

ATHLETIC CODE FOR IDA HIGH SCHOOL

The Athletic Department and programs of Ida High School will be run on a non-discriminatory manner in accord with the regulations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and under all-applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

A. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Regular attendance at practice sessions is required when present in school during the day unless excused in advance by the coach.
2. Absence from school and reasons for such absences may affect a player's standing in the athletic program.
3. No player will be permitted to practice or participate in a game if absent for any part of the day. Exceptions to this policy will be granted for:
 - a. Absences that are for periodic preventative medical, dental or optical appointments where the office has received 24 hours written notification prior to the absence.
 - b. Funerals, field trips and absences while on other school business that are excused beforehand.
 - c. Each student athlete will be granted two exemptions (per sports season) to the policy where the student was ill for a portion of the day but attended a minimum of four classes.

Only the Athletic Director or Principal can grant deviation for an absence for other reasons or with less than 24 hour notice. A player who violates this provision shall not be permitted to participate in the next contest.

4. A player cannot drop out of one sport and start practicing in another until the previous sport is over. Exceptions may be granted with the mutual consent of the coaches involved and the Athletic Director.
5. A student may not participate in more than one sport during each sport season.

A. ACADEMIC / DISCIPLINE REQUIREMENTS

1. A student must have passed five (5) classes and earned two and a half (2 ½) credits during the previous semester of enrollment.
2. A student must be passing a minimum of two (2) credits during the current eligibility period. Any student will be ineligible for the duration of that

eligibility period if any of the following are reported on the current eligibility report:

- a. Two academic failures
 - b. Three citizenship failures
 - c. The academic/citizenship failures in combination
3. Dismissal from class to participate in athletic activities may be denied for academic reasons at the discretion of the Athletic Director and / or Principal.
4. Academic / disciplinary obligations (detention, suspension, etc.) take priority over athletic events.
5. Athletes assigned to “in house” suspension, or who are home suspended on a given day are ineligible to practice or participate in athletic contests on that day.

B. TRAINING REGULATIONS

1. An athlete is expected to contribute his / her maximum effort, according to ability, at all times.
2. An athlete’s general attitude, good sportsmanship, cooperation, team spirit, interest, and application are each important factors that will be considered in awarding letters. Each coach shall establish written criteria for earning a letter in their sport and distribute them prior to the first contest.
3. An athlete is expected to carry out all training regulations prescribed by the Board of Education. Additional regulations may be prescribed in writing by the coach.

- a. Curfew/Sportsmanship

Good judgment should be used in being home at an early hour during the week. Each coach will establish reasonable curfew hours for the athletes in their respective sports. A student shall not be in violation of any curfew provisions if he / she is in the company of his / her parent or guardian.

All athletes are expected to display good sportsmanship and good citizenship at all times. This shall include, but not be limited to, showing respect for game officials, opposing players, and coaches. The use of profanity will not be tolerated.

Punishment: 1st offense – conference with athlete, parent, and coach, and / or Athletic Director.
2nd offense - miss next contest
3rd offense - dropped from team for the remainder of the season.

b. Use of Tobacco Products

Defined as smoking or having tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, pipe, chewing tobacco, or snuff) in possession.

c. Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Defines as the consumption, possession, use, and abuse of alcoholic beverages or other drugs. This shall be interpreted as to include attendance at any formal or informal gathering, whose primary purpose is the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Athletes should use extra care at graduation parties, wedding receptions, or any other social gatherings to avoid drinking or giving the slightest appearance of drinking. It is the responsibility of the coaching staff to instruct their players in the appropriate behavior at these functions prior to the opening of their respective season.

Punishment: 1st offense - Miss one contest and participate in Substance Abuse Assessment, as prescribed in the Student Assistance Program Policy (see pp. 18 – 19). The athlete must attend the assessment, and must comply with the recommendation (i.e. drug classes at the MCISD) made at the assessment. An athlete who chooses not to attend and comply with the recommendation of the assessment will be suspended from participation in all sports for the duration of one calendar year.
2nd offense - dropped from the team for the remainder of the season.

C. TRANSPORTATION TO ACTIVITIES AWAY FROM SCHOOL

All athletes are required to ride school-provided transportation to and from all athletic activities away from our school site (when transportation is provided) on weekdays only. School sponsored transportation will no longer be provided on weekends. Exceptions will be made only when the parent has requested in writing, in advance, that they, and only they, be allowed to transport their child.

D. PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH ATHLETIC CODE INFRACTIONS

1. Any coach being notified of an infraction of the Athletic Code by a member of his / her team shall immediately inform the building principal and, within 24 hours, submit a written report to the Athletic Director and building principal that shall include:
 - a. The name of the athlete(s) being accused or involved;
 - b. The nature of the violation;
 - c. A summary of the pertinent facts surrounding the incident;
 - d. A documented report of the coach's investigation and the findings thereof, including giving notice of the infraction to the student and his / her parents, and permitting the student to deny or to explain any circumstances of the infraction which might affect the disciplinary action taken;
 - e. The disciplinary action taken by the coach and rationale for it.
2. Upon receipt of the coach's report, the Athletic Director may:
 - a. Accept and file the report as submitted, if the student has not appealed the coach's decision;
 - b. Convene an Athletic Review Committee to review the decision of the Coach, permitting the student and his / her parents to present the student's side of the story;
 - c. Impose further disciplinary action based on the recommendation of the Athletic Review Committee.

E. COMPOSITION OF THE ATHLETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Athletic Review Committee (A.R.C.) shall be an ad hoc committee of four persons:

1. One building administrator serving in an ex-officio capacity;
2. Three persons chosen by lottery from a pool of eligible members comprised of all high school head coaches and all middle school coaches employed by the Board of Education of Ida Public Schools.

A coach shall be ineligible if he / she is currently, or has previously been, a coach of the athlete(s) involved. The A.R.C. can be convened only by the Athletic Director and must submit a written report of their findings to the Athletic Director within 48 hours of the time the committee is named.

The building administrator shall be present to assure the integrity of the process.

The recommendations of the A.R.C. should be unanimous. In the event the A.R.C. recommendation is not unanimous, the Athletic Director has sole discretion in the matter of further disciplinary action.

F. MEDICAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. An athlete is required to have a physical card, for the current school year, on file before he / she can practice or try-out for a team.
2. It is recommended that an athlete have health insurance before he / she participates in practice or in a game.
3. All injuries are to be reported immediately to the coach.
4. In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes, maintain ethical standards and reduce liability risks, school personnel, and coaches or volunteers shall not supply, recommend, or endorse the use of any drug, medication, or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.

G. AWARDS

1. The coaches of each sport will determine the recipients of letters.
2. Each athlete can receive a maximum of one (1) varsity letter. Additionally, the first time a letter is earned in a particular sport an insert identifying that sport, and a service stripe insert will be awarded. Each subsequent varsity award earned in that sport will receive an additional service stripe insert. Certificates of award will be given each time an athlete earns a letter.
3. A six-inch block "I" will be awarded to those who can earn a reserve letter. Each student can receive only one reserve letter, but will receive a certificate each time he / she earns one.
4. All Freshman who successfully complete a sport will be awarded numerals for the year they graduate.
5. Letters should only be worn by those who have earned them.

IDA HIGH SCHOOL **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY FEE PROGRAM**

By action of the Ida Public Schools Board of Education, a mandatory student fee will be assessed to each student participating in non-credit, extra-curricular activities.

A. PARTICIPANT FEE GUIDELINES

A fee of \$60.00 (sixty dollars) will be assessed per student / per activity. Fees are due and payable one week after the first authorized day of practice for each activity. Fees are payable only in the appropriate building office. Fee payment does not guarantee participation in a game, competition or other activity, nor does it insure the receipt of a post-season award.

A student who has not paid the assessed fee by the announced deadline will be excluded from all participation in the activity. A student may join an activity after the deadline date by making payment of the full fee and meeting all other requirements of the activity.

Revenue derived from assessed fees for an activity will be used to directly offset the cost of that activity at the direction of the building administration and the Board of Education.

B. REFUND GUIDELINES

Refunds will be made only to those students who are not selected for participation in a specific activity or if a specific activity is cancelled. After participants for each activity are selected, receipts for fees will be issued.

C. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Students who are unable to make fee payments due to economic hardship may apply for participation under a scholarship provision. Applications for scholarships are available from the administrator of the building where the activity is centered. Administrators will review and consider each application confidentially and on its own merits. If you have any questions, please direct them to your building administrator.