

BLACK HAWK SCHOOL 7-12

ACTIVITIES CODE

1. Philosophy

Participation in extra-curricular activities provide a significant extension of the educational experience for Black Hawk students. Athletics and other extra-curricular activities provide opportunities difficult to duplicate in the classroom setting. To ensure that these activities complement Black Hawk's mission, this code emphasizes the following:

- a. In addition to representing themselves, students represent their school, their community, their fellow students, and their families.
- b. Participation in the activities is a privilege which carries certain responsibilities.

In an effort to outline these responsibilities, the Black Hawk School Activity Code establishes the following:

- a. An activities participant must adhere to the academic and training rules set forth in this code.
- b. All students involved in extra-curricular activities and a parent are required to sign a pledge sheet before the student may participate in any activity.
- c. Enforcement of this hand book is the responsibility of the school, parents, and students on a YEAR ROUND BASIS.
- d. This code is enforced on a four year basis and violations accumulate.

2. Eligibility

A. Academic

Academic ineligibility will be tracked every three weeks during a grading term. Students who are earning an F in one or more classes will be ineligible to participate in activities until they are passing each class. Students who are receiving an F in a class will be required to participate in our after school credit reinforcement program until passing. Students can be reinstated by their instructors as soon as they are passing the course. At the end of a grading term, a student who has failed a class for that term is ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for a time period of 15 school days. Grade check will be reported on the Tuesday of each third week of a quarter. Ineligibility period begins on the following Monday.

A student who is enrolled in any state-approved EEN program and who receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.

A student who is ineligible for a minimum of 15 days under the provisions of this section may not return to competition until the school day following the 15-day ineligibility period.

Students who are academically eligible and have their parents and coaches/advisors approval may attend that activity's state tournament/competition that they have participated in that year, without going off waiver hours.

These academic eligibility requirements do apply to students in 7th and 8th grades.

B. Citizenship Grades

In addition, a student's Citizenship Grade will be calculated and reported every three weeks during the listed grade check dates. Students will be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities if they receive the following:

- a. An overall Citizenship Grade of a 1.5 in 3 or more classes.
- b. An overall Citizenship Grade of a 1.0 in 2 or more classes.
- c. A combination of the above two criteria. Example: 2 – 1.5's and 1 – 1.0 mark.

C. A student is ineligible by WIAA policy for athletic competition if he/she:

1. Becomes 19 years old before August 1 of any school year.
2. Attends more than 8 semesters of high school (a semester of eligibility is charged after 40 school days or participation in one interscholastic contest).
3. Enrolls after the 17th day of a semester without extenuating circumstances (i.e. sickness, accident, transfer).
4. Competes in a given sport more than four different seasons.
5. Participates in an all-star contest or similar activity involving participants from more than a given league.

In addition, a student is eligible for athletic competition according to WIAA standards, only if he/she:

1. Maintains amateur status.
2. Does not compete in outside activities in the same sport during the same school season.
3. Has a physical examination at least every other year as confirmed on the WIAA physical examination card or alternate year athletic permit card.
4. Has parent's signed permission on the WIAA card.

3. Personal Conduct

1. All students shall conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect positively on themselves, their family and school while representing Black Hawk High School.
2. Students who use, possess, or are involved with drugs or alcohol, or the use of tobacco in any manner, will be suspended from activities/competitions according to the disciplinary procedure outlined in Section VI. This is a zero tolerance policy. Absolutely no use at ANY time will be allowed-this includes family gatherings or home use with or without parent/guardian presence.
3. Students shall be in attendance at school all day on the day of a contest/competition. An exception can be made at the Principal's discretion for a doctor visit for the purpose of gaining a release to participate, or some other reasonable absence. Permission must be obtained prior to the absence.
4. All participants are expected to attend all practices and competitions unless excused by the advisor/coach of the activity involved.
5. Students may also be disciplined or suspended from participation for showing disrespect to any school employee, coach, or official, or not meeting the requirements of individual coaches/advisors.
6. Violations which occur during a WIAA tournament will result in suspension from the remainder of the tournament series.

4. Transportation Regulations

1. Team members must use the transportation provided by the school to reach the site of the contest or practice and return to school using the same transportation unless parents request otherwise in writing prior to the event. Personal contact by legal parent/guardian must be made with the coach/advisor prior to departure from the event to enable the student to ride in a private vehicle. This parental/legal guardian option is strongly discouraged.
2. Coaches/advisors may enforce their own guidelines in the following areas:
 - a. The degree of talking and singing on the way to or from a contest or practice.
 - b. The consumption of food or beverages.

5. Changing Sports

1. All students will sign an agreement before participating in any sport at BHHS. The intent of this written agreement is to prevent any athlete

from changing sports during the season due to disciplinary action by coaches or administration.

