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) students over the course of their middle school or high school years and includes the signing of the "Athletic Code Agreement". This requirement and agreement begins the timeline for this code to the first fall season of grade 6 and grade 9, respectively, including practices and contests which may occur prior to the beginning of the school year. This code shall remain in effect throughout the entire middle school or high school career including any post-season practices and contests following middle school completion or high school graduation.

The Athletic Code is in effect for each participant 24 hours per day, 365 days a year.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ATHLETIC CODE

The rules and regulations set forth in the Athletic Code Handbook are to apply effective immediately upon adoption and proper communication to the Catholic Schools by the Diocese of La Crosse including any disciplinary action then pending. Any new updates to the code approved by the Diocese of La Crosse shall require the signing of a new "Athletic Code Agreement".

NONDISCRIMINATION: *What is “discrimination”?*

The Diocese of La Crosse shall not discriminate in student participation in athletic programs, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions, or facility usage on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Guidance on nondiscrimination within the Diocese of La Crosse is governed by the Code of Canon Law and may take precedence on civil nondiscrimination.

SUPERVISION

Student-athletes are students first. Therefore, those who normally supervise students: administration, faculty, and support staff, continue to have the duty to supervise student-athletes when those student-athletes are participating in a school activity, even if that activity is outside normal school hours or off of school property.

Assistant coaches, head coaches, and the athletic director are specifically charged with the duty of supervising student-athletes during practice and competition times. This includes during times of school sponsored transportation, clean-up, and locker room changing.

SUMMARY NOTE TO PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS AND STUDENT-ATHLETES

Because the participation of your student in interscholastic athletics is a privilege (not a right), the expectations of this athletic code by the Assumption Catholic Schools for your student-athlete are high but not impossible. They are, however, necessary in order for our teams, your teams, to be competitive, faith-filled, and the best possible.

What we ask for on your part is dedicated commitment to your fellow student-athletes, teams, and coaches. In return you shall be extended the privilege of representing your school, and for some, to be able to receive school, conference, and state awards and recognition.

Finally, we ask that you enter into this contract in good faith and fully live up to all responsibilities and rules therein.

CODE OF CONDUCT

DEFINITION

Interscholastic athletics are defined as those interscholastic sports specifically sanctioned by their representative school with the approval by the Diocese of La Crosse for which students participate or compete as student-athletes. Interscholastic athletics are not extensions of a specific course for grading. At the high school level, each school belongs to an interscholastic athletic conference (as noted on the title page of this handbook) and is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). At the middle school level, each school may belong to an interscholastic athletic conference. This athletic code handbook does not cover non-school sanctioned athletics, club sports, or intramurals.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

The interscholastic sports covered by this code include but are not limited to the following as designed by each individual school in the Diocese of La Crosse:

- Middle School
 - Boys - football, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball, track
 - Girls - volleyball, cross country, tennis, basketball, softball, track, tennis
 - At this level, there is a “no cut” policy which dictates that all athletes will make the team and all athletes will play in each game.
- High School
 - Boys - football, cross country, basketball, wrestling, co-op hockey, baseball, track
 - Girls - volleyball, tennis, cross country, wrestling, basketball, co-op hockey, soccer, softball, track

The number of student-athletes interested and participating in the program shall determine team formation. All students who wish to participate in an interscholastic sport and who meet the eligibility requirements shall have the opportunity to be on a team. If participation numbers are down or there are not enough students to field a team for any interscholastic sport listed above, as recommended by the coach or athletic director, that particular interscholastic sport may not be offered that particular season.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) establishes the foundation for eligibility for high school athletics. Yearly, the WIAA publishes the “High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin” and this document is an addendum to this Assumption Catholic Schools Athletic Code Handbook. Each student-athlete, parents/legal guardians, and coaches are to review these minimum requirements prior to each season.
- For the middle school student-athlete, all students are eligible to participate in athletics and this athletic code handbook covers the code of conduct requirements.

