

STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT for the FAIRLAWN LOCAL SCHOOLS

THIS ATHLETIC CODE APPLIES TO ALL FAIRLAWN STUDENTS GRADES 6-12.

I. ELIGIBILITY RULES

A. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES 9-12

1. In the immediately preceding grading period, a student must receive a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent which count toward graduation;
AND
2. Those grades referenced in A1 must, when combined, be a total grade point average of at least 2.0 on a four-point (4.0) scale;
AND
3. A student who failed one or more of the state proficiency tests may be required to participate in provided intervention programs in order to remain eligible.

B. STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES 7-8

1. A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grades 7 or 8 must have received passing grades in 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled;
AND
2. Those grades referenced in B1 must, when combined, be a total grade point average of at least 1.5 on a four-point (4.0) scale.

All other eligibility requirements of the Board of Education and the OHSAA must be met in addition to those declared in this code.

Summer school grades earned may not be substituted for failing grades in regular school.

II. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- A. A student must be in attendance one-half the school day unless excused by medical documentation.

III. FAIRLAWN CODE OF ETHICS

Athletics are designed around excellence both on and off the field.

Public criticism of administrators, coaches, players, officials, and fans is unethical and will not be tolerated.

- Playing time is non-negotiable
- Differences of opinion will not be discussed before, during, or immediately following a game.
- Differences of opinion can be discussed during a scheduled appointment with the coach and an administrator – whether this involves a particular athlete and/or parents.
- Coaches will play their best athletes as a team, not necessarily their best athletes.

IV. TRAINING RULES AND REGULATIONS

It is the belief of the Athletic Department that all standards as set by policy are in the best interest of all concerned, as well as within the rules and regulations of the Fairlawn Board of Education. Training rules shall apply during the school day and at all school activities. All athletes and cheerleaders must adhere to the standard training rules and regulations established for each sport season, in addition to the following:

a. SMOKING/TOBACCO USE OR POSSESSION; USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, USE OR POSSESSION OF DRUGS OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, OR ANY SUBSTANCE PROPOSING TO BE DRUGS OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

1. FIRST OFFENSE – Denial of participation for two contests.
2. SECOND OFFENSE – Denial of participation for the remainder of the season.

b. ATHLETES AND CHEERLEADERS

1. Athletes and cheerleaders shall follow specific rules and regulations established by the coach in that sport or advisor for cheerleaders. These rules must be explained to the athlete and he/she will receive a copy of the rules. These rules must be approved by the principal. Athletes and cheerleaders are held accountable for adhering to the Fairlawn School District Code of Conduct.

V. DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CODE

1. The coach/advisor and athletic director will inform the student of the infraction and possible consequence.
2. The coach/advisor and athletic director will conduct an informal hearing to allow students to explain his/her actions.
3. If the coach/advisor and athletic director determine that the student is ineligible for two or more competition dates or the remainder of the season or semester, the students and parents will be notified.
4. The student and parents shall be informed that they may appeal the decision to the principal..
5. Only the athletic director or a school administrator may suspend a student athlete.
6. The final disposition will be determined by the superintendent.

VI. DEFINITIONS

A. SPORT SEASON

1. ATHLETE – The athlete's sport season shall begin with the first day of conditioning and terminates when the athlete is no longer eligible for state tournament competition, as per the OHSAA Handbook.
2. CHEERLEADERS – The cheerleaders' sport season shall begin with the day of selection and continue until selection of new cheerleaders the following year.

B. COMPETITION DATES

Competition dates will refer to dates during the school year and carry over into consecutive sports if necessary.

C. SUSPENSION

A student is denied the opportunity to participate in games, but may be required to practice subject to the coach's decision.

VII. CANCELLATIONS/RESCHEDULED GAMES

On days where school has been cancelled due to weather, a decision will be made by 1:00 p.m. regarding cancellation of home games or practices. The decision will be made by the superintendent or his designee. A reminder that, in the event the contest is away, the decision whether a game is actually cancelled is that of the home school. Parents and/or athletes are encouraged to listen to the radio (WMVR 105.5 FM) or contact the school if contact has not been made by the coach before 1:00 p.m. on a game day in which cancellation of a game or practice is a likely possibility.

VIII. ATHLETIC AWARDS

All athletic awards will be determined and presented at the discretion of the individual head coach of that sport.

IX.

It is the intention of the Board of Education that the Fairlawn Athletic Code of Conduct be sent home to the parents of our athletes, managers, and cheerleaders. The Board requires that you and your son/daughter sign the provided form to indicate that you have read and are aware of this code. Return this form to your coach by the first week of the season. If this form is not returned by the required date, the athlete will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic competition. Once the parents and athletes sign the Code of Conduct, it is valid for the entire year.

Adopted by Board of Education on July 13, 2004
Amended: October 12, 2004

Parents of Potential Fairlawn Athletes:

We are pleased with the prospect of your student's intent to participate in the Fairlawn Athletic Program this school year!

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DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

_____ **Athletic Code of Conduct.** Your initials here indicate that you have read the Fairlawn Athletic Code of Conduct.

_____ **Physical Card.** Your initials here indicate that your son/daughter has received and returned their completed physical card with this letter.

_____ **Emergency Medical Form.** The athletic department requires that coaches have emergency medical forms on hand at all athletic contests. Initial here and return your completed Emergency Medical Form with this letter.

_____ **Insurance Waiver.** A completed Insurance Waiver should be returned with this letter.

_____ **Concussion in Sports: What you need to know.** Sign and return form.

_____ **OHSAA Pre-Season Form.** Sign and return form.

Please return all necessary documents along with this letter to the High School Office or to the Athletic Director as soon as possible. **Athletes will not be permitted to participate without the proper documentation on file.** Thank you for your cooperation!

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FAIRLAWN CODE OF CONDUCT AS REQUIRED.

Parent's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date