

Burlington High School Athletics & Activities Handbook 2023-2024



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Head Coaches

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Season</u>
Baseball	Scott Staude	03-18-24	Spring
Basketball (boys)	Steve Berezowitz & Kyle Scott	11-13-23	Winter
Basketball (girls)	TBD	11-06-23	Winter
Cheerleading##	TBD	08-01-23	Fall/Winter
Cross Country (coed)	Matt Nie	08-14-23	Fall
Football	Eric Sulik	08-01-23	Fall
Golf (boys)	Nick Schilleman	03-25-24	Spring
Golf (girls)	Nick Schilleman	08-07-23	Fall
Gymnastics*	Andrea Chart	11-06-23	Winter
Dance#	Ashley Schilleman	08-01-23	Fall/Winter
Soccer (boys)	Jacob Cacciotti	08-14-23	Fall
Soccer (girls)	TBD	03-18-24	Spring
Softball	Scott Behnke	03-11-24	Spring
Swimming*** (girls)	Denita Jones	08-08-23	Fall
Swimming*** (boys)	Hannah Garcia	11-13-23	Winter
Tennis (boys)	Ken Savaglia	03-25-24	Spring
Tennis (girls)	Ken Savaglia	08-08-23	Fall
Track (boys)	Craig Huelsman	03-04-24	Spring
Track (girls)	TBD	03-04-24	Spring
Volleyball (boys)	Mike Jones	08-14-23	Fall
Volleyball (girls)	Dan Lynch & Teri Little	08-14-23	Fall
Wrestling	Jade Gribble	11-13-23	Winter

Please note that all coaching assignments are subject to change as this document was updated on 6/20/2023

Not a recognized WIAA sport (endorsed by the WIAA)

Not a recognized WIAA sport (endorsed by the WIAA) or currently functioning

*Co-op with Lake Geneva Badger

**Co-op Union Grove, Waterford Union, East Troy, and Catholic Central

PRIOR TO BEING DECLARED ELIGIBLE FOR ATHLETICS

Prior to being declared eligible for athletics, students and parents/guardians must complete the online registration process, via Skyward. Online registration includes the following:

- Emergency Information Form
- Parent-Student Sign-Off Form for the Parent-Student Extra-Curricular Handbook
- WIAA Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin
- Consent for Athletic Training Services and Emergency Medical Treatment Form
- Athletic Team Lockers and Lock Agreement
- Department of Public Instruction Concussion Form
- SWAY Concussion Form

The Physical Exam Card **MUST** be turned in to the Athletic Office.

Athletes who have submitted all of the above information accurately and have paid the \$75.00 athletic fee (\$150.00 family max) will be eligible for practice and competition.

STUDENT ATHLETE PHYSICAL DATES

Please note that physical exams taken on or after April 1, 2023 are valid for the 2023-2024 school year and the 2024-2025 school year. Physical exams taken prior to April 1, 2023 are valid only for the remainder of that school year and through the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Physical exams taken prior to April 1, 2022 are not valid.

INTRODUCTION

All students in grades 9-12 participating in any extra-curricular program, including interscholastic athletics, must comply with the rules as stated within this Parent-Student Extra-Curricular Handbook.

In addition, all athletes must comply with all current rules as established by the following groups:

- Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA)
- The Southern Lakes Conference
- Burlington High School and the Burlington Area School District
- Coach/Advisor of the team

Some information regarding WIAA rules and Regulations is included in this manual. Parents/Students may access the entire WIAA Handbook on their website at <https://www.wiaawi.org/>.

Conference rules pertain mainly to schedules and regulations of sports governed by the Conference. Special areas such as sportsmanship may also have rules that are generated by a group of high school principals representing each school in the Conference.

Specific rules for students participating in extracurricular programs at Burlington High School are included in this Parent-Student Extra-Curricular Handbook. Where a rule pertains only to athletics, it is so indicated.

The Activities Code and any penalties for violations of the Activities Code are applicable for all students participating in extracurricular programs only at the high school level.

The rules and regulations stated herein will be observed on a twelve-month basis. **This code is in effect at all times, 12 months a year, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, on or off campus, from the first day a student becomes involved in athletics/activities until such time that the student graduates from high school.**

Coaches/Advisors are responsible for establishing rules and procedures specific to the teams under their jurisdiction. While rules and safety procedures may be reiterated orally on a regular basis, information that is needed by athletes on an ongoing basis will be distributed in writing to all athletes.

PHILOSOPHY

The Burlington High School Athletics/Activities program is built around the philosophy that a dynamic program of student activities is vital to the educational, social and emotional development of the student. And as such, participation in athletic activities is encouraged for all students. The Burlington athletic/activities program will provide a variety of experiences that will foster an environment of inclusion for all students and aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life. In this regard, the Burlington Athletics/Activities program's policies, procedures and coaching philosophies will help foster a climate of inclusion and the development of the student athlete first and foremost. The Athletics/Activities program will function as an integral part of the total curriculum. It will offer opportunities for all students to serve the school community, to assist in the development of fellowship and good will, to promote self-realization and all around growth, and to encourage the qualities of good citizenship.

Athletics/Activities play an important part in the life of a Burlington High School student as these student athletes will learn lessons in sportsmanship, responsibility, teamwork, cooperation, and winning or losing with dignity. Through participation in Athletics/Activities, a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body can be developed. Athletics/Activities add to Burlington school spirit and help all students, spectators and participants develop pride in their school community. The Athletics/Activities program shall be conducted in accordance with existing Board of Education policies, rules and regulations. Such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the activity, to the student body, to the community, and to the student-athletes themselves.

Burlington High School embraces the concepts of the student athlete and recognizes the importance of the individuality of each student. Burlington High School also recognizes the value of the conference structure, and the benefits or membership in a local, state, or national association.

Burlington High School pursues the following goals for student athletes:

1. Accept the responsibility to become an effective, contributing member of society.
2. Perform as a positive role model on campus, and in the wider community.
3. Fulfill academic responsibilities while progressing to meet the requirements for graduation, and preparing oneself for life after high school.
4. Maintain eligibility for participation in every athletic contest or activity that students chose to participate in.

ACADEMIC AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY

ACADEMIC

In order to be academically eligible for extra-curricular activities, a student must be a full-time student. The Board defines a full-time student as:

- A student enrolled in a full academic day schedule in a Board approved program including, but not limited to, enrollment in a Board approved program.
 - Early College Credit program,
 - Start College Now program,
 - Special Education program identified in an IEP,
 - Modified program authorized for medical, emotional/social or disciplinary reasons, or
 - An alternative education program.

In addition, students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 1.67 quarterly, have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes), and have no unresolved/unexcused or truant absences for the school year. Burlington High School must be responsible for 100% of school programming to be considered a full-time student. Parents/guardians will be notified of ineligibility by one of the school administrators as soon as the student becomes ineligible.

Grades to determine eligibility will be based on quarter grades (grading periods).

- Eligibility for summer and fall sports will be based on grades earned in the fourth (4th) quarter of the previous spring marking period.
- Summer School grades will be considered part of the 4th quarter and 2nd semester grades if a student attends Summer School in an attempt to regain academic eligibility.
- Grades will be reviewed at the end of the appropriate period.

Quarter 1 – Nov. 7 | Quarter 2 – Jan. 25 | Quarter 3 – Apr. 4 | Quarter 4 – June 7

Academic ineligibility will be for 20 consecutively scheduled school days; however, a student who is ineligible may not return to competition until the school day **following** the completion of the ineligibility period. Academic ineligibility will go into effect on dates pre-determined by the current school year calendar. Ineligibility is defined as not being allowed to participate in games/meets. Students will be allowed to attend and participate in practice unless otherwise specifically stated.

A student may be reinstated after 20 school days when the student secures written proof to show evidence that the student is meeting the criteria described above. Written proof is a completed “Academic Goal Progress Report Form”. The “Academic Goal Progress Report Form” is available in the Activities Office. The athlete must secure written verification from all teachers and submit the form to the Activities Director one school day before reinstatement can occur. Mid-quarter grades will be used only for determining whether a student can regain eligibility, but not to declare a student ineligible. If a student does **NOT** regain eligibility after the 20 day period of time, s/he will, additionally, not be allowed to **PRACTICE** for the remainder of the term during which ineligibility occurs unless the family requests a meeting including the head coach, the parent(s), the student, and the athletic director, at which time the student could be allowed to practice through the end of the season or ineligibility period.