- The Assumption Catholic Schools may adopt a higher standard for eligibility than the WIAA and those higher standards supersede the WIAA minimum requirements. Student-athletes, parents/legal guardians, and coaches are to review these additional standards in the Athletic Code Handbook prior to each season.

PROCEDURE FOR JOINING INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

The procedure for joining any of the interscholastic sports sanctioned by the Assumption Catholic Schools includes the following. These requirements must be completed and approved prior to any participation in an interscholastic sport including practices.

Athletic Code Agreement – signed by all students and parents/legal guardians prior to the beginning of grade 6 or grade 9, respectively. These agreements are validated by the athletic director for compliance and cross-checked with the coaches of their respective interscholastic sports each season when the student-athletes sign up. This agreement also includes parent/legal guardian permission for the student-athlete to participate in interscholastic athletics. (NOTE: Coaches will review the Athletic Code each season.)

Medical Release, Emergency Contact, and Insurance Waiver Form – completed and signed at least yearly and updated if the student-athlete participates in multiple interscholastic sports in a school year. Insurance information is provided on this form.

Concussion Form – completed and signed at the beginning of each school year. Each school shall test each student-athlete to establish a “baseline” for future reference in the event a concussion may be evident.

Athletic Physical Card – a physical card must be completed and filed with the athlete director as prescribed by the WIAA.

Athletic Fee – pay the appropriate athletic fee as prescribed by the individual school.

Transfer Students – in addition to WIAA requirements, the athletic director with all due diligence seek to place transfer students in the appropriate timeline from the prior school(s) with respect to their eligibility in interscholastic sports including all known consequences.

PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

Team Rules – Each coach may enact and enforce rules, expectations, and consequences in addition to those stated in this Athletic Code Handbook. These rules, expectations, and consequences shall be provided in writing to the participating student-athlete upon approval of the athletic director.

Practices and Contests – Student-athletes are expected to attend all practices and contests. They may be excused from practice or contest by the coaching staff with advance notice. Consequences for unexcused absences from practices and contests shall be handled by the coaching staff.

- Coaches and the athletic director will give special consideration to religious activities, including parish events, if a player needs to be excused.
- Family vacations over scheduled school breaks (example: Christmas and spring) will be given special consideration if a player needs to be excused.

Two Sport Athlete in One Season – A student-athlete who wishes to participate in two sports during one season must have written approval from the principal and athletic director and must declare one sport to be the “primary” sport and the other to be the “secondary” sport. The student-athlete is expected to attend all practices and contests of the primary sport while working with the secondary sport’s head coach to be present at practices and competitions when possible.

Biological Sex Guideline – To participate, a student-athlete’s biological sex must conform to the sport, club, or extra-curricular activity he or she wishes to join. All persons must use the bathroom or locker room which matches their biological sex.

Sunday Rule— No competitions, practices, meetings, team dinners, or other team activities may take place on Sundays without approval from the Dean for the Wisconsin Rapids Deanery.

Holy Days of Obligation Rule – If the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not offered during the school day for students, all competitions, practices, meetings, team dinners, or other team activities must end so the student-athlete may leave school at least one hour prior to the start of the earliest Mass scheduled in that locale.

- **Easter Triduum Rule** – Competitions are not allowed Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.
 - **Holy Thursday** - Practices, meetings, team dinners, or other team activities times must end so the student-athlete may leave school at least one hour prior to the start of the earliest Mass scheduled in that locale.
 - **Good Friday** - Practices, meetings, team dinners, or other team activities times must end by 12:00 p.m.
 - **Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday** - No competitions, practices, meetings, team dinners, or other team activities are allowed.

Student Health - all practice and contest participation injuries must be reported immediately to the coaching staff by the student and/or parents/legal guardians. An accident report shall be completed and submitted to the athletic director. The student-athlete or his or her parents should report any injuries that happen outside practices and competitions to the respective coach. Whenever a student receives medical treatment that prohibits practice and contest participation in an interscholastic sport, a note signed by the attending physician giving a date for medical clearance for continued participation must be on file with the coach and athletic director in order for the student to return to participation.

