

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

Students who participate in athletics and/or activities are expected to set a positive example for all students by their actions on and off-campus as representatives of the Bainbridge Island School District.

Interscholastic activities are those activities that occur beyond the regular school day and include:

- A. Any activity listed under the current Interscholastic/Intramural Activities List including intramurals, class advisors and out of class activities which are conducted as part of a credit-bearing class (e.g., band, drama, etc.). Note: Out of class activities that are conducted as part of a credit bearing class are exempt from the criteria.
- B. Any organization/group/club/team that has a fixed published roster and is scheduled to compete with other schools.
- C. Any elected or appointed officer and chairperson of any school sponsored organization/group/club/team.

Students participating in voluntary interscholastic activities are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by principals, advisors, directors and/or coaches on or off school premises at any time during the calendar year for the entire student career in grades 7-12. Violations of code of conduct are accumulative throughout participation in grades 7-12. It is expected that established regulations will encourage students to maintain high standards of conduct throughout the year. A student who is found to be in violation of the Interscholastic Activities Code by a staff member of the school district, a school administrator or a coach/advisor is subject to removal or suspension from the interscholastic activity.

Eligibility for Participation

Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) standards are the minimum requirements that must be met for interscholastic eligibility. Expectations for participation in interscholastic activities within the Bainbridge Island School District (BISD) include:

- A. **Scholastic/Academic Eligibility:** Students will not be eligible to compete if failing more than one (1) class. The student may attend and participate in practices but is prohibited from participating in competition. Academic eligibility will be monitored and determined by the athletic director.
- B. **Attendance at School:** An athlete shall attend school for at least one half day on the day of an athletic contest. Penalty: If an athlete receives an unexcused absence for any portion

of the day, the athlete shall be ineligible to participate in contest on that day. If excused, the athlete may participate if he/she was in attendance for one half day or more.

- C. Medical Documentation: Athletes will be required to undergo a thorough medical evaluation and submit a physician signed clearance form or Physical Examination Card For Interscholastic Athletics at least every two years. An athlete will not be allowed to practice or compete in games unless this documentation has been received by the athletic director.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES CODE

The opportunity to participate in the interscholastic activities programs as defined in Policy 2150 Student Activities Programs and Policy 2151 Interscholastic Activities Programs is a privilege granted to all students of the district.

The following rules shall be applicable for all interscholastic activities participants throughout the calendar year both on and off school premises:

- A. Use and/or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages, Marijuana (Cannabis), Tobacco or Controlled Substances - Under Policy 2151, students who participate in athletics and/or activities are expected to set a positive example for all students by their actions and to promote a school atmosphere free from alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and controlled substances. Any unlawful use of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and controlled substances is a violation of the Interscholastic Activities Code. Violations within this category are cumulative over the academic career of the student from grade seven (7) through grade twelve (12).

Sanctions include:

1st Violation A student will be immediately removed from the interscholastic team/activity for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the student completes an assessment by a certified chemical dependency counselor and follows the recommendations and/or treatment at which time the penalty will be reduced to 20% of the regular season contests scheduled for the year. The student must agree to a release of information from the counselor to document the assessment and verify that the student has started and attended the recommended treatment.

- If the student completes an assessment and undergoes treatment as recommended, the school administrator may determine that the student is eligible to resume participation as follows:

1. The student will be prohibited from participation in 20% of the regular season regardless of how many contests remain when the violation occurs. If the regular season ends and suspended contests remain to be served, the suspension will extend into post-season playoffs or into the next sport or activity regular season in which the student participates fully. If a student commits an infraction of the Interscholastic Activities Code, but is not currently involved in a sport/activity, the sanction will be applied in the next consecutive sport or activity in which the student participates.
2. If the student does not participate in a sport/activity within a calendar year, the sanction will not be applied. Participation is defined as follows: the student must report for try-outs and complete the season in order to serve the sanction that has been imposed.

