



GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT



ATHLETICS POLICY

Sam Barlow High School

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Philosophy

The Inter-Scholastic Athletics Program is an integral part of the total educational program in Gresham-Barlow School District. Participation in athletics offers students a positive opportunity to develop to their full potentials as individuals and as part of a team. Students will demonstrate responsibility toward themselves, team, family, school and community. All students will have access to the program commensurate with their interest and abilities and have complete freedom of choice in selecting activities.

Values and Beliefs

The Athletics Programs in Gresham-Barlow School District will emphasize:

- Individual physical fitness and the need for lifelong physical fitness.
- The safety and individual well-being of the students.
- The development and nurturing of the academic, physical, emotional and social aspects of the individual.
- The development and reinforcement of a positive self-image.

Athletics Rules

1. All athletes are expected to be good citizens and to do satisfactory academic work. According to Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) standards, all athletes must be enrolled in and passing a minimum of 5 classes. They must have also passed 5 classes during any previous semester of high school. Athletes must also be making satisfactory progress toward graduation, which will be evaluated prior to the beginning of the school year as follows:

Minimum Satisfactory Progress Credit Requirements

Credits to Graduate:	24
(70%) - Prior to Grade 10	4.5
(80%) - Prior to Grade 11	10.0
(90%) - Prior to Grade 12	17.0

Failing to meet these requirements will result in loss of eligibility for the entire school year.

2. Any display of misconduct or disruptive behavior while in school or representing the school may result in suspension or dismissal.
3. Disciplinary action by the Coach and/or the Athletics Department may take the form of disqualification, suspension or censure. Serious disciplinary actions are to be accompanied by notification to parents indicating the basis and intended disciplinary measure. The basis for disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to; violation of team rules, violation of school rules, unsportsmanlike conduct, poor citizenship or violation of municipal laws.
4. An athlete may not accept any article or award for athletic skill during the school year other than those approved in OSAA guidelines.
5. If an athlete participated in a sport and quits or is dismissed, he/she will not be allowed to start practicing a sport for a succeeding season until the present season is completed or permission is granted by the Athletics Director.
6. Half day attendance at school the day of a contest or practice is considered a prerequisite to participation.
7. Athletes found truant by the administration are subject to disciplinary action affecting participation in athletics.

8. It is expected that athletes will not chew or smoke tobacco, drink alcohol or use drugs or to have any of these substances in their possession.
9. Athletes are expected to maintain good health habits including hygiene, nutrition, hydration and rest.
10. You may not work out with or become a member of any team until your equipment from a previous season is checked in to a coach or paid for.
11. Athletic equipment issued by the school to athletes is to be properly maintained by the athlete during use and returned as specified.
12. If an athlete is disqualified from a contest for unsportsmanlike behavior and a fine is assessed by the OSAA, the athlete or their family is responsible for payment of the fine.

Unauthorized Possession of Equipment

1. Athletes are to be fully informed of the potential consequences of unauthorized possession of equipment.
2. Minor infractions where intent of the athlete is not clearly established are subject to the discretion of the Athletics Department. In such cases, a student may be suspended from athletic activity and/or school until such apparel, equipment, uniforms, etc. are returned or proper adjustments are made.
3. Serious infractions for which proof has been established that the athlete took wearing apparel, equipment, or uniforms with the intent to keep such, and where the offense is subject to adjudication by administration and law enforcement officials, shall disqualify the athlete from athletic participation as follows:
 - 1st Violation - Suspended for that sport's season.
 - 2nd Violation - Suspended for six months from date of discovery.

Grievance Procedure

Any student who feels that a disciplinary action taken against him/her is unwarranted may appeal through an established grievance procedure. For this procedure, please contact the Athletics Director.

Participation Clearance Procedures

1. All freshmen and juniors will need to have a new physical on file before their sports season begins. Incoming freshmen need a physical dated after January 1 of the year of their entry to Gresham or Sam Barlow High Schools.
2. A Sports Emergency/Travel Release form must be filled out and signed by parent(s) or guardian(s). These forms are required before an athlete may participate in any practice or contest. The Sports Emergency form grants permission for emergency medical attention in the absence of a parent or guardian. The name of the insurance provider must be included on this form, whether student is covered by private or school insurance. Athletes may not participate without insurance coverage.
3. A participation fee is assessed for each student for each season (fall, winter and spring), grades 9-12 (see fee schedule). There is no individual or family maximum.

Sports such as volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball that may have to release potential athletes due to team size limitations will have to pay the participation fee prior to the first practice. In the event that the student is released, a refund will be issued.

A waiver can be granted by the school for the student at the time he/she completes the Fee Statement. Any student who has an approved free or reduced lunch application on file or is eligible can receive a waiver. Any student not eligible for free or reduced lunch but who might need assistance paying the participation fee is encouraged to make his/her situation known to the coach, athletic director, counselor or principal. Fees must be received or waivers granted before students are officially considered a member of the team and / or eligible for competition.

4. Once these items (participation fee, physical, emergency/travel release forms) have been recorded in the athletics office, an athlete will be cleared to participate. A new emergency form will be required each season so that emergency information will be current.