A student regains eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within ten (10) school days after the eligibility date. The Activities Director must be able to determine through information gathered from the teacher that all work has been appropriately completed. If ineligibility is due only to the incomplete grade, the student will regain eligibility as soon as the Activities Director can verify the grade.

A student may erase ineligibility status following the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses provided the school gives credit toward graduation requirements for such courses and counts them in rank-in-class standings. The student must successfully complete not less than the same number of courses that caused the ineligibility.

If try-outs are conducted in a sport prior to the conclusion of a quarter, an ineligible student will be allowed to participate in the try-out process, but will not be eligible for competition until full eligibility has been restored.

There is NO appeal process for ineligibility caused by academic or attendance reasons.

ATTENDANCE

A student must be in school for the full day or be legally excused by the Attendance Office PRIOR to the absence to be eligible for practice or competition on a given day. If a student misses school due to illness, s/he is not allowed to practice or compete. In other words, if a student is too sick to come to school, the student is too sick to participate or compete.

Any student who is determined by his/her coach/advisor or the Activities Director to have been truant or have an unexcused/unresolved absence for one period of a school day, shall be immediately declared ineligible for all practice and competition for that day. For each additional period of truancy or unexcused/unresolved absence, the student shall be declared ineligible for all practice and competition for successive days at the rate of one day for each period of truancy or unexcused/unresolved absence.

Further, students may not practice or compete on the day of an excused absence as defined by the Attendance Office unless the Attendance Office is aware and approved of the absence **PRIOR** to the absence occurring.

ACTIVITIES CODE

Students participating in extracurricular activities are required to:

1. Refrain from the use, possession, transfer or sale of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, performance-enhancing drugs, tobacco products, and e-cigarette and/or ingredients/components/vapor (vapor contains nicotine).
2. Refrain from being present in a vehicle in which a non-parent/guardian driver is being ticketed for driving while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.
3. Refrain from being present in a bar, tavern or any other place where alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed while not accompanied by their parents/guardians. This applies to all Burlington students regardless of age or the time of year. This rule does **not** apply to areas of premises or establishments **not actually involved in the SALE or CONSUMPTION of intoxicants**. These areas could be hotels, grocery stores, bowling alleys and regularly established athletic fields, stadiums, fairgrounds and parks.
4. Refrain from violating a coach's/advisor's or the school's training, grooming and dress regulations.
5. Refrain from the use of swearing or abusive language toward any coach/advisor, teacher, student, official or opponent.
6. Refrain from committing acts of vandalism or any other criminal behavior defined in the Wisconsin Statutes as such.
7. Refrain from committing serious and/or continued violations of school regulations.
8. Refrain from lying, being disrespectful, exhibiting any insubordinate behavior, or from engaging in any form of conduct unbecoming a Burlington athlete.
9. Refrain from posting disparaging or disrespectful comments, or any pictures or video which would show individuals committing violations of the Activities Code with respect to any coaches/advisors, teachers, school administrators, Burlington students, game officials, or students at opposing schools, on electronic media available to the general public on sites such as

“Instagram”, “Snapchat”, “Facebook”, or “Twitter”, or through text messages or emails sent via electronic media.

10. Comply with all rules as established by the Southern Lakes Conference, the school, and the WIAA.

Special Conditions:

1. The courts have ruled that participation in athletics is a privilege, and not a right; therefore, students are often held to a higher standard than other students by virtue of the fact that they are highly visible representatives of Burlington High School whose negative behavior could adversely impact the image of our school.
2. The Activities Code is in effect for twelve months of the calendar year and governs the behavior of students whether school is in session or not, and at both in-school events and events not sponsored by the school, except where otherwise stated in the Activities Code.
3. If a student is present at a gathering, unaccompanied by parents, where any substances or items prohibited by the Activities Code are present or being consumed, s/he must depart immediately or, if necessary, make arrangements to **depart entirely from the premises** no later than 15 minutes of his/her arrival at the gathering, and must refrain from violating the Activities Code while still at the gathering. The parent/guardian/adult owning the residence where a peer party is being held, and any substances or items prohibited by the Activities Code are being used by minors, does not exempt the child of the owner from violating this rule. Failure to comply with these provisions will be considered a violation of the Activities Code.
4. Violations of the Activities Code are cumulative throughout the student’s school career in grades nine (9) through twelve (12).
5. Penalties will carry over to the student’s next season/activity. If the next season/activity is not the season of a sport/activity in which the student is normally involved, the carry-over of the penalty and successful completion of the penalty will count only if the student remains in good standing during the entire season. If not, the penalty carry-over initially in effect will remain in effect and must be served in a successive sports season. If a suspension cannot be completely served during the athlete’s current sports season, the remaining **percentage** will carry over to the next sport in which the athlete participates.
6. The Activities Director shall have primary responsibility for investigating, and, if necessary, assigning penalties, for alleged violations of the Activities Code.
7. **HONESTY REDUCTION** – Students who self-report a first violation of the Activities Code to the Activities Director within forty-eight (48) hours of the infraction and **PRIOR** to the Activities Director interviewing the individual for the alleged infraction, and are deemed cooperative during the investigation, will receive a 25% reduction in the penalty normally assessed for the infraction. No provisions are made for weekends or holiday periods in regards to the forty-eight (48) hour period. Students who wish to self-report can call 262-763-0200 extension 1258 to speak to or leave a message for the Activities Director. Students who host gatherings in which violations of the Activities Code are **not eligible for honesty reduction**.
8. Penalties as listed are minimums.
9. All penalties assessed for violations of the Activities Code will be considered completed **ONLY IF** that athlete serves the total penalty as assessed.
10. When assessing penalties for violations of Category I of the Activities Code, a contest/game shall be defined as one game or match or a single day’s activities.
11. A student who violates the Activities Code would not be eligible for either a nomination or be a recipient for any award at the conclusion of the season in which the violation occurs or is served. In addition, a student who violates the Activities Code may not serve or continue to serve as a captain during the season of suspension. The Activities Director and Principal must approve any departure from this policy.

12. Violations of the Activities Code could lead to additional penalties assessed by the WIAA, the school, or law enforcement personnel.
13. Multiple suspensions and/or academic ineligibility must be served consecutively and may not be served concurrently (i.e.: an athlete must be academically eligible first in order to then serve any Code violation suspension).
14. Suspensions will be figured and must be served at the highest level an athlete participates at during the course of a season. In addition, participants in Category I Activities are expected to adhere to the Activities Code during the entire calendar year of their entire high school career including all breaks and vacations once they have been declared as a participant in any Category I Activity.
15. **Category I Activities (All WIAA Regulations and the Activities Code):**

Baseball	Golf	Swimming
Basketball	Gymnastics	Tennis
Cheerleading	Dance	Track & Field
Cross Country	Soccer	Volleyball
Football	Softball	Wrestling
15. **Category II Activities* (School-sponsored activities and clubs):**

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>
Bowling	Crier
Equestrian	WBSD
Forensics	Yearbook
Koral	
One Act Play	
Three Act Play	
Trap/Shooting Team	
Musical Production	
<u>Group C</u>	
Academic Decathlon	Juggling Club
AFS	Key Club
Amnesty Int.	Mock Trial
Dance Club	Model OAS
Drama Club	Model U.N.
Driven	Multi-Cultural Club
FBLA	National Honor Society
FAA	Partners 2
Geography Bowl	Peer Listeners
Honors Art Club	Peer Mediation
Ice Fishing	Pep Band
Jazz Band	Student Government

**Any other clubs that are established during the school year.*

ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS - CATEGORY I

First Violation

Students violating the Activities Code will be declared ineligible for a period of 50% of the games played in a regular season. Any games or events within the WIAA State Tournament series will not be counted with regular season games/events to determine the length of the eligibility period.

Second Violation

Students violating the Activities Code for a second time will be declared ineligible for the total number of games of the current season. If the student is not playing a sport at the time of violation, the next season

in which the student plays will be used to determine the length of the suspension. Ineligibility carries over to the next season if a student is not able to serve the entire suspension within the current season. Any games or events within the WIAA State Tournament series will not be counted with regular season games/events to determine the length of the eligibility period.

