

RULES OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION IN ALL SPORTS

An athlete participates by choice. In doing so, he or she must choose between the rules of athletics and non-participation.

Rule 01: Code of Ethics

All athletes shall comply to a code of ethics which will entitle him or her to the honor and a respect which he or she has rightfully earned through competition. Conduct resulting in dishonor to an athlete reflects not only on himself or herself, but his or her team and school. Any act of unacceptable conduct such as theft, sale of drugs, malicious vandalism, immorality, or destruction of property in or outside of school which makes him or her unqualified to represent the ideals, principles, and standards of his school shall have violated this code of ethics.

Penalty Alleged infractions of this rule shall be considered by the coach, athletic director, and principal. Denial of participation in athletics for one calendar year from the date of the incident.

Rule 02: Drug Testing Program

a. All student athletes are required to participate in the Board of Education approved drug testing program for Centerburg student athletes in order to be eligible for practice and interscholastic competition.

Penalty Denial of participation in athletics until in compliance with drug testing policy.

b. When a student tests positive for illicit or banned substances, the following procedure will be followed:

(1) The parent/guardian/custodian will be notified by the Principal. A split sample of the original sample can be tested a second time at another drug testing agency, which must be approved by the athletic executive council.

(2) If the split sample tests negative, the student will be notified and may be required to submit urine specimens, via the vendor, three additional times for one calendar year.

(3) If the split sample tests positive, the Principal will notify the parent/guardian/custodian within 24 hours. A written notification from the Principal will be sent to the parent/guardian/custodian explaining the consequences and options the student athlete has for future participation as an athletic team member. The Principal may keep all test results for a period of up to one year.

(4) Confirmed presence of illegal drugs or banned substances from specimens collected following Sections B(1) or B(3) above will be considered a positive result.

Penalty

a. Denial of participation of interscholastic athletics for one calendar year from the date of enforcement for the violation.

b. Athletic Probation - A student may use his/her one career appeal as defined in the Athletic Council's Rules of Athletic Participation and enroll in Harding Hospital's "Harding Adolescent Recovery Program" (HARP) or a similar certified chemical dependency program that meets the approval of the athletic executive council. The student must also submit to urine drug testing three additional times during the school year. A denial of participation for the remainder of the sports season will be imposed. The parent, guardian, or custodian is responsible for all expenses for the drug recovery program.

c. Out of season violations will be carried over into the student athlete's next participation season. For example, a positive test during the summer months will preclude the student athlete from participating in a fall sport until the chemical dependency program has been completed and negative test results are received.

c. Second and subsequent positive results

Penalty Denial of participation in interscholastic athletics for one calendar year from the date of enforcement for the violation.

- d. **SELF REFERRAL*** is designed to provide the opportunity for student athletes to enter a drug recovery program voluntarily. The student athlete will be required to follow the procedures in 6b(1) of the Student Athlete Drug Testing Program (Administrative Guideline 2431.02).

Penalty The student athlete will be required to follow the procedures in Rule 2B(2), but may continue to be part of the team as a non-participant.

***Self Referral** is defined as an athlete notifying any staff member or coach on a supplemental contract that he or she has participated in illegal drug use within the parameters of the Centerburg athletic drug policy.

- e. **NON-PUNITIVE NATURE OF THE POLICY** No student athlete will be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs or banned substances. The results of drug tests, pursuant to this policy, will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities, absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the Centerburg Local Schools Board of Education will not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the student and the student's custodial parent, legal guardian, or custodian will be notified at least 72 hours before response is made by the Centerburg Local Schools Board of Education, to the extent permitted by such subpoena or legal process.

- f. **ILLICIT AND BANNED SUBSTANCES** For the purpose of this policy, the following drug classes, substances, or their metabolites that can be tested for are considered illicit or banned for Centerburg Local School District student athletes:

Alcohol	Amphetamines	Anabolic Steroids
Barbiturates	Benzodiazepines	Cocaine Metabolites
LSD	Marijuana Metabolites	Methadone
Methaqualone	Nicotine	Opiates
Phencyclidine	Propoxyphene	

Rule 03: Drugs and/or Alcoholic Beverages

- a. No use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs

Penalty Denial of participation of athletics for one calendar year from the date of the incidence.

