

# **Athletic Student Handbook for Fairborn City Schools**



## **Mission Statement**

The Fairborn City School District's Athletic Programs will encourage high levels of participation that will enable Fairborn to be the standard of excellence through:

**Supporting academic success**

**Promoting self-discipline and personal development**

**Fostering the development of life skills-teamwork, sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity.**

## **Athletic Philosophy**

The emphasis in each sport will be to develop a successful varsity sports program. Each sport will be viewed as one program presided over by the Varsity Head Coach. The Varsity Head Coach will be involved with the program at all levels and be responsible for the performance of the entire program. In all sports, student athletes will be taught one system from the seventh grade through the varsity level. The Varsity Head Coach will determine the offensive, defensive, and fundamental skills and training methods to be taught to the entire program. In addition, the Varsity Head Coach will be responsible for recommending quality coaches at all levels to the athletic director and building principal.

The first step toward a successful varsity program begins with Middle School Athletics. Middle School Athletics will not be a continuation of the youth sports' philosophy of "everyone plays". Beginning with the seventh grade, student – athletes will be gradually immersed in the world of competitive athletics, and with each successive level of play will be introduced to increased and better competition.



## **INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility requirements for participating in athletic programs must conform with, but may exceed, regulations of the OHSAA. They include requirements that a student have the written permission of his/her parent or guardian and be determined physically fit for the sport by a licensed physician.

Eligibility in grades 9-12 includes current enrollment and enrollment in school during the immediately preceding grading period. During the preceding grading period, the student must have passed a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation. In addition, all student-athletes, including first-time incoming freshmen, must maintain a GPA of 2.0 during the preceding grading period. All Fairborn secondary students including those with an IEP are subject to this policy.

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of five of all the subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

Eligibility in grades 7-8 includes current enrollment and enrollment in school during the immediately preceding grading period. The student must maintain a GPA of 2.0 during the preceding grading period.

A student enrolling in grade 7 for the first time is eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement.

### Specific Activities

1. all high school/junior high athletics
2. all high school/junior high bands, choirs and orchestras for participation in all contests and programs
3. high school-chamber chorale, show choir, pep band, stage band, flag corps, marching corps, marching band, chess club, League Activities, mock trial, science competition club, speech/debate, drama club, and student congress/service club
4. junior high-drama club and student council

Eligibility is for a nine-week grading period.

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OAC 3301-27, 3301-35-03(I)

CROSS REFS: IGD, Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities  
IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics  
JFC, Student Conduct



## **INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

Participation by students in athletic competition is a privilege, not a right, subject to Board policies and regulation. While the Board takes a great pride in winning, it emphasizes and requires good sportsmanship and a positive mental attitude as a prerequisite to participation.

Interscholastic sports programs are subject to approval by the Board. Coaches are required to complete an approved four-hour course in sports-related first aid training every three years and a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation every year in order to qualify to serve as a coach. All coaches are required to obtain a pupil activity certificate every three years and required to take the OHSAA coaching course.

In the conduct of interscholastic athletic programs, the rules, regulations, and limitations outlined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) must be followed. It is the responsibility of the District's voting delegate to OHSAA to advise the management team of all pending charges in OHSAA's regulations.

Eligibility requirements for participating in athletic programs must conform to regulations of the OHSAA bylaws. They include the requirements that a student have the written permission of his/her parent(s) and shall have been determined as physically fit for the chosen sport by a licensed physician.

As character building is one of the major objectives of interscholastic athletics, the athlete assumes responsibility for regulating his/her personal life in such ways as to make him/her a worthy representative of his/her school.

Any student may be suspended or denied participation from an athletic team practice and competition for a period of time, designated by the principal or athletic director, for an infraction of school rules and regulations or for any other unacceptable conduct in or out of school.