Third Violation

Students violating the Activities Code for a third time will be declared ineligible for the remainder of their high school career.

ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS - CATEGORY IIA

First Violation

Students violating the Activities Code will be declared ineligible for a period of 50% of the scheduled performances of the activity. No exceptions will be made for students in leading roles.

Second Violation

Students violating the Activities Code for a second time will be suspended from ALL performances. No exceptions will be made for students in leading roles.

Third Violation

Students violating the Activities Code for a third time will be declared ineligible for the remainder of their high school career.

ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS - CATEGORY IIB

First Violation

Students violating the Activities Code will be declared ineligible for a period of 45 school days.

Second Violation

Students violating the Activities Code will be declared ineligible for a period of 90 school days.

Third Violation

Students violating the Activities Code for a third time will be declared ineligible for the remainder of their high school career.

ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS - CATEGORY IIC

First Violation

Students violating the Activities Code will be declared ineligible for a period of 45 school days.

Second Violation

Students violating the Activities Code will be declared ineligible for a period of 90 school days.

Third Violation

Students violating the Activities Code for a third time will be declared ineligible for the remainder of their high school career.

ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS - ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS INVOLVING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUGS

In addition to the penalties as described above, any student who violates any portion of the Activities Code dealing with alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, or performance-enhancing drugs will also be subject to the following requirements:

First Violation

The student must meet with the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for an interview and will be required to successfully complete a prescribed school-sponsored program prior to regaining eligibility.

OR

At the parent/guardians' cost, the student may choose to contact an approved, licensed non-school AODA counseling agency for an assessment, and must attend and finish any prescribed program prior to regaining eligibility. Successful completion must be documented with a letter from the agency to the Activities Director.

Second Violation

The student and his/her parents/guardians must meet with a representative of the school administration and the AODA Coordinator to establish the procedures by which the student will complete the steps listed below at the parent/guardians' cost:

- a. Complete an AODA assessment at an approved, licensed non-school AODA agency.
- b. Cooperatively participate in the recommended program.
- c. Successfully complete the treatment program.
- d. Agree to a behavioral contract between the student, school administration, and a representative of the AODA agency as a condition of regaining athletic eligibility.

Athletic Code Third Violations Leading To Permanent Suspension

A student who has been declared ineligible for the remainder of his/her high school career as a result of a third violation in any category may appeal to the Activities Council for probationary eligibility after a suspension period of one hundred (100) school days if the following conditions are met:

- a. Submits to at least three random drug and alcohol screenings no less than twenty (20) days apart at the expense of the parents/guardians and written results are shared with the Activities Director *if the violation was related to alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances or performance-enhancing drugs*.
- b. Maintains academic eligibility throughout the ineligibility period.
- c. Maintains an attendance record free of trancies or unexcused/unresolved absences.
- d. Maintains a behavioral record without disciplinary suspensions during the ineligibility period.

If, after a suspension period of **one hundred (100) school days**, all of the conditions in items a. through d. above have been successfully completed, the parents/guardians of the student may submit a written request for probationary eligibility, with all necessary documentation attached, to the Activities Director. The Activities Director will then review all of the documentation presented to determine if the necessary conditions have been satisfactorily met, and, if so, will institute a probationary eligibility period for the remainder of the student's high school career with the following provisions. The student must:

- a. Attend all scheduled practices/games/events or receive prior approval of the Activities Director if a legitimate absence is necessary;

- b. Remain academically eligible;
- c. Remain free of unexcused/unresolved absences and trancies;
- d. Remain in good standing with no further Activities Code violations.

If the student, while on probationary eligibility, violates one of the above provisions, s/he will be declared immediately ineligible for the remainder of his/her high school career with no chance for appeal or subsequent requests for probationary eligibility.

APPEALS PROCESS

Decisions regarding **disciplinary action** taken against any student by the Activities Director **for a breach of the Activities Code** may be appealed by a parent/guardian to the Activities Council. The Activities Council is composed of the assistant high school principal, one (1) out-of-season head or assistant coach/advisor, and one (1) non-coach/advisor teacher from the high school. The following procedures must be used for the appeal:

If the parents/guardians or the student believe that an alleged offense did not occur, that there are extenuating circumstances regarding the violation, or that the sanction imposed by school authorities is unjust, the parents/guardians may appeal in writing to the Building Principal, within five (5) calendar days of the receipt of the suspension letter from school authorities. The letter of appeal must detail all of the facts pertaining to the incident, a list of witnesses, signed witness statements, an explanation of any extenuating circumstances surrounding the violation, and the specific remedy requested through the appeal. The student will remain ineligible throughout the entire appeal process.

Within three (3) calendar days of receipt of the hearing request, the Principal will contact the parents/guardians to establish a hearing date for the appeal to be held within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of the written appeal.

In addition to the Activities Council, the following individuals shall be present at the hearing: the student, his/her parent(s)/guardians(s), legal or other representative (if the appellant so desires), and the Activities Director. No other individuals will be present at the hearing, and all matters discussed at the hearing will remain confidential.

During the hearing, the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) will have an opportunity to speak and to present any evidence on his/her behalf. Witnesses may be called, but they must remain outside the Hearing Room until they are called and must leave immediately upon giving testimony. The Activities Director will present pertinent verbal and written statements gathered as a result of his/her investigation leading to the suspension, and may also present witnesses, if necessary.

Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Activities Council will go into closed session to deliberate regarding whether to sustain, reverse, or decrease the length of the suspension. All votes of the Council will be taken as confidential, written votes, and will not be disclosed to the appealing parties. The Activities Council will render their decision in writing to the appealing parties, but the Chair of the Council may also verbally relay the results to the appealing parties after the conclusion of the closed session at the request of the Appellants.

If the parents/guardians feel that the appeal **process** has not been followed, a request for a review of the **process** may be made to the District Superintendent. However, the Superintendent will **not** review the facts or merits of the decision. A review of the process must be requested in writing within seven (7) calendar days of the date on which the Council decision was rendered, and must identify the specific actions or failures to act that are the basis for the appeal.

The Superintendent will review the process and render a decision in writing within seven (7) calendar days. The decision of the Superintendent is final.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP POTENTIAL/COMPETING IN COLLEGE

A study released by Utah State University researched the likelihood of a high school senior receiving an athletic scholarship and progressing to professional sports. The research indicated that:

- 59% of high school football and basketball players believe they will get a college scholarship;
- 98 out of 100 high school athletes will never play in college;
- Only 1 out of every 1,000 high school athletes will receive a scholarship to a Division I school to play a specific sport;
- Only 1 out of 12,000 high school athletes will become a professional athlete;
- Only 1 out of every 5,200 college football players will become professional players.



Estimated Probability of Competing in College Athletics

	High School Participants	NCAA Participants	Overall % HS to NCAA	% HS to NCAA Division I	% HS to NCAA Division II	% HS to NCAA Division III
Men						
Baseball	482,740	36,011	7.5%	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%
Basketball	540,769	18,816	3.5%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%
Cross Country	269,295	14,303	5.3%	1.8%	1.4%	2.1%
Football	1,006,013	73,712	7.3%	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
Golf	143,200	8,485	5.9%	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%
Ice Hockey	35,283	4,323	12.3%	4.8%	0.6%	6.8%
Lacrosse	113,702	14,603	12.8%	3.1%	2.5%	7.3%
Soccer	459,077	25,499	5.6%	1.3%	1.5%	2.7%
Swimming	136,638	9,799	7.2%	2.8%	1.2%	3.2%
Tennis	159,314	7,785	4.9%	1.6%	1.0%	2.3%
Track & Field	605,354	28,914	4.8%	1.9%	1.2%	1.7%
Volleyball	63,563	2,355	3.7%	0.7%	0.7%	2.3%
Water Polo	22,475	1,072	4.8%	2.7%	0.8%	1.3%
Wrestling	247,441	7,300	3.0%	1.0%	0.8%	1.2%
Women						
Basketball	399,067	16,509	4.1%	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%
Cross Country	219,345	15,624	7.1%	2.7%	1.7%	2.7%
Field Hockey	60,824	6,119	10.1%	2.9%	1.4%	5.8%
Golf	79,821	5,436	6.8%	2.8%	1.9%	2.1%
Ice Hockey	9,650	2,531	26.2%	8.9%	1.1%	16.2%
Lacrosse	99,750	12,452	12.5%	3.7%	2.6%	6.2%
Soccer	394,105	28,310	7.2%	2.4%	1.9%	2.9%
Softball	362,038	20,419	5.6%	1.8%	1.7%	2.2%
Swimming	173,088	12,980	7.5%	3.3%	1.2%	3.0%
Tennis	189,436	8,596	4.5%	1.5%	1.0%	2.0%
Track & Field	488,267	30,326	6.2%	2.8%	1.5%	1.9%
Volleyball	452,808	17,780	3.9%	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%
Water Polo	21,735	1,217	5.6%	3.3%	1.1%	1.2%

Sources: High school figures from the [2018-19 High School Athletics Participation Survey](#) conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations; data from [club teams](#) not included. College numbers from the NCAA [2018-19 Sports Sponsorship and Participation Rates Report](#).