- b. No use or possession of tobacco

Penalty

1st. violation School punishment-If in season, 1 game denial participation
2nd. violation Denial of participation in athletics for remainder of the school year.

Rule 04: Curfews

All athletes shall abide by the following curfews while their sport is in season:

- a. 11:00 p.m. on a night preceding a school day
b. 10:00 p.m. on a night prior to an athletic contest
c. 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday nights
d. One hour after a late contest when there is school or an athletic contest the following day.

Exceptions to the curfew exist upon special permission granted in writing by the coach or if the athlete is accompanied by his or her parents.

Penalty

- 1st violation Reprimand by coach
2nd violation Suspension from play in the next contest after discovery of the infraction. The athlete will dress for the contest.

Rule 05: Eligibility To Try Out For Another Sport After Quitting A

Team

Athletes who quit the team after the first practice may not try out for another sport in the same season unless both coaches mutually agree. If cut from a team it will be at the discretion of the second coach.

Penalty Cannot participate in another sport during that season or until that sport has played its last contest.

Rule 06: Academic Eligibility - grades 9-12

- a. In order for a pupil to be eligible during any grading period he or she must have:
- (1) been in school
 - (2) received credit during the immediately preceding grading period in the equivalent of (5) five credit classes. (Grading periods 1, 2, 3, 4)
 - (3) passed at least 75% of the course work taken the 4th. quarter of the 8th grade to be eligible as 9th graders for the fall sport season. (OHSAA Rule)
 - (4) earned a 1.5 GPA during the immediately preceding grading period.

Penalty Denial of participation for the next grading period.

- b. Biweekly Eligibility. Eligibility will be checked biweekly from the beginning of the grading period.

- (1) Coaches will be notified of any athlete with failing or D averages. The coach will conference with the athlete and may implement study tables or other forms of intervention.
- (2) Athletes receiving failing grades will be directly notified by the Athletic Director and a letter sent home notifying parents.
- (3) Any athlete receiving an F with a **poor effort** check mark will be directly notified by the Athletic Director and placed on a two week academic probationary period. A letter will be sent home notifying parents of the academic probationary period. Failure to remove the **poor effort** check at the end of the two week probationary period will result in the athlete being removed from the team for the remainder of the sport season.

Penalty

- a. An athlete that is not passing 5.0 credits on a weekly basis may remain eligible provided strong effort is shown to make improvements.
- b. An athlete who receives a [no effort] check will be placed on a two week academic probationary period and parents notified.
- c. An athlete who fails to show appropriate effort during this two week probationary period will be declared ineligible until appropriate effort has been shown.
- c. Fall Eligibility. A student at the end of the year must have attained 5.0 credits toward graduation to be eligible the first 10 weeks of the next school year.

Penalty Denial of participation for First Quarter grading period

- d. OHSAA Standards: A student must pass courses the equivalent of 5 units of credit per grading period to be eligible the next grading period under OHSAA standards.

Penalty Denial of participation for next grading period

- e. Scholastic Deficiencies at the end of a grading period
 - (1) Scholastic deficiencies at the end of grading periods 1,2 and 3 cannot be removed by night school, tutoring or examinations, other than accorded every other student because of illness certified by a physician and concluded within seven days after the official close of the grading period.
 - (2) If a student athlete fails to meet the eligibility requirements of the OHSAA he/she is not permitted to make up the deficiency in summer school.

Rule 07: Academic Eligibility - Middle School

- a. In order for a pupil to be eligible during any grading period he or she must have:
 - (1) been in school
 - (2) passed 75% of the course work during the immediately preceding grading period
 - (3) earned a 1.5 gpa during the immediately preceding grading period.

PenaltyDenial of participation for the next grading period.

- b. Biweekly Eligibility: Eligibility will be checked biweekly from the beginning of the grading period.
 - (1) Coaches will be notified of any athlete with failing or D averages. The coach will confer with the athlete and may implement study tables or other forms of intervention.
 - (2) Athletes receiving failing grades will be directly notified by the Athletic Director and a letter sent home notifying parents.
 - (3) Any athlete receiving a F with a **poor effort** check mark will be directly notified by the Athletic Director and placed on a two week academic probationary period. A letter will be sent home notifying parents of the academic probationary period. Failure to remove the **poor effort** check at the end of the two week probationary period will result in the athlete being removed from the team.