- a. According to the agreement, no student will change sports after the first (1) practice unless his/her present coach agrees to sign a waiver allowing the athlete to switch to a different sport.
2. It is the student's responsibility to inform the coach when dropping or changing a sport.
3. If during participation, any ineligibility period is being served and the student then chooses to quit the sport, the ineligibility period will be re-served before participating in the next sport.

6. Disciplinary Procedure

1. Minor Violations will be handled by the coach/advisor in charge.
 - a. Minor violation will include, keeping late hours, field discipline, lack of cooperation, missing practices, etc.
 - b. Penalties for minor violations will range from a verbal reprimand, suspension from practices/meeting and games/performances up to a maximum of ten school days.
2. Major violations will be handled by the principal/athletic director or his/her designee.
 - a. Major violations take place when a student is involved in the use, possession, buying, or selling of intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs, or the use of tobacco. A student who knowingly attends any party where illegal drinking is occurring will be considered in violation of this code whether or not the student him/herself actually consumes beer, liquor, or illegal drugs.
 - b. Undesirable in school behavior, (suspensions, discipline, etc.). Step 7 placement on the progressive discipline system.
 - c. Conduct unbecoming a Black Hawk Activities Participant.
 - d. Violation of state or local ordinance.
3. Penalties for major violations will be as follows and will be carried over from season to season:

FIRST Major Violation

Group 1 Activity

The penalty for the first major violation will be a suspension from 20 percent of the total number of games for the activity in which the violations occur. A student may agree to voluntarily enroll and compete an assessment program, (when applicable). This agreement will reduce the suspension time to 10 percent. The suspension will carry over from one sport season to another if necessary. Any pre-season or vacation violations will carry the same suspension when the athlete

enters an activity season. Practice attendance will required throughout the suspension period.

Failure to complete the assessment program at any violation level reinstate the full penalty.

Group II Activity

A member of a Group II activity will be ineligible to compete or perform for 14 calendar days from the date of conviction or the start of the next activity. A student may reduce the penalty to 7 calendar days by agreeing to complete an assessment program (where applicable).

SECOND Major Violation

Group I Activity

The penalty for a second major violation will be a suspension from 40 percent of the total number of contests for the activity in which the violation occurs. A student may reduce the penalty to 20 percent of the total contests by voluntarily agreeing to complete an assessment program (when applicable). The suspension will carry over from one season to another if necessary. There will also be loss of team honors (letter, special awards, etc.), loss of captaincy and no All-Conference consideration.

Group II Activity

A member of a group II activity will be ineligible to participate for 30 calendar days from the date of conviction or the start of the next activity. A student may reduce the penalty to 15 calendar days by voluntarily agreeing to complete an assessment program, (where applicable). There will also be a loss of any office held and any awards.

THIRD Major Violation

Suspension from all activities from one calendar year upon conviction of third violation.

FOURTH Major Violation

Permanent suspension

7. Enforcement and Reporting

- A. Valid evidence – any information or evidence considered to be relevant, valid, and accurate by any person(s) reviewing a particular alleged violation shall be

considered. If such information cannot be substantiated on the basis of subsequent investigation, it will be treated as a rumor.

Violations must be reported in writing to the Principal/Athletic Director within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence.

- B. Procedures will be followed which will provide opportunity for the student to have the case reviewed in regard to the violation(s). A copy of the procedure will be made available to a student at the time he/she is notified of an alleged violation or whenever he/she requests an appeal.

A student shall begin a suspension when one or more of the following conditions are met:

- a. The student admits the violations
- b. The principal has met with the student, investigated the case, and determined the student has committed a major violation of the activity code.
- c. Suspensions shall begin immediately after the student has been found to have committed a violation.

8. The Appeal Process

- A. If the student or the parent(s)/guardian(s) are dissatisfied with the decision rendered by the principal they may appeal the decision in writing to the person who made the decision within (5) school days after receipt of the letter notifying them of the decision.
- B. Upon receiving an appeal, the principal shall schedule a meeting with the Activity Board as soon as possible. The student may be accompanied by parent(s) or guardian(s) at the meeting. They will have an opportunity to present evidence and challenge evidence presented against the student at this meeting. This meeting will be conducted by the District Administrator or a designee.

The athlete will remain under suspension during the appeal.

The Activity Board shall consist of:

- a. Principal
- b. Athletic Director/or non –athletic activity advisor
- c. Coach/Advisor of the season
- d. One school board member
- e. One faculty member

C. The school shall consider the decision of the (section 8 A and B) final.

9. Listing of Grouping I and II

Group I

All athletics
Cheerleading
Forensics

Group II

All existing & future clubs
Student Council
Musical
Class Officers
Homecoming Court
Club Officers
Prom Court
FFA
All existing and future counts
Yearbook Staff
Badger Boys/Girls State
National Honor Society
Field Trips (unless academic
Letterman credit is given)
Library
Honors Band
Honors Chorus

10. Penalties for Violations of Group I Activities.

Listed is the number of contests students would have to sit out if they violated the activity code.