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In view of these statistics, it should be understood that participation in athletics in the Burlington School District is highly valued from an educational standpoint, but the importance of securing a college sports scholarship and playing on the college level must be viewed within the realistic possibilities of occurring.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS/TRAINING

An athletic trainer contracted by the school district to service our students is on staff to assist coaches/advisors and athletes. We want our students to remain as safe and healthy as possible while participating. The athletic trainer provides evaluation, assessment, treatment, education, and prevention of athletic injuries for the athletes.

Training Room hours are as follows, but subject to change and event coverage. No students are allowed in the Training Room at any time without the supervision of the athletic trainer. Basic first aid supplies and ice are always available in the athletic storage area if the Athletic Training Room is closed.

A “Consent for Athletic Training Services and Emergency Medical Treatment” form is required as part of the registration process to participate in athletics.

<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>Winter Season</u>	<u>Spring Season</u>
Mon. 3:00-5:30 PM	4:00-5:00 PM	4:00-5:00 PM
Tues. 3:00-5:30 PM	3:00-5:00 PM	3:00-5:00 PM
Wed. 3:00-5:30 PM	3:00-5:00 PM	3:00-5:00 PM
Thur. 3:00-5:30 PM	3:00-5:00 PM	3:00-5:00 PM
Fri. 3:00-5:30 PM	4:00-5:00 PM	4:00-5:00 PM

Athletic Trainers also cover athletic events, as needed involving Burlington teams.

AWARDS FOR ATHLETICS

The types of athletic awards given at Burlington High School are detailed below. All Burlington High School awards are earned only in sports sponsored, supported, and controlled by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). Burlington High School athletic awards cannot be earned for participation or achievement in non-school organizations. Coaches may establish additional criteria for special awards for athletes participating in a particular sport, but must distribute the criteria regarding all awards available to athletes to their respective team members in writing at the beginning of the season no later than prior to the first contest. **A student who violates the Activities Code would not be eligible for either a nomination or be a recipient for any award at the conclusion of the season in which the violation occurs or is served. In addition, a student who violates the Activities Code may not serve or continue to serve as a captain during the season of suspension. The athletic director and principal must approve any departure from this policy.*

Certificates of Participation is awarded to freshmen/junior varsity athletes who participate in a sport for the entire season.

Numerals are awarded to freshmen/junior varsity athletes who participate in a sport for the entire season.

Demon Patches are awarded to sophomore athletes who participate in a sport for the entire season.

Small Letter “B’s” are awarded to junior athletes who participate in a sport for the entire season.

Varsity Letters, Numerals, Sports Pins, and Demon Shoulder Patches are awarded to freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior athletes who have lettered in a sport for the first time according to the criteria set up by each sport’s coaching staff and approved by the Activities Director.

Letter Certificates are awarded to varsity players who are first time or repeat letter winners.

Captain’s Pins are awarded to varsity players who have served as captains for a sport.

MVP Pins are awarded to one athlete per sport according to the criteria set up by each sport’s coaching staff and approved by the Activities Director.

Individual Awards or trophies will be given out at the appropriate athletic banquet. The athletes receiving these awards must have met the criteria specified by the coach at the beginning of the season.

Dedicated Demon - This award recognizes student athletes that have participated for multiple years and seasons regardless of whether they were a varsity letter winner or not. It is a true “multi-sport athlete” award. **Athletic eligibility must be continuous for four years.**

Demon Award - This award is given annually to the top male and female athlete(s) in the class, as determined by criteria that takes into account individual and team performance at the conference, regional, sectional, and state level.

NIAAA Three Season Athlete - This award recognizes athletes for participating in an education-based school athletic program for three seasons in the school year.

NIAAA Scholar Athlete - This award recognizes athletes for both academic and athletic achievement by meeting the requirements of multi-season participation, while maintaining an “A” or “B” grade point average. The NIAAA commends the excellence displayed as a student-athlete participating in an education-based school athletic program.

Southern Lakes Conference Scholar Athlete - The award is based on seven semesters of academic work using a 3.75 average on a 4.0 scale. The athlete must have been in a sport and lettered in the senior year unless circumstances prevent the earning of a letter such as an injury. The athlete must have participated in four years of athletic competition. **Athletic eligibility must be continuous for four years.**

In addition to individual awards distributed by the school, there may also be opportunities for ribbons, medals or trophies to be awarded at Conference events or WIAA tournaments. Criteria for those awards are established by the issuing entities.

COLLEGE SIGNING CEREMONIES

Each year, the NCAA holds a special event to celebrate high school athletes' intent to play athletics in college. This occasion is known as "National Signing Day". The purpose of this ceremony is to celebrate the student athlete and all of his/her hard work and effort to get to this special day. This event is viewed as inspiring for our student athletes and their families. We will recognize this event by holding a ceremony during the advisory period for student athletes wishing to publicly announce their intentions. This ceremony will recognize WIAA sponsored/endorsed athletics that Burlington High School offers. The dates that the NCAA has set for the 2022-2023 school year are: November 8, February 7, and April 17. **Individual sport programs and coaches can choose an alternative date if they would like to do something non sponsored by the Athletic Department.*

CONFERENCE AFFILIATION - ATHLETICS

Burlington High School is a member of the Southern Lakes Conference. The Southern Lakes Conference is comprised of the following schools:

Badger, Beloit Memorial, Burlington, Elkhorn Area, Union Grove, Waterford, Westosha Central, Wilmot Union

The Commissioner of the Southern Lakes Conference is Timothy Owens. He can be contacted via email: towens0228@gmail.com

The conference rules, regulations and schedules are formulated by a committee consisting of principals of all of the member schools, among other duties also delegated to them as representatives of member schools of the Conference.

DISPUTES

At times there will be concerns that arise with both athletes and parents regarding athletic participation. Our Activities Department has a procedure in place that is to be followed by all regardless of it being an extra-curricular program or a class. The following steps are to be followed:

1. Athlete discusses the issue with the coach. Every athlete will be allowed to ask questions of their coach just as every student can ask for help from a teacher. Please do not feel that you cannot talk to your coach. They will listen to your concerns. Playing time, game strategy, and play calling are items that are at the complete discretion of the coaching staff. These items are not open for discussion or debate. It is appropriate for an athlete to ask a coach what specific skills he/she must improve upon to get more playing time. This is a proactive approach at self-improvement.
2. If the issue still exists, the parent should contact the coach to arrange a meeting. It is very important that the athlete also be involved in the meeting.
3. If the issue is with a non-Head Coach, then a meeting with the Head Coach should follow if the issue is not resolved with the Assistant Coach.
4. Parents are reminded that talking to a coach immediately after a contest is not appropriate. Please use the 24-hour rule and wait until the next day.
5. If an issue still exists, the next step is to arrange a meeting with the Activities/Athletic Director. At this step, parents may be asked to put the issue in writing. Arrangements should be made so that the coach, parent, and athlete can all attend.
6. The next step would be to arrange a meeting with the Principal. All parties from the previous steps should be involved when possible.
7. If still unresolved, the next step would be to meet with the District Administrator.
8. Finally, an arranged meeting with the School Board.

