

ATHLETICS (REGULATIONS)

As directed by the board of education, the following regulations shall govern all sports and athletic events in which the public schools may be involved. Specific rules and regulations for football, basketball, and cheerleading may be found in another regulation. Those rules and regulations should be read and understood in conjunction with these general purpose regulations.

Sportsmanship on the part of all coaches, players, and spectators is emphasized and expected.

Each athletic coach is under the direct supervision of the principal/athletic director of his/her school. All games and attending officials shall be arranged by the athletic director. Coaches are expected to cooperate with the principal in all matters pertaining to the athletic programs. Head coaches are to instruct and supervise assistant coaches in their particular areas of responsibility. All coaches shall stress the importance of student scholastic eligibility and attendance.

The high school is a member of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association. The rules of that association will be strictly adhered to in all phases of school sports in which the school is represented by students. If a student is placed on the ineligible list three times during any sport season, the student will be subject to removal from the sport program. The student will then be placed in the off-season program or placed in a class at the end of the semester.

Students who quit a sport or who are dismissed from a sport, for whatever reason, will have a supervised athletic activity to report to without changing any other class in the student's schedule, until the end of the semester. Seniors enrolled in only one sport shall be subject to removal from the athletic program at the end of the semester.

Prior to removal from the athletics program, a student will be entitled to a hearing before a committee composed of administrators and coaches.

Students and parents will be made aware of the athletic programs' expectations and thoroughly understand the responsibilities and consequences of a student enrolling in athletics.

Students will be held responsible for the care and maintenance of all school-owned athletic equipment in their possession. Coaches will insure that this responsibility is understood and accepted.

Purchases of athletic equipment will be made through the athletic director's office. Coaches shall provide a written list of articles needed to the athletic director. The athletic director will approve the order, order it, check it when it comes in, and distribute it to the coaches. Any order not made by the athletic director will not be accepted.

All coaches must confer with the principal before any commitments are made with respect to game or event scheduling. The principal/athletic director must insure that athletic scheduling does not interfere unduly with other instructional programming.

During away games, those who depart the school on a school bus must return on the same bus unless prior arrangements have been approved.

Athletes are financially responsible for any physical examinations when required. If an athlete is under a doctor's care, the athlete must have a signed doctor's release before participation in any practice or contest. This release

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must be presented to the athletic trainer or coach prior to any participation. Coaches may request a medical release when deemed appropriate.

No sporting event will be scheduled at any time on Sunday or Wednesday after 6:30.

The coaching staff are expected to exercise close supervision over their group or team members.

The athletic director shall obtain assistance in the operation of score boards, clocks, books, chains, and other similar operations.

The athletic director shall arrange transportation and shall secure officials for all athletic events.

The fall sport is football. Football will commence with practice workouts in August and will close in November. No more than 8 games will be played in the 7th and 8th grade program. No more than 10 games, plus any playoffs, will be played in the high school varsity program.

The mid-year sport is basketball. No more than 18 high school basketball games per team will be scheduled except that two tournaments, plus state regulated championship tournaments, may be played when appropriate. The 7th and 8th grade basketball program will not play more than 16 games and two tournaments, plus any playoffs, during the season. The 5th and 6th grade basketball program will not play more than 14 games, plus two tournaments, during the season.

The spring sports are track and baseball. Competition against other schools will be permitted.

Students must meet the secondary activities association requirements to participate.