Transportation

- **To Practices and Contests Off-Site of the Home School** – when transportation is provided by the school to off-site practices or contests, it is expected that student-athletes will use the transportation provided by the school, excepting

only when a student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) timely provide the school with a completed Travel Release Form. (See pg. 19). Parents assume responsibility for personally transporting students or arranging for the transportation with another licensed, insured adult (non-student) for the student to off-site practices and contest when transportation is not provided by the school. The Assumption Catholic Schools shall assume no responsibility for any student who misses the prescribed mode of transportation to a practice or contest outside the home school and attempts to travel to the destination on their own. The coaching staff shall review transportation rules before leaving for the practice or contests and all student-athletes are expected to follow the transportation rules. Coaching staff may assign consequences for any student-athletes who fail to use school-provided transportation to or from off-site practices or contests.

- **From Off-Site Practices and Contests Back to the Home School** - when transportation is provided by the school from off-site practices or contests to return to the home school, student-athletes will use the school-provided transportation, excepting only when a student-athlete's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) timely provide(s) the school with a completed Travel Release Form. (See pg. 19).
- **Contests which Occur Overnight (i.e. WIAA Tournament Series)** – student-athletes must follow all rules and expectation established by the coaching staff, adult chaperones, and school policy.

Modesty

- “Modesty means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden. It guides how one looks at others and behaves toward them in conformity with the dignity of persons. Modesty protects the mystery of persons and their love. Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It is discreet. Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person” (CCC 2521-2522, 2524).
- Modesty is necessary because each person is created in the image of God and therefore each person inherently has dignity and deserves respect and honor. When we encounter another person, we want to see the person, not just a part of the body. When we dress in a manner that draws another person's attention to a specific part of the body, we are dressing in an immodest way.
- Student-athletes are expected to dress, speak, and behave in a modest manner. Tight fitting uniforms and tight fitting warm-up clothing should be avoided, but it is understood that some sports' required athletic uniforms are unfortunately immodest. In these cases, student-athletes must wear the required or necessary uniform only during actual competition or practice, but as soon as the competition is completed or practice concluded, the student-athlete must quickly return to being dressed in a modest manner, such as putting on a modest warm-up. If an immodest uniform is required or necessary, it must not be worn outside the competition or practice times / facility.

- Please note, during practices and competitions, student-athletes must wear a shirt (clothing that modestly covers their upper torso).
- Being modest also requires the student-athlete to behave appropriately in locker rooms and bathrooms. While in a locker room or bathroom, student-athletes must: modestly cover up whenever possible, keep his or her eyes to him or herself, always use modest language, and not play, sing, or recite inappropriate music.

School Attendance

- A student-athlete is expected to be present the full day of school prior to practices and contests.
- Student-athletes with absences from school are not allowed to participate in practice or a contest on the day of the absence.
- The athletic director in consultation with the school principal has the discretion regarding appointments and special absentee situations on a case-by-case basis.
- For the day of a practice, team meeting, or competition, student-athletes are **required to be present for 65% (miss up to 2.5 hours)** of the school day prior to practices and contests.
- The athletic director in consultation with the school principal has the discretion regarding academic absentee situations on a case-by-case basis. (Examples: standardized testing and college visits or enrollment interviews)
- Student-athletes will attend school the day following a contest to ensure that they are maintaining a high standard of academic excellence.

Note: Unexcused absences are addressed in Section II (F)(2) Below-the-Line Behaviors

BEHAVIORS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

As a condition of initial and continued enrollment as a student in the diocesan schools, a student's conduct must be consistent with Catholic faith and morals. Conduct which is inconsistent with Catholic faith and morals, which is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of other students and/or which causes scandal, impairs or threatens to impair the reputation of the Church or its schools, is grounds for disciplinary sanctions up to and including immediate expulsion. *DSP 5112 - Catholic Faith and Moral Standard*

ACADEMICS

A student must be doing passing work in all classes with no failures. This requirement includes all credited course work on and off campus. Eligibility is at the discretion of the administration.