Penalty

- a. An athlete who is not passing 75% of his/her courses on a biweekly basis may remain eligible provided strong effort is shown to make improvements.
- b. An athlete who receives a **poor effort** check will be placed on a two week academic probationary period and parents will be notified.
- c. An athlete who fails to show appropriate effort during this two week probationary period will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the sport season.

c. O.H.S.A.A. Academic Eligibility Rules For Middle School Students

- (1) First Grading Period of the Seventh Grade

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for first time will be eligible for the first grading period. (six weeks, nine weeks, twelve weeks, semester) regardless of previous academic achievement.)
- (2) All Other Grading Periods of the Seventh and Eighth Grade

Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period which met five days per week or its equivalent.

- d. **O.H.S.A.A. Academic Eligibility: First Grading Period of the 9th Grade**
 A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period (six weeks, nine weeks, twelve weeks,semester) which met five days per week or its equivalent.

Rule 08: Attendance

Must be in attendance all day on the day of a game, and all day following a mid-week contest, unless excused by the principal.

Penalty Denial of participation of the player for next athletic contest

Rule 09: Length of Hair

- a. For girls, shall follow the guidelines of OHSAA.
- b. Length of hair for boys while participating (actual play or practice) in a sport shall be as follows:
 - (1) In the front, not touching the eyebrow
 - (2) On the side, the maximum length of hair shall not extend below the bottom of the ear when the hair is straight.
 - (3) In the back, not touching or extending over the collar of a regular shirt.
 - (4) Student athletes are to be clean shaven.

Penalty Denial of participation of all team activities until the athlete complies with the rules.

Rule 10: Unauthorized Wearing and/or Possession of Athletic Equipment

- a. Failure to return issued equipment

Penalty Cannot participate in another sport, or the present sport until the season ends and must pay all replacement costs.

- b. Stealing of school athletic equipment.

Penalty Penalties for Rule a: Ethics Code & General Student Conduct Code for Stealing.

Rule 11: Required Athletic Eligibility Forms

Each student athlete must have the following information on file with the Athletic Department before athletic eligibility has been established. All requested information must be current and properly filled out.

- Eligibility Registration & Profile Form Physical Card
- Documentation of Insurance Emergency medical card
- Informed Consent Agreement (Drug testing & Rules of Athletic Participation)

Penalty Denial of participation until in compliance.

DUE PROCESS FOR DENIAL OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:

Executive Committee:

The executive committee is composed of the principal, faculty representative, and athletic director. All possible athletic rule infractions will be reviewed and ruled on by this panel.

Enforcement of Athletic Rules of Participation

- a. These rules apply also to members of the cheerleading squads.
- b. The Rules of Athletic Participation will be enforced when witnessed by or confirmed by a school employee.
- c. All rules of athletic participation will be enforced during the official school year, beginning with the first practice, and at all times while a student is on school property.
- d. A student athlete is considered to be in that sport season starting on the day of the first official practice.

i.e.: a football player who is planning on participating in basketball, is considered to be in season starting with the first official basketball practice. Therefore, a football player who is planning on participating in basketball will never leave "in season" status.

Written Notice

- a. The athlete shall be given written notice by the principal stating the length of the denial of participation.
- b. The reason(s) therefore
- c. The right of the student to appeal the decision of the principal to the superintendent, Board of Education or their designee.
- d. The student will be notified of the right to be represented at the appeal.

The preceding rules will be enforced when witnessed by or confirmed by a school employee. All rules of athletic participation will be enforced during the official school year, beginning with the first practice, and at all times while a student is on school property.

The Board of Education drug testing program is a twelve month, total year enforcement.

Guidelines for Athletic Probation

1. A student athlete can apply to be placed on athletic probation one time during his or her six year middle school & high school careers for an infraction under Rules 1 and 3A.
2. All such appeals will be made in writing to the high school principal.
3. The executive committee will evaluate all such appeals and render a decision. The student may have to complete a program outlined by the executive committee before being placed on athletic probation.
4. If the infraction of Rules 1, 2 or 3A occurred during a sport season, the appeal for probation cannot be made until the end of that sport season.