It is the belief that if all parties are calm, respective, and communicative the issue can be resolved through the first four steps.

DRESS CODES

Coaches/advisors reserve the right to establish dress codes within their sports/activities for reason of appropriate school representation, safety, or uniformity. Violating a sport's dress code as established by the Coach/Advisor is considered a violation of the Activities Code and will be disciplined as such.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Students are responsible for the safe-keeping and maintenance of all school-issued uniforms and equipment, and must return all uniforms and equipment, with signs only of reasonable wear, to the school at the conclusion of the season. Since all students are issued a specific uniform and/or piece of equipment, there is no substitution of equipment allowed; neither may students exchange uniforms.

Failure to return school-issued uniforms and equipment at the end of the season will render the student immediately ineligible until the missing items are returned, or the school is reimbursed the actual replacement cost of the item(s).

Failure to return or reimburse the school for missing items by the end of a student's senior year of high school will render that student ineligible for Commencement Exercises in the Burlington Area School District.

While the securing of personal valuables is the responsibility of the student, nevertheless, theft of athletic uniforms, equipment, or of personal items from student lockers will be treated as a serious breach of the Activities Code and will result in disciplinary action as delineated under "Violations of the Activities Code."

FRAUDULENTLY COMPLETED FORMS

Students who submit forms signed by parties other than their parents/guardians or who alter forms for any purpose within the Activities programs shall be suspended from all participation in any sport or activity immediately for one year from the date of the last game or event in which the student participated per WIAA Rules and Regulations. If the activity is a club in which there are no competitive events or performances, the student shall be suspended for one year from the date of discovery.

HAZING

Hazing occurs when an act is committed against a student, or a student is coerced into committing an act that creates a substantial risk of harm to the student, or to any third party, in order for the student to be admitted or initiated into, or affiliated with, any school group, club, athletic team, grade level, activity or organization. Hazing is strictly prohibited in the Burlington Area School District and will subject the violator to the disciplinary action explained below.

Wisconsin Anti-Hazing Law 948.51

"No person may intentionally or recklessly engage in acts which endanger the physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating in connection with a school, college or university. Under those circumstances, prohibited acts may include any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, forced confinement or any other forced activity which endangers the physical health or safety of the student. In this section "forced activity" means any activity which is a condition of initiation or admission into or affiliation with an organization, regardless of a student's willingness to participate in the activity."

Burlington Schools also include the following activities in its definition of hazing for purposes of determining a violation of the anti-hazing policy:

- Any activity involving actions of a sexual nature or the simulation of actions of a sexual nature;
- Any activity that subjects a student to an unreasonable level of embarrassment, shame, or humiliation, or which creates a hostile, abusive, and intimidating environment for the student including through the use of electronic media such as a cell phone or the posting of text, audio or video on any internet site;
- Any activity involving any violation of federal, state or local law, or any violation of school district policies and regulations.

Any student who knowingly is a participant of, or who participates in the planning of any hazing ritual or incident will be considered in violation of the hazing policy and be treated as a **double offense** violation of the Activities Code.

INFORMED CONSENT - ATHLETICS

Prior to participating in interscholastic athletics, it is important for the student and the parents/guardians to understand that injuries can occur. These could include minor injuries, such as bruises or abrasions. Occasionally, students incur injuries such as muscle strains, sprains, or broken limbs. Although the occurrence of catastrophic injuries is minimal, it is possible that a catastrophic injury can occur rendering the participant paralyzed in varying degrees. Death as a result of a catastrophic injury is also a possibility.

INJURY REPORTING

Following any injury, students must immediately inform their coaches/advisors. The Coach/Advisor will inform the student that they must file an "Athletic/Activity Accident Report" with the Activities Director. That report is also shared with the Athletic Trainer. In the case of minor injuries not requiring the services of a physician, the Athletic Trainer and the Coach/Advisor will determine when the athlete is ready to return to practice and games.

If a student is injured during the season of the sport/event and is under a physician's care, the student must obtain a written release from the treating physician prior to resuming active participation in the activity.

If a student develops a medical condition or is injured outside the season of the sport/activity, whether a valid physical exam form is on file at the school or not, and there is any chance that participation in a sport/activity could heighten the seriousness of the condition or render the student more prone to injury, the Activities Director reserves the right to request a written clearance from the treating physician prior to declaring the student eligible to participate in the sport/activity.

In all cases where medical treatment is needed by a doctor for a school-related injury, the student **MUST** inform the Coach/Advisor and the high school office and complete the Activities Accident Report within 20 days of injury. Failure to do so may result in loss of insurance benefits.

INSURANCE

All students are required to be covered by family health insurance in cases of accident or injury. The Burlington Area School District also carries supplemental insurance on WIAA sponsored sports. The supplemental insurance covers 80% of the cost **NOT COVERED BY THE FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE**. The insurance only covers athletes in WIAA recognized sports (Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling) at WIAA member schools. It does not cover cheer, dance, club sports, or middle school sports.

For example, if the cost of medical services as a result of an injury is \$5,000, and the family health insurance which is the primary carrier covers 80% or \$4,000 of the total cost, the supplemental insurance, which is the secondary carrier, will cover 80% of the **REMAINING** \$1,000 or \$800.

Parents are asked to list their medical insurance carrier and policy number through the online registration process prior to their child(ren) participating in any way in any sport/activity.

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION - ATHLETICS

The Burlington Area School District believes that competition at any level should be geared toward fun, an overall positive experience, and good sportsmanship. Open and honest communication is paramount throughout the program. Every effort is expected to be made between the athlete, Coach/Advisor,

parents/guardians and administration to foster positive communication regarding every aspect of our athletic program. Decisions within the athletic program are expected to be made as an extension of the educational process and within a sound educational framework.

The Burlington Area School District offers athletic co-curricular activities at the middle school level (grades 7-8). In this program, the expectation is that each athlete shall be given the opportunity to participate a meaningful amount of time during each competition in order that s/he will be encouraged to continue to participate and continue to work on developing the skills necessary to improve. While winning may be a desirable outcome, the emphasis on the middle school level is on participation and skill development.

JV1 and JV2 programs strive to provide as much participation as possible, but a major emphasis is on the need to prepare physically and psychologically to win. Individual skill levels of the athletes will be a primary factor towards determining actual playing time. The focus on winning more contests at this level may not allow all participants to play an active role in the game on the playing surface, but active participation in encouraging teammates and cheering the team from the bench is expected from all team members as well as full participation during all practices.

At the Varsity level, the emphasis of the athletic programs is on competition and on developing the best possible team to win contests. As a result, there is limited participation and no guaranteed playing time. Winning as an individual and as a team is recognized as a means of engendering pride and promoting the support of both the school and the community. Athletes who desire to compete at this level of participation do so with the full knowledge and understanding that this is a privilege that must be earned based on skill. However, decisions at this level will continue to be made within an educational framework, and decisions made within the philosophy of “winning at all costs” will not be tolerated.

LIMITED PARTICIPATION SPORTS

The following Burlington sports have tryouts for the limited number of participation spots: boys basketball, girls basketball, boys volleyball, girls volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer, boys baseball, girls softball, dance, and cheerleading. It is recommended that student athletes only participate in one sport per season. A sport season is defined as fall, winter, or spring. The criteria for selection to the team will be developed by the Head Coach of each activity and communicated to the athletes prior to the tryouts. All athletes, on an individual basis, will be informed by the coach of their status following tryouts. The athletic department will adhere to the concept that, when at all possible, freshmen will not be cut from an athletic team. This policy may be dependent on resources provided to that sport in the form of equipment, facility time, amount of competition and/or number of available coaches.

LOCKER ROOMS

Profanity is not to be used in the locker room or in playing/practice areas by any member of the team representing Burlington High School.

Only coaches and players are allowed in the locker room. Friends and family members are not allowed in the locker room before, during, or after practices and games. In the case of unusual extenuating circumstances, permission should be secured from the coach or Activities Director prior to entering the locker room.

Athletes are expected to keep their lockers and the surrounding locker room areas clean. Litter receptacles are provided for this purpose.

Loitering is not prohibited at any time in the locker room.