Number of Contests	Number of Contest Penalized		
	10%	20%	40%
1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	2
5	1	1	2
6	1	1	2
7	1	1	3
8	1	2	3
9	1	2	4
10	1	2	4
11	1	2	4
12	1	2	5
13	2	3	5
14	2	3	6
15	2	3	6
16	2	3	6
17	2	3	7
18	2	3	7

19	2	4	8
20	2	4	8

ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITIES CODE VIOLATIONS REPORT

Name of Student _____

Grade _____ Date of Report _____

Alleged Code Violation:

Date of Alleged Violation _____

Person Making Report _____

I agree to appear regarding this matter if requested.

Signature

Action Taken as a Result of the Reported Violation:

Comments on Admission or denial of person accused of violation:

Action taken after full investigation (if necessary):

Parents notified of violation and action taken:

Date _____ Method _____ Date

when student is restored to full athletic participation:

Date _____

Additional Comments:

Athletic Teams and Events

Black Hawk is proud of its athletic program and looks forward to the continued growth of its athletic traditions. Athletic events are an important part of high school life, and students are encouraged to participate both as an athlete and as a fan. Students can help ensure everyone's enjoyment of the game by showing courtesy to all around them. All school rules are in effect for those attending athletic events and all other school activities.

Interscholastic Athletics

Fall

Volleyball, Football

Winter

Women – Basketball, Wrestling

Men – Basketball, Wrestling

Spring

Women – Softball, Track

Men – Baseball, Track

Athletic Playing Time

The School District of Black Hawk has established the following guidelines for playing time for athletes. The district philosophy establishes different philosophies at the varying competitive levels.

Black Hawk Playing Time Philosophy:

The Coaches Purpose:

- The coach is to provide an opportunity for student/athletes to have a positive experience.
- The coach should focus on developing sport specific skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-regulation.
- The coach shall communicate her/his expectations with the students, parents, and other key stakeholders.
- The coach should be open and honest with athletes and parent/guardians.
- The coach should be sensitive and compassionate to the student/athlete's perspective.

Playing Time Guidelines (School Sponsored Sports):

Middle School:

Focus on skill development

Focus is not on winning

Work to provide all student/athletes an ample amount of playing time

Junior Varsity:

Focus on skill development

Winning is still not #1 focus, winning does take a small role.

Work to provide all student/athletes an ample amount of playing time

Varsity:

Coach's discretion

Winning Becomes a main focus

Best players play the most – Assuming the following

- Eligibility
- Following team/school rules
- Meeting Coaches expectations

Strive to find playing time for other athletes

- Outcome of game is well in control
- Work other athletes into games when there is a significant point differential
- Seek opportunities to work athletes in throughout the game

Filing a Grievance related to Playing Time

The District would strongly encourage parent/guardian and students to discuss their concerns with each other before either the parent/guardian or child approaches the coach.

Guidelines:

All discussions about playing time should involve the following parameters

- Allow for a 24 hour period to pass after a game
- Be pre-arranged – set a time to meet with the coach

Parent and student should meet with the coach first (all individuals involved shall)

The district would support a student approaching the coach on their own accord

- Be respectful
- Be honest
- Refrain from discussing other athletes

If the parent and student are not satisfied with the explanation/result then they can proceed through the next chain of command in the following order, using the same parameters:

- Athletic Director
- Administration
- School Board

Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility

Any student may practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics after placing on file within the school written evidence attesting to:

- a. Parental permission each school year
- b. Current physical fitness as determined by a licensed physician not less than every other school year.
- c. The acceptance of and understanding of the school's code of conduct on a year round (12 month) basis.
- d. Evidence of health/injury insurance.

PLEDGE SHEET

Return this paper to the athletic director/principal if you wish to participate in athletics or any other activities. This pledge sheet must be signed by both the participant and a parent or legal guardian before participation will be allowed.

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I hereby agree to abide by the policies and regulations listed in the Athletic & Activities Code Handbook.

Signature of Participant

Date

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I, as a parent of legal guardian of the above participant, have read the policies and regulations set forth for athletic and activities participation at Black hawk High School and give my permission for my son or daughter to participate under these conditions. I hereby agree with these policies and regulations and will see that my son or daughter abides by them to the best of my ability. If any of the rules are violated, I will go along with the disciplinary actions taken.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Telephone Number

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I also give permission for the coach or advisor to secure first aid and emergency care for my son or daughter from qualified personnel should he or she requires such assistance.

Signature of Parent/Guardian