High School Only (Incompletes)

A student will be declared academically ineligible if he or she has an incomplete in a course; once an incomplete is resolved and the grade has been updated in FACTS, and administration has approved, the student is eligible again. The ineligibility period will begin

the Monday following report card issuance. Students will be ineligible to participate in athletic contests and certain extracurricular activities until approved by administration.

High/Middle School

A student who receives one failing grade in any progress report or quarter will be made ineligible for a minimum of two weeks. A student receiving failing grades in two or more classes during any progress report or quarter will be made ineligible for a minimum of 3 weeks. *High School Only:* Students receiving a failing semester grade in one or more classes will be made ineligible for a period of 3 weeks for Semester I or Semester II. **Ineligibility that falls within a sports season will include at a minimum one contest. Administration must deem the student eligible to return to participating in contests.**

During a period of ineligibility, students may attend practices but may not participate in contests. They may **not** travel to away contests or dress in the team uniform for home contests. **At the end of the ineligibility period, the student becomes eligible to participate once administration receives verification from the teacher that the student currently holds a “passing” status in this course. If not, the student will remain ineligible until this status is achieved.** Administration will contact the Athletic Director to verify playing status. The Athletic Director will communicate this updated status to Coaches. Students are not eligible to play in any contests until administration has approved eligibility status.

Ineligibility periods will begin on the Monday following the date of progress reports or report card issuance for quarter and Semester I grades. The period of ineligibility incurred because of failure for Hex 6 or a Semester II course, begins on the first day of practice if the student is in a Fall sport, or on the first day of school if not a Fall athlete.

Probation occurs when a student receives one or more below-average grades (D) on a progress report or report card. Students placed on academic probation must attend the ASC daily and obtain a pass to present to their coach in order to participate in practices or contests. On contest days when students must leave before ASC hours, ASC staff will excuse them and provide a pass for the student to present to the coach. **Any behavior subject to student probation, suspension or expulsion will result in ineligibility from extra-curriculars and athletics for a period of time determined by school administration.*

BELOW-THE-LINE AND BOTTOM-LINE BEHAVIORS

Explanations

School’s Student-Parent Handbook Application: A student-athlete whose behavior falls below-the-line or bottom-line may be subject to consequences within this athletic handbook and the school’s student-parent handbook.

Simple Corrections from Authority: Authority – pastors, coaches, athletic directors, teachers, school administrators – can give simple corrections to a student-athlete’s behavior that comes

close to below-the-line behavior. Two examples are a correction for the flippant or accidental use of inappropriate language or easy directions to fix small displays of immodesty.

Student with Documented Behavioral Plans: When working with student-athletes who have a documented behavioral plan (for example an ISP), school administration will review consequences to make sure those consequences are in agreement with the student-athlete's documented behavioral plan. To be in agreement with the documented behavioral plan, necessary consequence changes may be implemented on a case by case basis.

Locker Rooms and Bathrooms: All persons must use the bathroom or locker room which conforms to their biological sex.

The Assumption Catholic Schools recognize it is difficult to supervise locker rooms and bathrooms. Therefore, student-athletes know that their time within a locker room or bathroom will be limited. No student-athlete should be in a locker room or bathroom for an extended period of time.

While in a locker room or bathroom a student-athlete's behavior is to be far Above-the-line. The authority has the discretion to judge a student-athlete's unacceptable behavior within a locker room or bathroom as below-the-line behavior or bottom-line-behavior.