Eligibility in regards to transfer students shall be in accordance with the transfer rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

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**CROSS REFS:** IGDK, Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility  
JGD, Student Suspension  
JGE, Student Expulsion  
Student Handbooks



**FAIRBORN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CONDUCT CODE FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

The following rules and regulations apply to all students involved in the Interscholastic Athletic Program of the Fairborn City Schools and include, but are not limited to: athletes, managers, trainers, cheerleaders, statisticians, etc. Copies of the OHSAA policies and the Fairborn City School District Conduct Code for Interscholastic Athletics are available in the offices of the Athletic Director the building Principal.

**The Conduct Code for Interscholastic Athletics is as follows:**

1. All students involved in the Interscholastic Athletic Program of the Fairborn City Schools must meet the eligibility requirements of OHSAA and the Fairborn City Schools, including the penalties assessed by OHSAA regulation Ejection for Unsporting Conduct.
2. Students may be denied participation in the Interscholastic Athletic Program of the Fairborn City Schools for an infraction(s) of school rules and regulations or any other unacceptable conduct in or out of school.
3. Any violation of the Fairborn City Schools Student Code of Conduct, other than possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, will be penalized in accordance with the consequences set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.
4. Effect of In-school and Out-of-school Suspension: Any student involved in the Interscholastic Athletic Program of the Fairborn City Schools and who is under a disciplinary suspension is not eligible for participation in practice or competition during the period of suspension.
5. Each coach or advisor may set team rules. Such rules must be approved by the Athletic Director and kept on file for that particular sport's season.
6. Effect of Quitting the Team or becoming Ineligible to Participate: After the last cut or the first interscholastic game, if an athlete participating in sport "A" either quits the team or becomes ineligible to participate with the team, he/she is not eligible to join the organized conditioning program for, or to try out for, sport "B" until the other members of sport "A" are eligible to come out for sport "B."
7. Requirement of Official Physical Examination Form: A student may not participate in conditioning, practice, or competition unless a completed, official physical examination form is on file in the athletic office.
8. Effective Period of the Athletic Code: The Conduct Code for Interscholastic Athletics will be in continuous effect from the date of the first practice session sanctioned by OHSSA of his/her first sport until the athlete graduates. Once a student attends his/her first practice session of his/her first sport, he/she is considered an athlete under this code until graduation.



## **SPECIFIC PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OR USE OF ALCOHOL, DRUG, OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

A student will not possess or use alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products in any form.

The penalties listed below shall be in addition to the consequences levied under the Fairborn City Schools Student Code of Conduct.

1. Any athlete who possesses or uses alcohol, drugs, or tobacco in any form will be denied participation from all interscholastic athletics of the Fairborn City Schools for one calendar year from the date of the infraction. Violations of this policy are cumulative from the beginning of the athlete's attendance at the junior high level.
2. If this is the first offense for possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, an athlete will have the right to appeal to the building principal after 90 days if the following steps are taken:
  - a. Completes 50 hours of community service during the regular school year at the school where the student attends, and certified by the person to whom the student is assigned;
  - b. Contacts the Safe and Drug Free Coordinator of the Fairborn City Schools within 48 hours of the infraction in order to receive an assessment and referral packet.
  - c. Contacts the Safe and Drug Free Coordinator to enroll for six hours of alcohol/drug/tobacco education.
  - d. Completes the six hours of alcohol/drug/tobacco education.
  - e. Has no disciplinary referrals in school during the 90-day suspension period.
3. **Process of the Appeal**

The appeal must be made only to the building Principal. The building Principal will confer with the Athletic Director before making a final decision. Simply because an appeal is filed, it should not be assumed that any change in the length or terms of the suspension will be granted. Any appeal means only that the case will be reviewed. An appeal may be made only once, and the decision of the building Principal will be final.
4. A second violation of possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products will result in a denial of participation of one calendar year from the date of the second violation with no appeal.
5. A third violation of possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products will result in a denial of participation for the remainder of the athlete's career in Fairborn City Schools.