A student's athletic locker is the property of the Burlington High School. This locker must be used only for the purposes intended – storage of athletic apparel, clothes and personal belongings during practices and games. School officials reserve the right to search the locker, with or without the student's permission, knowledge or consent if it is deemed necessary to do so by school administration.

LOCKS - ATHLETIC TEAM ROOMS

Student athletes will be provided a school issued lock in the first season that they compete in at Burlington High School and will be used by the student athlete until they graduate. Only school issued locks are allowed for use in the athletic team rooms. If any other lock is used, Burlington High School Athletic Department reserves the right to remove any non-school issued lock. If a lock is lost/stolen, a new lock can be purchased from the Athletic Department for \$5.00.

MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

An Athletic Trainer will be present at selected athletic events to ensure the safety of the participants. Depending on the nature of the event, there may also be an ambulance present.

It is important for parents/guardians to note that in cases of injury at an event, or during practice, the school will attempt to honor the parents'/guardians' request regarding the choice of a personal physician or a designated hospital of choice; however, the school reserves the right to secure the most available and qualified assistance in cases of injury to a student.

MEDICAL INFORMATION - AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE

In view of the standards established by the Federal Government under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) parents/guardians of students may be required to sign the "Authorization for Release of Medical Information" in cases of injury or illness to a student. This form is printed in the Appendix.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION

(Always check with your school counselor for the most up-to-date information)

As a prospective student-athlete at a Division I or II institution, you have certain responsibilities to attend to before you may participate. Information concerning who needs to register with the Clearinghouse and what documents should be submitted can be found in The Guide for College-Bound Student-Athletes (see General Information Menu at NCAA Clearinghouse).

NCAA SCHOLARSHIP RULING

There are specific NCAA rules for Division I Schools involving monetary scholarship awards at the high school level. If you receive one of the monetary scholarships listed previously, there are certain examples when that money must be returned.

1. If you are recruited by a Division I University or College and have received a monetary scholarship from that institution, the high school scholarship monies will be deducted from the award given by the university or college.
2. If you are going to participate in sports at a Division I University or College but have not received a

monetary scholarship from that institution, you must forfeit your high school athletic scholarship monies or risk being declared ineligible.

OPPOSITE GENDER COACHING STAFF - LOCKER ROOM SUPERVISION - ATHLETICS

Occasionally the situation may arise when the coaching staff of an athletic team consists entirely of coaches of the opposite gender from the students. Burlington Area School District has set up the following rules for unsupervised locker room use.

Prior to and after practices and contests, all students are to shower, get dressed, and leave the locker room immediately. Horseplay will not be tolerated.

Two highly responsible seniors will be appointed by the coach to oversee conduct and clearance of the locker room for the season or duration of the event. One student will be instructed to report to the coach immediately if inappropriate conduct is developing or there is an injury, while the other student will remain in the locker room until help arrives.

These two seniors are responsible to report directly to a coach to finalize the clearance of the locker room after each practice/contest or event.

The head coach or his/her designated coach(es) shall remain in the immediate area until the locker room is totally clear. A coach will inspect the locker room when all athletes are out. Misconduct in the locker room will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension from the sport.

OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL POLICIES

Parents/Guardians who permit their children to participate in interscholastic athletic teams or other groups representing the school in competition are agreeing to accept the schedule as printed by the school. Occasionally, there could be out-of-town contests and tournaments necessitating an overnight stay.

In the event that a Coach/Advisor has scheduled an out-of-town contest/event or tournament, or a team qualifies for the State Tournament, parents/guardians will receive written communication from the Coach/Advisor detailing, at the very least, the following information:

- Destination;
- Time of departure and estimated date and time of return;
- Name, address, and contact information for the hotel at which the students are staying, or, if students are staying at individual residences, a list of addresses and phone numbers will be provided to parents/guardians prior to leaving the city;
- Telephone numbers where the Coach/Advisor and the students can be reached.
- Behavior rules that will be in effect during travel and any overnight stays;
- Any special disciplinary action that will be taken in cases of a breach of the rules.

PHYSICAL EXAM - ATHLETICS

The WIAA requires that all students who participate in interscholastic athletics must have written evidence of current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician or an Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) on file in the Athletic Office no less than every other school year. **No**

student will be permitted to participate in PRACTICES OR GAMES in the interscholastic athletic program until this requirement is fulfilled.

Physical exams taken on or after April 1st within a given school year are valid for the remainder of that school year and the following two school years. Physical exams taken before April 1st within a given school year are valid only for the remainder of that school year and the next school year.

Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment time for this physical well in advance of the start of their sports season. It is not unusual to have a two-month wait for an appointment time for a physical exam.

Typically during the summer months, local health care providers offer pre-participation physicals for students who are uninsured or underinsured. **Call the Activities Director at Burlington High School for more information.** **subject to change**

Physical exam forms are available in the Activities Office and on the BASD website (Burlington High School Activities website).

REGAINING ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR FALL SPORTS

The WIAA provides that academic ineligibility status determined at the end of the spring semester can be adjusted for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest allowed competition is before the first day that students are in class.

The minimum eligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport **OR** (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).

REPORTING ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS

If an adult reports an alleged violation of the Activities Code, s/he must be willing to submit a signed statement fully explaining what s/he believes is the violation of the Activities Code, including as much information as possible detailing the alleged violation which was actually observed by the person making the report.

If a student reports an alleged violation of the Activities Code, the student's identity will be kept confidential; however, s/he must be willing to submit a signed statement fully explaining what s/he believes is the violation of the Activities Code, including as much information as possible detailing the alleged violation which was actually observed by the person making the report. The identity of the student will be kept confidential with the exception that the signed statement will be shared with law enforcement personnel at their request.

In cases where a report is received from a student, additional evidence must be secured before proceeding with any further investigation.

The Activities Director will have the primary responsibility of investigating alleged violations of the Activities Code and for assessing penalties.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Teach and expect sons/daughters to display high standards of behavior.
2. Teach and expect sons/daughters to have respect for law, authority, and the rights and property of others.

3. Teach and expect sons/daughters to be accountable for their own actions and help them to grow and develop into self-controlled, self-disciplined citizens.
4. Share the responsibility for student conduct with the school.
5. Support school officials in their efforts to develop and maintain well-disciplined schools and programs.
6. Attend all orientation meetings as required by the Activities Director and the Coaches/Advisors.
7. Read the Parent/Student Extra-Curricular Handbook and sign the statement indicating that you have read and understand the items contained within the Handbook.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

A student's athletic/activity locker is the property of the Burlington Area School District. This locker must be used only for the purposes intended - storage of athletic/event apparel, clothes and personal belongings during practices and games. School officials reserve the right to search the locker, with or without the student's permission, knowledge or consent.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS AND ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Students identified through a 504 evaluation process as having special educational needs are eligible to try out for the interscholastic athletic program and will be subject to the same Activities Code and attendance requirements as regular students.

Participation in interscholastic athletics will NOT be written as a requirement in a student's Individualized Educational Plan (IEP); however, once a student identified with Special Education needs becomes part of an interscholastic athletic team, the IEP will contain a requirement for daily academic and attendance monitoring, with a weekly review including a review of social behavior and conduct and the institution of any additional behavioral rules or monitoring necessary.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS - HIGH SCHOOL

Fall

Boys Cross Country
 Girls Cross Country
 Boys Football
 Girls Golf
 Boys Soccer
 Girls Swim
 Girls Tennis
 Boys Volleyball
 Girls Volleyball
 Cheerleading
 Dance

Winter

Boys Basketball
 Girls Basketball
 Gymnastics
 Boys Swim
 Cheerleading
 Dance

Spring

Boys Baseball
 Boys Golf
 Girls Soccer
 Girls Softball
 Boys Tennis
 Boys Track and Field
 Girls Track and Field

Note: In those sports where a boys team is sponsored, but no girls team is sponsored, girls are permitted to try out for the boys team. However, boys may not try out for a girls team if the sport is not offered to boys. Cheerleading and stunts are open to both genders.