- Cell phones and other recording devices may NOT be used.
- The dignity given to each person by God will be respected.
- Use of modest language is absolutely required.
- Student-athletes need to modestly cover up whenever possible.
- Each student-athlete should keep his or her eyes to him or herself.
- Students must not play, sing, or recite inappropriate music – music with lyrics that are hateful, sexual, or violent
- Locks should be used to secure personal belongings.
- Student-athletes need to keep locker rooms and bathrooms clean and tidy.
- The use of spray deodorant and perfume should be limited.
- Rough-housing, fighting, physical horse-play is forbidden.

BELOW-THE-LINE BEHAVIOR

Student-athletes are representatives of the Catholic Church, their respective schools, families, communities, and the Diocese of La Crosse. With themselves, teammates, coaching staff, at contests, in school, and within the community, it is expected that "above-the-line" behaviors be consistently exhibited.

Above-the-line behaviors fall into three primary themes: safety, respect, and responsibility. In the Christian spirit, behaviors exhibited in all three themes positively shall promote exemplary outcomes.

Below-the-line behaviors violate the basic tenets of being and feeling safe, showing and having respect, and taking responsibility as an individual and as a part of a team.

The list of below-the-line behaviors is cause for consequences through this Athletic Code Handbook:

- Dishonesty – academically or with clergy, administration, faculty, and staff of the school
- Unexcused absences (an unexcused absence may include any part of a day including being unexcused for one class period in a day)
- Consistently poor classroom behavior
- Poor interscholastic sportsmanship
- Disrespect to clergy, administration, faculty, and staff of the school
- Continued use of flippant or “accidental” swearing after authority correction
- Chronic dress code violations
- Inappropriate use of social media on or off school grounds
- Any in-school suspension from school
- Being present with a student who uses, possesses, buys, or sells drugs or alcohol, both on and off school grounds.
- Negative attitude by condoning or encouraging athletic code violations (engaging in or being an accomplice to any other immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to the philosophy of the extracurricular code, the regulations within the WIAA, or the ideals, principles, and standards of the schools of the Diocese of La Crosse).
 - An accomplice is one who encourages another to behave or speak in an unacceptable manner. An accomplice might also be a person who is aware of another person’s unacceptable behavior or speech and does not correct or report the offending person. An accomplice fails to restore dignity to the person who is hurt.
- Any acts that are believed to reflect poorly on the reputation of the Assumption Catholic Schools and the Diocese of La Crosse

Consequences: The consequences outlined below for below-the-line behaviors are cumulative over the course of the student athlete’s middle school or high school athletic career. Level of consequences are determined based on administration discretion.

FIRST VIOLATION OF BELOW-THE-LINE BEHAVIORS

- Suspension for 15% of the total scheduled contests.
- The suspension shall be carried over to the next season at a prorated amount.
- When a student is in multiple sports in a season covered by this athletic code, the suspension covers all sports concurrently.
- With the athletic director’s approval, the participant may practice with the sport.
- Leadership positions are suspended at both practices and contests for the duration of the consequence.
- Honesty Clause – A student athlete who, when initially confronted about a first offense violation, is honest and tells the truth shall have an opportunity for an

adjustment of the consequences. A student who is honest about the code violation shall accept a 5% suspension of total scheduled contests. Minimally, the suspension shall be reduced by one contest.

- If only one contest is affected by the suspension, the suspension still applies.
- If the suspension includes the WIAA tournament series, all contests in the series are cause for suspension.

SECOND CUMULATIVE VIOLATION OF BELOW-THE-LINE BEHAVIORS

- Suspension for 40% of the total scheduled contests.
- The suspension shall be carried over to the next season at a prorated amount.
- When a student is in multiple sports in a season covered by this athletic code, the suspension covers all sports concurrently.
- With the athletic director's approval, the participant may practice with the sport.
- Leadership positions are suspended at both practices and contests for the duration of the consequence.
- Honesty Clause - a student who is honest about the second cumulative code violation shall accept a 20% suspension of total scheduled contests. Minimally, the suspension shall be reduced by two contests.
- If only one contest is affected by the suspension, the suspension still applies.
- If the suspension includes the WIAA tournament series, all contests in the series are cause for suspension.