## **WHAT YOU NEED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS**

1. Current physical examination form signed by athlete, parent and physician.
2. Completed Emergency Medical Card
3. Payment of Participation Fee
4. Academically Eligible (OHSAA guidelines and 2.0 GPA)
5. Live within the Fairborn City School District or comply with OHSAA exemptions/transfer polices.



## APPROVED SPORTS

### Fall:

Cheerleading	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Cross Country (B/G)	Var., Res., JH
Football	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Golf (B/G)	Var., Res.
Soccer (B/G)	Var., Res.
Tennis (G)	Var., Res.
Volleyball (G)	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>

### Winter:

Basketball (B/G)	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Cheerleading	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Competitive Cheer	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Swimming (B/G)	Var.
Wrestling	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , JH
Bowling (B/G)	Var., Res.
Indoor Track (B/G)	Var., Res.
Academic Challenge (B/G)	Var.

### Spring:

Baseball (B)	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup> , JH (2)
Softball (G)	Var., Res., JH
Tennis (B)	Var., Res.
Track (B/G)	Var., Res., JH
Volleyball (B)	Var., Res., 9 <sup>th</sup>





## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ON GAME DAY**

Participation in interscholastic athletic contests will be restricted to those students who are present in school on the day of the game. A student must be in school for a minimum of half a day to be eligible to participate in practice or contest that day.

Students who are present in school and then leave via early dismissal may participate on that day. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the building principal and/or athletic director.

## **HAZING**

Hazing means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or organization, which causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and will be prohibited at all times. No administrator, faculty member, or other employee of the Fairborn City School's District shall encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate any hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, may plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing.

Administrators, faculty members and all other district employees will be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances, or events, which might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, involved students will be informed by the discovering school employee of his/her prohibition contained in this policy and will be required to end all hazing activities immediately. All hazing incidents will be reported immediately to the superintendent.

Administrators, faculty members, students, and all other employees who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law.

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## **PARTICIPATION IN MORE THAN ONE SPORT**

If an athlete desires to participate in more than one sport during a sport's season, the following guidelines must be observed:

1. Participation on more than one team during the same sport's season will be beneficial to the student athlete, teams, and athletic program.
2. Participation on more than one team during the same sport season is the desire of the student athlete and not just the parent or coach involved.
3. Participation fees will be paid for both sports.
4. The athlete will indicate which sport is the primary sport. All practices and contest of the primary sport will have preference over the practices and contest of the secondary sport.

## **PLAYING ON OUTSIDE TEAMS**

A member of an interscholastic squad sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a contest on a non-interscholastic team, or as an individual, in the same sport during the sport's season. This includes, but is not limited to, YMCA teams, church league teams, AAU, Hi-Y, and CYO.

The penalty for violation of this OSHAA bylaw for being any member of a school squad shall be ineligible in that sport for the remainder of the season or the ensuing season. If a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for all interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the school year.

All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited. All forfeitures shall be reported immediately in writing to the OSHAA and all opponents.

Ineligible athletes will not receive credit for participating during that sport's season, will forfeit all athletic awards, and will not have the participation fee refunded.



## MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES

It shall be the policy of Fairborn High School and Baker Middle School that whenever a student is involved in more than one activity holding the highest precedence for that day will be governed. The order of precedence for any organization or school activity will be governed by the following breakdown:

- 1<sup>st</sup> -- Any state competition
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Any regional or district competition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Any GWOC competition
- 4<sup>th</sup> -- Any school competition or activity sponsored by other schools, but not having any bearing on the Greater Western Ohio Conference.
- 5<sup>th</sup> -- Any school activity that is sponsored by one of the school's organizations.

Invitationals are not to be considered as district, regional, or state competitions. The word "National" is not to be considered as a higher designation than level 1 since many invitationals use the word "Nationals" to indicate geographic areas rather than as the result of competitive tournaments.

All events must be scheduled and approved by the principal. The principal retains the right to vary the above in special circumstances.