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS - SPIRIT TEAMS

Spirit Teams play an integral role in helping spectators to become involved in athletic contests in a positive way. In order to help Spirit Teams positively affect the spectators, we expect that all Spirit Teams will:

- Understand the seriousness and responsibility of their role, and the privilege of representing their school and the community.
- Learn the rules of the game and educate the fans.
- Treat opposing spirit teams and fans with respect.
- Establish guidelines of desirable behavior as a squad and transfer them to the fans.
- Establish alternatives for crowd behavior such as booing and inappropriate chants.
- Select positive cheers which praise your team.
- Select appropriate times for cheering and establish time-sharing with the visiting squads.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- Give encouragement to injured players and recognition to outstanding performances for both teams.
- Dress appropriately with no jewelry, no exposed tattoos, etc., and always adhere to the Burlington High School dress code.
- Follow all Title IX regulations in scheduling contests at which the spirit teams will be present to cheer.

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS - SPECTATORS

Burlington Area School District is proud of its athletic programs and holds its students to high standards of conduct and sportsmanship. In order to portray good sportsmanship also on the part of our fans, we have the following expectations for our spectators:

- Praise students in their attempts to improve themselves. Participation in interscholastic athletics provides learning experiences for students and mistakes are made.
- Be a positive role model through your own actions by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.
- Remember that you are at a contest to support and cheer for your team.
- Learn the rules of the game so that you understand what is going on.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of contest officials even if you disagree with them.
- Refrain from the use of controlled substances (alcohol, tobacco, drugs, etc.) at any time.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by the other team.
- Show respect for opposing players, fans and Coaches/Advisors.
- Support school administration in their efforts to emphasize the educational benefits of interscholastic athletics.

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS - STUDENTS

All students are expected to adhere to the following expectations of good sportsmanship both on and off the field of play:

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility and the privilege to represent your school and your community.
- Live up to the standards of good sportsmanship established by your Coach/Advisor, your school, your conference, and the WIAA.
- Learn the rules of the game and assist parents and fans by discussing the rules with them.
- Treat your opponents with mutual respect.
- Refrain from taunting, trash talking, or making derogatory remarks to your opponents before, during, and after the contest.
- Refrain from intimidating behavior or drawing attention to yourself.

- Wish opponents “good luck” before a game and congratulate them in a sincere manner following defeat or victory.
- Respect the judgment of officials even if you disagree with their judgment.
- Win with humility; lose with grace. Do both with dignity.

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS - OFFICIALS

All officials hired to officiate contests at Burlington Schools are expected to adhere to the highest professional standards set by the WIAA and the respective officials association to which the official belongs. We expect our officials to:

- Have a thorough knowledge of the rules of the game.
- Be fair and firm in making all decisions, and show no favoritism towards any individual player or any team as a whole.
- Treat all players and coaches/advisors courteously, and expect the same treatment from them.
- Realize that the game is inherently being conducted for the players, and make calls in as unobtrusive a way as possible without making a show or “grandstanding” when a violation is called.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SATISFACTION SURVEY

Burlington High School is committed to offering the best possible experience to all of our students. Close to the completion of the season, students will be asked to complete a satisfaction survey regarding their experience during the season. It is very important that athletes answer the questions honestly. The survey is anonymous and is conducted on all levels of every sport. The survey will be made available online towards the end of each season.

SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL - EFFECT ON ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Students who have been suspended from school are not eligible for practice or competition during the entire period of the suspension. Additionally, students who have been suspended from school will be subject to, depending on the investigation or reason of suspension, a possible code violation and subsequent denial of participation per conduct unbecoming a Burlington High School athlete as stated in the Activities Code.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Any student that transfers after the beginning of their first semester or attends practice at a different school will be considered a transfer. All transfer students will initially be declared ineligible until the student and family receive clearance from the Athletic Department. A transfer student **MUST** meet all WIAA requirements regarding transfer students. Additionally, if a student comes to Burlington High School with the status of ineligibility for athletics due to disciplinary actions that were taken at the prior school, the resultant penalty must be served prior to a student being declared eligible at Burlington High School.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

All students must travel to and from contests and events in a vehicle supervised by their coach/advisor or a designated chaperone. “To and from” is defined as travel from Burlington to the opponent’s school site and back. Students may return HOME from an away contest with Parents/Guardians providing **prior**

approval has been obtained from the Activities Director and the appropriate waiver form has been signed. In such cases, the coach/advisor is responsible for ensuring that the student leaves the contest with his/her parent/guardian.

If parents/guardians provide transportation home from an athletic/activity event, or, in extreme circumstances, allow their son/daughter to transport himself/herself to or from a scheduled event, the following policies are in effect:

- Where parents/guardians provide transportation for their son/daughter home from a scheduled event, the parents/guardians shall assume all resulting liability, and the school shall assume no liability.
- Where a student transports himself/herself to or from a scheduled event (allowed only in extreme circumstances), the parents/guardians of that student shall assume all resulting liability, and the school shall assume no liability. In addition, parents/guardians must provide a written/mailed reason as to why a student will be transporting himself/herself to the activities office prior to the event. *(parents/guardians must provide a written/mailed reason to the Athletic Director as to why a student will be transporting himself/herself to the activities office prior to the event.)*

All parents/guardians of students are required to sign the Athletic/Activity Transportation Policy form prior to transporting their children home from an event. The form must be submitted to the Activities Director **at least 24 hours prior to the date of transport to be in effect**. A new form must be signed for each event in which the student participates.

In situations necessitating that the coach/advisor and students must walk to a practice site, students are expected to walk in a group under the supervision of the coach/advisor unless the appropriate waiver allowing a student to drive his/her own vehicle has been obtained by the Activities Director.

VACATION STATEMENT

The Burlington Athletic/Activities Department strongly discourages taking vacations during the competitive season in which your son or daughter is participating. Through past experiences, the department has found it to be detrimental to the athlete and the team to be absent from practice and/or competition for an extended period of time. It is up to the discretion of the coach of each team to determine any consequences involved if a player from the team chooses to miss practice and/or games during the season. We do ask that you discuss any plans with the coach prior to tryouts if you do; indeed, plan to take a vacation or miss practices or games. Burlington athletics has a priority to be as competitive as possible and much of that comes through building teamwork. This goal is difficult to achieve if we do not have each of our athletic teams intact throughout the entire season.

WEIGHT GAIN OR LOSS

Any unusual or severe weight gain or loss that the athlete experiences should be discussed with the Coach/Advisor and the Activities Director as soon as concerns develop on the part of the athlete or the parent/guardian. While weight training will develop muscle mass and, in some cases, increased muscle definition, a drastic change in muscle mass over a short period of time is not normally the case. Further, if an athlete must adjust weight gain or loss due to a sport such as wrestling, gymnastics or cross-country, there could be some weight gain or loss due to normal activity and training; however, continued or drastic weight loss could indicate that other underlying problems may be present.

WEIGHT ROOM

The weight room is maintained and offered to students as a means of reducing injuries and providing strength training in their sports. Students are NOT allowed in the weight room without supervision and are expected to follow all rules as established for the weight room.

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WIAA)

Burlington High School is a member school of the WIAA. As such, we are bound to follow all rules as established by the WIAA and its member schools. Selected rules are included in the appendix. Individuals wanting to read the rules in their entirety may access them on the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org

APPENDIX

- A. Student Academic Goal Progress Report Form
- B. Athletic/Activity Accident Report
- C. Athletic/Activity Transportation Liability Waiver
- D. Authorization for Release of Medical Information
- E. Parent-Coach/Advisor Communication
- F. WIAA Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin
- G. WIAA Physical Examination Card (Clearance Form)

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Academic Goal Progress Report

Period	Course	Attendance	Effort & Participation	Grade
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

Teacher Signatures:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Athletic Director's Signature:

1. _____

GPA: _____

**Burlington High School Athletic/Activity Accident Report
(Appendix B)**

Student's Full Name

Last: _____ First: _____ M.I.: _____

Sex: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Date of accident - Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____ Hour: _____ AM or PM

Activity/Sport engaged in: _____

Part of body injured: Right: _____ Left: _____ Part: _____

Describe exact location where accident occurred:

Describe briefly how the accident occurred:

Name of person in

charge: _____

Was first aid administered?: _____ By whom?: _____

Describe the first aid that was administered prior to the arrival of emergency personnel (if called):

Would you like a supplemental insurance form filled out?: YES _____ NO _____

Has a claim ever been filed with First Agency, Inc, on this student?: YES _____ NO _____

(The supplemental insurance covers 80% of the cost **NOT COVERED BY THE FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE**).