THIRD CUMULATIVE VIOLATION OF BELOW-THE-LINE BEHAVIORS

- Suspension for 75% of the total scheduled contests.
- The suspension shall be carried over to the next season at a prorated amount.
- When a student is in multiple sports in a season covered by this athletic code, the suspension covers all sports concurrently.
- With the athletic director's approval, the participant may practice with the sport.
- Leadership positions are revoked.
- If the suspension includes the WIAA tournament series, all contests in the series are cause for suspension.

FOURTH CUMULATIVE VIOLATION OF BELOW-THE-LINE BEHAVIORS

- Suspension for all activities for rest of school career in either middle school or high school.

Note: Suspensions during tournament play will be carried over into the next athletic season.

BOTTOM-LINE BEHAVIORS

Bottom-line behaviors are behaviors that are an affront to the dignity given to all people by God. These behaviors are so egregious (extremely negative, usually illegal, or significantly below the norm of human interaction) that severe consequences are in order.

Bottom-line behaviors which occur on or off school property listed below are cause for consequences through this Athletic Code Handbook:

- Hazing or initiation pranks
- Possession, consumption, buying, or selling of alcohol or imitation alcohol, tobacco products, vapor devices, nicotine, body-altering chemicals (such as steroids) or mind-altering chemicals (illegal drugs, controlled substances, and abuse of prescription medications) (Prescription medicines are exempt when used by the individual for whom they were prescribed in a manner and amount prescribed as prescribed by a physician.)
- Vandalism or property destruction
- Being intentionally and excessively immodest in dress or language while representing the school or at a school event
- Being intentionally obscene and vulgar with excessive swearing or use of obscene gestures
- Insubordination to school administration or pastoral leadership
- Theft or stealing
- Bullying or cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Any out-of-school suspension from school
- Use of communication devices which have a camera and are capable of recording in the locker room area
- Proven violations of civil law brought to the attention of school officials not defined as a felony

Consequences: The consequences outlined for bottom-line behaviors are cumulative over the course of the student athlete's middle school or high school athletic career. If the first violation of a bottom-line behavior is extremely egregious a student-athlete may be subject to the second violation consequence. Level of consequences are determined based on administration discretion.

FIRST VIOLATION OF BOTTOM-LINE BEHAVIORS

- Suspension for 50% of the total scheduled contests.
- The suspension shall be carried over to the next season at a prorated amount.
- When a student is in multiple sports in a season covered by this athletic code, the suspension covers all sports concurrently.
- Student-athlete shall not practice with any school-sanctioned sport until the suspension is completed and after a parents/legal guardians/legal guardians meeting is held to re-establish the expectations of this code.
- Leadership positions are revoked permanently.
- If the suspension includes the WIAA tournament series, all contests in the series are cause for suspension.

SECOND VIOLATION OF BOTTOM-LINE BEHAVIORS

- Suspension from all interscholastic athletics for a full 12 months from the date of the violation.
- If this violation ends during a future athletic season, the student-athlete shall be allowed to practice at the start of the season in which the suspension ends but cannot participate in a contest until the 12-month suspension is completed.

THIRD CUMULATIVE VIOLATION OF BOTTOM-LINE BEHAVIORS

- Suspension from the interscholastic athletic program for the rest of school career in either middle school or high school.

Note: Suspensions during tournament play will be carried over into the next athletic season.

LEGAL FELONIES, CRIMES OF MORAL TURPITUDE, AND DELINQUENT ACTS

The consequences outlined below for this Section II(F)(4) relate specifically to (1) any conduct that constitutes a felony, (2) any conduct that would be a felony if committed by an adult, (3) any criminal conduct that involves moral turpitude (e.g., an act or behavior that gravely violates moral sentiments or accepted moral standards of the community), or that if committed by an adult would constitute criminal conduct involving moral turpitude, or (4) any conduct that results in or that could result in a juvenile delinquency proceeding. All such conduct shall collectively be referred to throughout this section as “Criminal Conduct.”

