

GEORGETOWN JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Georgetown, Ohio

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT RULES FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

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I. PHILOSOPHY

The administration, faculty, and staff of Georgetown Jr.-Sr. High School believe that athletics are an integral part of our educational system. We believe that a sound mind in a sound body is one of the highest goals an individual may strive to attain. Athletics can help the student attain this goal.

The athletic program will help students to attain a high level of physical fitness and proficiency which hopefully they will continue to maintain throughout their lives. The lessons of sportsmanship, self-respect, teamwork, and dedication to excellence can best be taught in the "classroom" of athletic competition.

To fully achieve the above goals, the athlete must be willing to make certain sacrifices and to follow prescribed rules and regulations. If this is done, then not only will the individual be successful, but the athletic program of Georgetown Jr.-Sr. High School will continue to be successful.

II. GENERAL RULES

1. All athletes must pay the following fees in full before uniforms are issued and/or first contest takes place:
 - a. **Senior High athletes - \$70 per season fee**
 - b. **Junior High athletes - \$60 per season fee**
 - c. **Maximum of \$200 per family per school year.**
2. All athletes and participants must abide by all Georgetown Jr.-Sr. High School, all Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), and all league rules.
3. Any athlete or participant suspended or expelled from school will also be denied the privilege to participate in athletics or the activities during the time of the suspension or expulsion.
4. Athletes and participants must complete the season in good standing to receive individual awards, to be nominated by the coach for awards outside the school or to participate or be recognized as an "All-Star" as an athlete from Georgetown Jr.-Sr. High School. Athletes and participants who become academically ineligible during the season forfeit any awards.
5. Athletes or participants must maintain a minimum academic eligibility standard as prescribed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and the Georgetown Exempted Village Schools. **Students must have passing grades in ALL subjects.**

An academically ineligible student may try out for a team provided that the student may become eligible before the first regularly scheduled contest. Students who become eligible during the second grading period of a sports season will be ineligible to participate in that sport.

A newly enrolled student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities as soon as all eligibility requirements are verified.

6. **Students must be at school before 9 A.M. on the day of an event or activity in order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities scheduled for that day. Students who arrive at school after 9 A.M. on the day of an activity must have received prior approval from a building administrator in order to be eligible for participation in the day's event.** A prior excused field trip or excused early dismissal on the day of an activity will not affect student's eligibility to participate. Unexcused tardiness or absence on the day following the activity will result in the coach/advisor denying the privilege of participating in the next scheduled athletic event. **The first offense for being tardy - unexcused - following an activity or event will not affect eligibility to participate in the next scheduled event. However, ALL additional unexcused tardies on the day after an event will cause the student to be ineligible for the next scheduled activity.**

Tardiness or absence to school on the day of an event, or on the day following the event will be designated excused or unexcused by building administrators as stipulated by Georgetown Exempted Village Schools Board of Education Policy #1-5 and the Georgetown Jr-Sr. High School **Student-Parent Handbook**.

7. Athletes or participants must have a current OHSAA Physical form on file in the Athletic Director's office and a completed Emergency Medical Form prior to participation in any athletic practice or event:
8. Athletes or participants shall ride to and from all events on school-provided transportation and shall follow the rules governing such transportation. Athletes or participants may be transported from events by parents or guardians provided prior **written permission** has been obtained from the coach or advisor. Athletes or participants may receive special permission to be transported to an event by their parent or guardian under unusual circumstances with written permission from the principal or athletic director.
9. Athletes or participants must attend all practices and games unless given a prior excuse by the coach or advisor, must abide by specific training rules as outlined by the coach or advisor, and must abide by all reasonable requests made by the coach or advisor.
10. Dual Sport Athletes: At the beginning of each season, any athlete who will be participating in dual sports will sign a contract and determine which sport will be their primary commitment in the event there is an equal conflict. An equal conflict is defined as a contest vs. contest on the same date at the same time. If there are two contests on the same date and time permits, the athlete will be expected to compete in both contests. Contest vs. practice on the same date will require the athlete to attend the contest.
11. Athletes, participants and team representatives will be expected to exhibit conduct that brings credit to the school, the team, the coach, and themselves. Athletes, participants and team representatives will be expected to display sportsmanship at all times while participating in the sport or activity. They are not to criticize, be rude, or argue with game officials or school officials. Profanity is never permitted. Verbal exchanges or physical altercation with opposing players are prohibited.

NOTE: The Ohio High School Athletic association has imposed the following penalties for players who are ejected from athletic contests for unsportsmanlike conduct:

For each ejection, the player is ineligible for the next two (2) athletic contests. Students who are ejected the second time are suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport. A student under suspension may not be affiliated with the team in any way.

12. Any student athlete who voluntarily leaves a team after five days of regular practice (not conditioning) is ineligible to condition, practice, or participate with another team until the end of the current sports season. A participant who leaves a squad must personally and promptly return all issued uniforms and equipment to the coach.

13. Athletes or participants shall not use or be under the influence of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, steroids, any narcotic, hallucinogenic drug, inhalant, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, or other psychoactive mind-altering substance or counterfeit controlled substance in any form at any time (24 hours per day) during the sports season.
 - a. Any participant found in possession of or using an alcoholic beverage, tobacco, or any other drug or counterfeit drug as described above shall on the **first offense** be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season; for the **second offense**, be ineligible for athletics for the remainder of the school year; and on the **third offense**, be ineligible the remainder of his/her school career. The offenses will be cumulative throughout the junior-senior high school years.
 - b. After the first offense, a student may apply for reinstatement to the team under the following circumstances:
 - 1) The student will not participate for a minimum of two weeks or 20% of the scheduled contests, whichever is greater; this formula will be calculated by the Athletic Director. There will be no partial game participation.
 - 2) The student will submit to a chemical dependency assessment including a drug test at the student's expense. The student will enroll, participate, and eventually complete a drug education, drug counseling, or drug rehabilitation program approved by the school at the student's expense. Failure to comply or follow through with these conditions will result in automatic removal from the team. Reinstatement is not definite. The coach, athletic director, and principal may determine the infraction too severe to consider reinstatement.

14. Any student who voluntarily participates in the interscholastic extracurricular program of Georgetown Jr.-Sr. High School consents to drug-testing upon request of his/her coach, the athletic director, or principal.

15. Athletes or participants are responsible for safeguarding and caring for all uniforms and equipment issued to them and are responsible for returning the uniforms and equipment in good condition at the end of the season. In case of lost equipment, the athlete will be required to pay for the lost item before the student will be permitted to participate in another sport or receive individual awards in that sport. School issued uniforms are not permitted to be worn for any reason except game situations.

NOTE: By-Law 4-10-1 of the Ohio High School Athletic Association states that an athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by failing to return player equipment and uniforms issued by a non-school or school team or organization when the season for the sport is concluded.

16. Male Athletes are required to be clean shaven and hair length may not exceed mid ear.

III. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A coach or advisor of an activity may deny the privilege of participation to participants of that activity for a period not to exceed the current season or semester. The principal may deny the privilege of participation for a period beyond the current season or semester. The denial of the privilege must be for a violation of written or verbally stated rules for that activity or sport.

IV. COMMUNITY SERVICE

All team members each season will coordinate, host or assist with an approved/appointed community service project.