2nd Violation A student who again violates this provision of the activities code will be immediately removed from the interscholastic team/activity for the remainder of the season, and prohibited from participating in the sports/activities program for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation. Ineligibility will continue until the student completes an assessment by a certified chemical dependency counselor and follows the recommendations and/or treatment. The student must agree to a release of information from the counselor to document the assessment and verify that the student has started and attended the recommended treatment. If the student completes an assessment and undergoes treatment as recommended, the Building Hearing Committee may determine that the student is eligible to resume participation in the next sports/activities program or season the student desires to participate in prior to the one (1) calendar year.

3rd Violation A student who violates this provision for a third time shall be permanently ineligible for participation in the student activities program.

- B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Students who participate in athletics and/or activities are expected to set a positive example for all students by their actions in practice, during competitions, and at school activities. If a student-athlete is deemed to exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct by the coach, advisor, athletic director, or administration, the following sanctions may be applied. Violations within this category reset each academic year.

Sanctions Include:

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1st Violation Verbal warning from the coach, which has been documented and shared with the athletic director. A reasonable and documented attempt will be made by the coach/advisor and/or athletic director to notify the parent/guardian(s) that a verbal warning has been issued to the student, with details of the violation.

2nd Violation Scheduled conference with the student, coach/advisor, athletic director and parent/guardian(s). A reasonable and documented attempt will be made by the coach and/or athletic director to notify the parent/guardian(s) of the conference, but attendance is not mandatory for sanctions to be applied. The coach/advisor and/or athletic director will determine a length of suspension from the interscholastic activity for a minimum of one (1) contest/competition, but not to exceed 20% of the scheduled events.

3rd Violation Scheduled conference with student, coach/advisor, athletic director and parent/guardian(s). A reasonable and documented attempt will be made by the coach and/or athletic director to notify the parent/guardian(s) of the conference, but attendance is not mandatory for sanctions to be applied. Student will be removed from the interscholastic activity for the remainder of the season.

- C. Violation of Law on School Grounds: When a student is found guilty of an offense committed while on school grounds or at a school activity, the corrective action will depend upon the nature of the violation.
- D. Other Undesirable Student Conduct: Any undesirable student behavior not covered above, including but not limited to those violations requiring administrative action as established under Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions and Sanctions, the correction action will depend upon the nature of the violation.

Appeal Process for Disciplinary Action

Prior to the implementation of discipline or corrective action, the student will be provided due process consistent with Policy 3200: Student Rights and Responsibilities.

When infractions occur within the interscholastic activities programs, the following appeal process will apply:

- A. The aggrieved student(s) and parent(s) are encouraged to contact the coach and/or building principal as soon as possible to indicate their desire to appeal the disciplinary action. If the students and parents do not make a written request for this informal conference within five (5) school days of the action grieved, they will have waived their right to the conference and appeal procedure. The informal conference is to be held within three (3) school days of the request. Within three (3) school days of the informal

conference, the principal or designee (on behalf of the Building Hearing Committee) will render a written decision on the request.

- B. The aggrieved party may appeal the Building Hearing Committee's decision to the superintendent or designee within three (3) school days of the appeals decision. The superintendent and/or designee will hear the appeal within five (5) school days of the appeal request. The superintendent or designee shall render a written decision within five (5) school days of the hearing.
- C. The aggrieved party may appeal the superintendent's decision to the school board within three (3) school days. The board, after hearing the case at their next regularly scheduled business meeting, shall render a written decision on the case within ten (10) school days of the hearing. This decision shall be final.

Non-WIAA Sports

Club sport organizations must annually provide to the building athletic director a copy of their insurance policy, tax identification number, and the name and contact information for their coach(es). All club sport coaches must annually complete the volunteer process per district policy.

Program Evaluation

An annual review of each program is required to ensure that each program is meeting the goals of the district and the needs of the students. Such reviews must include broad-based input from participants and their families. Each athletic program will conduct a survey of student athletes and parents as a source of data to inform athletic directors and administrators in their annual review and to provide informative feedback to coaching staff.