Arrest: A student who has been arrested for any Criminal Conduct shall be suspended from the interscholastic athletic program pending either the declination of charges, the filing of charges, and/or the school’s investigation of the underlying conduct.

Charging: A student who has been charged with any Criminal Conduct, as defined above, or about which the school has received notice, shall be suspended from the interscholastic athletic program pending either the dismissal of charges, the student being found not guilty, or the student fully paying his/her debt to society.

Conviction or Admission: A student who has been convicted of or who has admitted to any Criminal Conduct, as defined above, shall be suspended from interscholastic athletic programs for the rest of the student’s school career in either middle school or high school.

Note: Consequences pursuant to this Section II (F)(4) are not subject to appeal.

POLICY ENFORCEMENT

A violation of the Athletic Code may be established when the athletic director and administration determine that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred. Relevant evidence may include observations by school personnel, witness statements, student admissions, electronic communications, photographs, video recordings, law enforcement reports, or other reliable information. The student will be informed of the alleged violation and given an opportunity to respond before a decision is made.

Preliminary Review

Upon receiving a written report of a violation, the Athletic Director and administration will determine whether the allegation, if true, would constitute a violation of the Athletic Code. If the report does not allege conduct covered by the Athletic Code, no further action will be taken under the Athletic Code.

Standard for Determining a Violation

The Athletic Director or designated administrator will determine whether a violation occurred based on a preponderance of the evidence, meaning it is more likely than not that the violation occurred.

The determination may be based upon one or more forms of credible evidence, including:

- Direct observations.
- Witness statements.
- Student admissions.
- Physical evidence.
- Electronic evidence.
- Other reliable information.

The number of witnesses alone does not determine whether a violation occurred. The school will consider the credibility, reliability, consistency, and relevance of all available information.

Student Opportunity to Respond

Before a decision is made, the student-athlete will:

- Be informed of the alleged violation.
- Be given an opportunity to explain or respond.
- Be permitted to identify witnesses or provide information relevant to the review.

A parent or guardian may be invited to participate in the meeting when appropriate.

Decision

Following the review, the Athletic Director and administration will determine whether:

- No violation occurred;

- Additional information is needed; or
- A violation has occurred.

If a violation is found, the appropriate consequence outlined in the Athletic Code will be imposed.

Notification

The student-athlete and parent or guardian will be notified of:

- The determination.
- The basis for the decision.
- The disciplinary consequence, if any.
- The appeal process/administrative recourse.

Whenever practical, this notification will be provided in writing.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOURSE (ADAPTED FROM DSR 5901)

Outline of the chain of authority to be followed in resolving athletic department disputes

Parish Schools

1. Teacher, coach, or other school employee
2. Athletic Director
3. Principal
4. Pastor
5. Dean
6. Diocesan Bishop (or assigned delegate)

Catholic School Systems

1. Teacher, coach, or other school employee
2. Athletic Director
3. Principal
4. President
5. Dean
6. Diocesan Bishop (or assigned delegate)

Administrative Recourse Procedure in the Diocese of La Crosse:

The consequence during the recourse procedure is to be enforced. (DSP 5902)

During the administrative recourse process, it is understood that while working to reconcile an authority may seek the assistance of others, especially those respected for their ability to reconcile; but the authority remains responsible for seeking the resolution to the conflict.

When one of Christ's faithful judges himself or herself injured by the decision or action of a person exercising pastoral or administrative authority in the Diocese of La Crosse, he or she, within fifteen days is to first seek reconciliation or request reconsideration in writing with the person exercising pastoral or administrative authority. The person exercising pastoral or administrative authority has fifteen days to reconsider and respond in writing.

