



PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS PROGRAM
AND
RULES & REGULATIONS
FOR THE
STUDENT-ATHLETE

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JURISDICTION:

The “Rules and Regulations” for the Student-Athlete have been approved by the Pennsbury administration and the Board of School Directors and shall apply to any violations, on and off school premises, during the sport season of participation.

PHILOSOPHY:

The primary purpose of the athletic program in the Pennsbury School District is to promote the physical, social, emotional and moral well-being of participants. It is hoped that athletics in our school will be a positive force in preparing youth for an enriching and vital role in American life.

The athletic program is an important and integral part of the total school program and is open to participation; the athlete gives time, energy and loyalty to the program. They also accept the training rules, regulations and responsibilities which are unique to an athletic program. In order to contribute to the welfare of the group, the athlete must willingly assume these obligations because the role demands that the individual make sacrifices not required of others.

PIAA:

All secondary schools in the Pennsbury School District are members of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) and subscribe to the philosophy and intent of its bylaws that pertain to age, awards, attendance, health, transfers and residence, participation, representation, curriculum and seasonal rules, which will be followed. Each coach is responsible to know the rules, inform team members and parents, and to enforce them.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Student-Athletes in the Pennsbury School District must keep in mind they are *always in the public eye* and that their personal conduct will always be subject to the scrutiny of their fellow students, fans, opponents and media. They, therefore, have an obligation to serve as positive role models by subscribing to the following:

1. Showing respect for authority and property
2. Maintaining academic eligibility and training rules
3. Emphasizing the ideals of sportsmanship, loyalty, ethical conduct and fair play
4. Understanding that striving to win is important to success in athletics just as in every facet of life

Any display of unsportsmanlike behavior toward an opponent, official or spectator during the season will result in counseling by the coach and possible suspension from the team.

PRACTICES AND CONTESTS:

Each member of any team is required to make a commitment to that sport during the season. Part of that commitment involves being at every scheduled practice and contest throughout the season. Unexcused absences from scheduled practices/contests will result in:

1. Counseling by the head coach and notification of parents, if necessary; and
2. Suspension from the team and possible dismissal for the remainder of the season if subsequent violations occur.

TRAVEL:

Athletes must travel to and from contests, away from Pennsbury, in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions are:

1. Injury to participant which would require alternate transportation
2. Prior arrangement made in writing between the participant's parent/guardian and the coach for the student to ride with the parent/guardian
3. When school transportation is not provided and alternative means are approved

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS:

Equipment and uniforms are issued to students on a loan basis and are to be worn only when authorized by the coach. If any of the equipment is not returned at the conclusion of the season, an obligation will be issued to the student for the fair cost of replacing it. Until the obligation is resolved, the student will not be eligible for athletic awards and will not be permitted to participate in any future athletic season.

COMPLETION OF SPORTS SEASON:

In order for the student-athlete to be eligible for a letter, team and/or individual awards, it is required that they complete the sports season, including post-season playoffs, tournaments and exhibitions. The only exception will be illness and/or injury which limit participation. No awards will be given to any student-athlete suspended and/or dismissed for the remainder of the season for "Student Conduct Policy" violations; or who has an outstanding obligation with the Athletic Office.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS:

PIAA Board of Control policy prohibits the use of tobacco products by participating and non-participating team personnel, including coaches, during any level of interscholastic athletic competition.

COACHING RULES:

Any additional rules and regulations developed by the head coach of any sport must be approved by the Principal and Athletic Director prior to the season. These additional rules and regulations must be in writing and on file in the Athletic Office.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

1. Student-Athletes should leave all valuables at home or with coaches, not in the locker room.
2. Student-Athletes should be neatly groomed and properly dressed when traveling to any contest.
3. No athlete may quit one sport and try out for another after the season has begun without the mutual consent of both coaches.
4. Any civil law infraction or conduct by a student-athlete that occurs during a sport season that is determined by the administration and head coach to be detrimental to the athletic program, or the school district, will result in counseling by the school administration and head coach and possible suspension/dismissal from the team.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS:

- A. To be eligible for extracurricular activities, a student must pursue a minimum four-year roster as outlined in the Pennsbury School District Program of Studies.
- B. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period and shall be reported on a weekly basis.
- C. In the event that a student is failing one or more subjects, he/she is ineligible to participate in contests for a period of one week. At the discretion of the principal or his/her designee, ineligible students may practice with their team. The weekly ineligibility begins and ends on Monday of each week.
- D. If a student fails one or more subjects for a marking period he/she is ineligible to participate for the first fifteen days of the next marking period beginning on the first day report cards are issued.
- E. A student failing one or more subjects at the end of the school year will be ineligible to participate for the first fifteen days of the next fall semester unless one of the failing grades is made up in summer school.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY:

The Pennsbury School District *Student Conduct Policy* will be strictly adhered to. Violations of the *Student Conduct Policy*, which require administrative action, will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the specific sections as outlined in the manual.

- 1. For example, if a violation involves a suspension, then said athlete will be suspended from practices/contests of that team for those days
- 2. It should be clearly understood that the same standard of behavior and discipline for the regular student shall also apply to the student-athlete and any violations of the “Student Conduct Policy” may result in forfeiture of the privilege to participate on a Pennsbury athletic team.

Attachments: Pennsbury High School Sports Programs
Interscholastic Sports Programs

PENNSBURY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS:

JV/Varsity Sports:

Fall Sports: Regular season begins the second Monday in August through November

Cheer

Cross Country - Boys

Cross Country - Girls

Field Hockey

Football

Golf

Soccer - Boys

Soccer - Girls

Tennis – Girls

Volleyball – Girls

Winter Sports: Regular season begins the second Monday in November through March

Basketball – Boys

Basketball – Girls

Bowling – Boys

Bowling – Girls

Cheer

Swimming – Boys

Swimming – Girls

Winter Track – Boys

Winter Track – Girls

Wrestling

Spring Sports: Regular Season begins the first Monday in March through June

Baseball

Lacrosse – Boys

Lacrosse - Girls

Softball

Tennis – Boys

Track & Field – Boys

Track & Field – Girls

Volleyball – Boys

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS PROGRAMS:

Freshman:

Fall Sports: Regular season begins the second Monday in September through November
Field Hockey
Football

Winter Sports: Regular season begins the first Monday in December through February
Basketball – Boys
Basketball – Girls

Spring Sports: Regular season begins the third Monday in March through May
Baseball
Softball

Middle Schools (Charles Boehm, Pennwood, Wm Penn):

Fall Sports: Regular season begins the second Monday in September through October
Field Hockey
Football – Lightweight
Football – Heavyweight
Soccer – Coed
Volleyball - Girls

Winter Sports: Regular season begins the first Monday in December through February
Basketball – Boys (season begins in January)
Basketball – Girls
Wrestling

Spring Sports: Regular season begins the third Monday in March through May
Baseball
Softball
Track - Coed