Interscholastic Activities Coach's Duties

In accordance with district policy and the coach's job description, the coach has the duty to:

- A. The coach should employ the latest methods or proper instruction using sound progression in presenting motor skills.
- B. The coach must establish rules for participant conduct that are reasonable, appropriate and communicated to each athlete at the beginning of the season.
- C. The coach will inform all athletes of the inherent risks involved in participation in the particular sport. The coach must describe, using a variety of methods, the catastrophic and common non-catastrophic injuries unique to the sport.

- D. The coach will have a written plan for, and maintain a regular record on, the general supervision of the sport, and how he/she will supervise specific drills and other components of the daily practice. Adequacy of supervision should be reviewed in terms of quality and quantity. Factors to consider include, but are not limited to: the age of the students, the size of the students, the equipment involved, the maturity level of the students, the first aid equipment and training available, the appropriate certification of supervisors where required, and the safety training of the personnel involved.
- E. Equipment will be properly fitted and maintained. Athletes should be instructed on how to conduct a daily inspection. Facilities should be free of hazards and inspected regularly. It is the coaches duty to inform the athletic director if facility repairs are required.
- F. A report shall be completed for each accident. Injury reports should be maintained for a period of five years after the student's 21st birthday.
- G. The coach has a duty to evaluate the physical fitness, the medical condition, and the skill level of athletes. Failure to evaluate and maintain records of those evaluations may be cause for negligence should an injury occur involving fatigue or lack of skill.
- H. The school district will provide participant transportation to and from out-of-district interscholastic activities. All participants are expected to utilize the district provided transportation. Exceptions may be permitted for: planned use of public transportation services, injury or illness which require alternate transportation, and prior arrangement between the parent/guardian and coach for the student to ride with parent(s)/guardian(s) who have submitted required parent driver documentation/proof of insurance. Students, including adult-aged, may not self-transport. The coach has the duty to supervise the transportation of the students unless other arrangements have been made for alternate supervision, as approved by the building principal or his/her designee.
- I. The coach has the duty to employ a recognized system of grouping for participants in a particular sport that will avoid unequal and unsafe participation, based upon skill level, age, maturity, sex, size and experience.
- J. A coach should be able to reasonably anticipate foreseeable dangers that may occur if the activity is continued in a facility, or with equipment, or in a situation, and take precautions protecting the students in his/her custody from such dangers.

The duties listed above are not meant to be comprehensive. In carrying out the duties of the assignment a staff member is expected to act as a reasonable professional would have acted

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under similar circumstances. A staff member who supervises a sports activity is expected to know the intricacies of the activity that he/she is leading.

Summer Sports Activities/Clinics

Rules governing out-of-school and/or out-of-season student sports participation are as follows:

- A. A practice is defined as a teaching phase of a sport to any present, past or future squad member while a student in grade 7-12 during the school year or during the summer. The school may not sponsor, promote or direct activities which resemble out-of-season practices or contests during the school year or summer.

A school staff member who sponsors, promotes or directs such activities during the summer vacation will clearly indicate that he/she is operating independently of the school district. As such, the school district shall be free of liability associated with the activity.

- B. Students will not participate in a commercial summer camp or clinic or other similar type of activity until the conclusion of the final WIAA state tournament of the school year. Participants in a fall school sports program may not attend any summer camp/clinic in that sport after August 1 until the first fall sports turnout.
- C. A coach (contracted or volunteer) may not sponsor, promote, coach or direct activities which resemble out-of-season practices or contests in the sport he/she coach to any of their squad members or future squad members (grades 7-12) until after the school year's final WIAA state tournament.
- D. The use of the school bulletin board, public address system or school newspaper for promotional purposes to announce sports clinics/camps will fall within the same guidelines as applied to other commercial endeavors.
- E. School facilities to be used for summer activity and/or sports camps may be rented consistent with the rates, rules and regulations applicable for other commercial uses.

A user will hold the district free and without harm from any loss or damage, liability or expense that may arise during or be caused in any way such use of school facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities will not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity group or organization nor for the purposes it represents.