If the party who judges himself or herself injured is not able to achieve reconciliation with the authority involved, he or she may present the grievance to the next office in the chain of authority within fifteen days of the time of the decision made by the lower authority. The recourse is to be made in writing and is to state the facts of the conflict and the reason or reasons why the party judges himself or herself injured. The response by the next office in the chain of authority to the recourse must be made in fifteen days, is to be made in writing, and is to state the reasons for the response given.

If reconciliation is not achieved by working with the next office within the chain of authority, the party who judges himself or herself injured may continue the process of presenting his or her grievance to the next office in the chain of authority. Each time the party who judges himself or herself injured presents his or her grievance it must be done in writing and within fifteen days of the previous decision. Each next office in the chain of authority has fifteen days to reply in writing.

If the party who judges himself or herself injured reaches the final office in the chain of authority, the Bishop or his assigned delegate's office has thirty useful days to respond from the day he or she receives the request.

The Bishop or his assigned delegate's office is the final authority within the administrative recourse process.

If the grievance is against the Diocesan Bishop, the legislation in the Code of Canon Law is to be followed. (cf. Can. 1732-173)

Athletic Forms

Forms to be signed are found on the [ACS Website](#).

ATHLETIC CODE AGREEMENT

MEDICAL RELEASE, EMERGENCY INFORMATION, AND INSURANCE WAIVER FORM

CONCUSSION and SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST FORM

PHYSICAL FORM / ALTERNATE YEAR FORM



2025-2026 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Assumption 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. Reading and signing this form is a condition of participating in interscholastic athletics at WIAA member schools. It does not guarantee a student-athlete's athletic eligibility nor does it give rise to any contractual rights, direct or indirect, to student-athletes or their parents.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2025-2026 school year:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if they reach their 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 school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if they are 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, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if they have graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year. Mid-year graduation ends athletic eligibility on the last day of attendance.
- D. A student is ineligible if they have 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 their 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 their 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, they 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, they become eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if their 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 they transfer to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth 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 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 sixth 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 will be subject to the transfer rules for one calendar year, 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.]

Unrestricted eligibility may be afforded at a new school at the time of a complete family move. Any student who delays enrollment after a family move is subject to the transfer rule.

- B. 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. Students entering 11th and 12th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- D. 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.
- E. 10th, 11th or 12th 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).
- F. 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.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules.
- H. 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 their new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. 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. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- J. 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.
- K. 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 their new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education. Note: A student who does not serve a penalty for violation by leaving the state and competing in another state, will be ineligible for the balance of the suspension upon return to the state.
- L. 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 they 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 their school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates their 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. Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid their debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
- D. A student-athlete who violates their 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.
- E. 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.

- F. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- G. 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.
- H. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced (except for felony charges). If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- I. 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 (including gift cards) 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 capitalize on athletic fame by receiving money, compensation, endorsements or gifts of monetary value in affiliation or connection with activities involving the student's school team, school, Conference or WIAA (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).
- D. A student-athlete is not restricted from participating in a Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) commercial endorsement provided there is no school team, school, Conference or WIAA affiliation. Prohibited NIL activities are identified as follows:
 - (1) The student shall not appear in the uniform of the student's school and does not utilize the marks, logos, etc. of the school team, school, Conference or WIAA as part of any endorsement.
 - (2) The student shall not promote activities nor products associated with the following: gaming/gambling; alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis, or related products; banned or illegal substances; adult entertainment products or services; weapons (i.e. firearms).
 - (3) The compensation is not contingent on specific athletic performance or achievement (i.e. financial incentives based on points scored).
 - (4) The compensation is not provided by the school or persons associated with school as an inducement to attend a particular school ("recruiting") or to remain enrolled at a particular school.
 - (5) The NIL activities do not interfere with a student-athlete's academic obligations, and the student does not miss athletic practice, competition, travel, or other team obligations in order to participate in NIL opportunities.
 - (6) A student cannot utilize representation or contract an agent. High schools or its employees are not allowed to help facilitate deals for student-athletes.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than their own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with prior 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) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

- 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 "banding") 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 their parents must pay 100% of 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 their 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.