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION POLICY

(Appendix C)

All students must travel to and from contests and events in a vehicle supervised by their coach/advisor or a designated chaperone. "To and From" is defined as travel from Burlington to the opponent's school site and back. Students may ride to and/or from an away contest/event with a Parent/Guardian providing **prior** approval has been obtained from the Activities Director *and* the Transportation Liability Waiver form has been signed.

If the Parent/Guardian provides transportation to/from a contest/event, they must be aware of the following:

- Where Parent/Guardian provides transportation for their son/daughter from a scheduled event, on a specific date, the Parent/Guardian shall assume all resulting liability, and the school shall assume no liability.
- Where Parent/Guardian provides transportation for their son/daughter to and/or from a scheduled event for the *entire season*, the Parent/Guardian shall assume all resulting liability, and the school shall assume no liability.

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL | TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY WAIVER

I have read the Athletic/Activity Transportation Policy and agree that I shall assume all liability for negligently caused injuries resulting from the following situations:

- Where I transport my son/daughter from a scheduled event on a specific date.
- Where I transport my son/daughter to and/or from a scheduled event for the entire season.

I also agree that Burlington High School shall assume no liability whatsoever for negligently caused injuries resulting from the above situations or any other situation where contracted transportation is not being used to transport athletes.

REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION

Student's Name: _____ Activity: _____

My child, named above, will not be riding the team bus/van on _____ because:
(date)

___ 1. My child will be riding home with his/her Parent/Guardian for **ONLY** the date listed above.
(Transportation will be provided to a contest/event by the BASD).

**A new Transportation Liability Waiver must be submitted and approved for each date.*

___ 2. The Parent/Guardian will provide transportation for the **ENTIRE SEASON.**

*Parent/Guardian will transport their son/daughter and shall assume all resulting liability and the school district shall assume no responsibility. **In no situation is the student allowed to drive himself/herself when choosing Option A or Option B.***

**Only one Transportation Liability Waiver is required to be submitted to the Activities Director per season.*

(Choose Option A or B):

___ Option A: Student will ride the bus/van to all events for the entire season. Transportation will be provided from all events by the Parent/Guardian for the *entire season*.

___ Option B: Student will not ride the bus/van for the entire season. Transportation will be provided to and from all events by the Parent/Guardian for the *entire season*.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Activities Director

Date

STEPS:

- 1.) Parent/Guardian Completes Form
- 2.) Athletic Director Signs and Dates Form
- 3.) Student Gives Form to Coach/Supervisor

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN 1 DAY PRIOR TO EVENT.

**Burlington High School
(Appendix D)**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively known as "HIPAA"), I authorize health care providers of **ATHLETE NAME:** _____, **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____, to disclose medical information regarding the injury and treatment of named individual to the following representatives of Burlington High School: Athletic Director, Athletic Trainer, Team Physician, and Team Coach for the purposes of treatment, emergency care and injury record-keeping.

Medical Information, in this context, pertains only to patient health care records regarding a specific injury and the treatment thereof. The request for medical information includes all patient health care records regarding the care, evaluation, referral or treatment including, but not limited to, any and all records, reports, correspondence, radiographic films pertaining to the care and treatment of an injury sustained by the above-named student-athlete on _____ **(SCHOOL WILL INSERT DATE OF INJURY)**. This includes all portions of my medical records which my physicians, or other health care providers, or I have specifically designated as "confidential."

I understand that my signed authorization will be kept in a locked cabinet along with all medical information received and that said information will be available only to the individuals named above.

Treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility of benefits may not be conditioned on obtaining patient's authorization.

The purpose of disclosure of medical records is to facilitate treatment of injured student-athletes. I understand that the information obtained by the use of this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure and the information obtained is therefore no longer protected by HIPAA.

This consent is revocable by the patient at any time except to the extent that the provider listed above has taken action upon it. A revocation is effective by the Health Care Provider listed above upon receipt of a written request to revoke, and a copy of the executed authorization form. A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as valid as the original. This authorization shall remain in effect for one year from date of signing.

This authorization specifically authorizes the health care provider named above to disclose records created at any time after the signing, regarding the specific injury, until the authorization expires one year from the date of signing.

Athlete's (Patient) Signature

Date Signed

Witness Signature (optional)

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date Signed

PARENT-COACH/ADVISOR COMMUNICATION

(Appendix E)

Parent-Coach/Advisor Relationship

Both parenting and coaching or advising an activity are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to children.

As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the Coach/Advisor of your child's program.

Communication You Should Expect from the Coach/Advisor

1. Philosophy of the Coach/Advisor.
2. Expectations the Coach/Advisor has for your child, as well as all of the participants in the activity.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests/events.
4. Team/activity requirements, i.e., fees, special equipment, etc.
5. Criteria for awards that will be presented at the end of the season/activity.
6. Disciplinary action that will result in the denial of your child's participation.

Communication Coaches/Advisors Expect from Parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the Coach/Advisor.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concerns regarding a Coach/Advisor's philosophy or expectations.

As your children become involved in the co-curricular programs at Burlington High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way you or your child wish. At these times, discussion with the Coach/Advisor is encouraged.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches/Advisors

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child not participating or playing as much as you had hoped s/he would. Coaches/Advisors are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for the team/squad/competition/performance and for all of the individuals involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child's Coach/Advisor. Other things, such as the following items, must be left to the discretion of the Coach/Advisor.

Issues NOT Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches/Advisors

1. Competition time.
2. Coach/Advisor strategy in a particular event or selection of participants for performances.
3. Play calling during athletic events.
4. Other student-participants.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach/advisor and the parent. These interactions are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

If You Have a Concern to Discuss with a Coach/Advisor, Please Follow This Procedure:

1. Call to set up an appointment with the Coach/Advisor.
2. If the Coach/Advisor cannot be reached, please call *Eric Plitzuweit*, the *Burlington Activities Director at 262-763-0200, ext. 1258*.
3. Please **DO NOT** attempt to confront a coach/advisor before or after a contest/event/performance or practice/rehearsal. These can be emotional times for both parent and coach/advisor. These types of confrontations do not promote a positive resolution to any concern.

What to Do if a Parent/Coach/Advisor Meeting Does Not Resolve the Issue

1. Call and arrange an appointment with the Activities Director to resolve the situation.
2. At the appointment it will be determined if further action is necessary.

Research indicates that a student involved in extracurricular activities has a better chance for success during adulthood. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope that the information we have provided will promote positive communication between parents and Coaches/Advisors and make your experience with the extra-curricular programs less stressful and more enjoyable.

2023-2024 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and _____

(School)

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing. Reading and signing this form is a condition of participating in interscholastic athletics at WIAA member schools. It does not guarantee a student-athlete's athletic eligibility nor does it give rise to any contractual rights, direct or indirect, to student-athletes or their parents.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2023-2024 school year**:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if they reach their 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances, the school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if they are carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if they have graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year. Mid-year graduation ends athletic eligibility on the last day of attendance.
- D. A student is ineligible if they have not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries their parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this

rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.

- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at their school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, they shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, they become eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if their attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if they transfer to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school will be subject to the transfer rules for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- B. Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Students entering 11th and 12th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

- E. 10th, 11th or 12th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules.
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at their new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. A student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at their new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education. Note: A student who does not serve a penalty for violation by leaving the state and competing in another state, will be ineligible for the balance of the suspension upon return to the state.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and they must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow their school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates their school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid their debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
- D. A student-athlete who violates their school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- E. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- F. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- G. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- H. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced (except for felony charges). If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- I. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash (including gift cards) or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete.
- D. A student-athlete may not receive free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- E. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- F. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than their own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with prior school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
 - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or their parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be their coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

5/2023

Detach and Return to Athletic Director

PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY SIGN-OFF FORM – 2023-2024

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing

this statement. In signing below, I further acknowledge and understand that no contractual relationship, direct or indirect, is created between the student-athlete or their parents and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

School Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Please Print Name

Date

Student-Athlete's Signature

Please Print Name

Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.