

Black River High School Athletics

Rules of Eligibility

In order to be eligible to represent Black River in athletic contests a student-

1. Must be enrolled by Monday of the fourth week of the semester.
2. Must be under 19 years of age.
3. Shall not be enrolled more than eight semesters. The last two semesters must be consecutive.
4. Shall not compete for more than four seasons.
5. Shall not have been a member of any other team during the season.
6. Shall not have played for money, played under an assumed name, or with players who were playing for money.
7. Must have a Grade Point Average of 2.0 or above and not be failing any class.
8. *Must pass all classes the previous semester*
9. Must not accept any award exceeding \$25.00 in value.
10. Must pass a physical examination and have approval of parents for participation in athletic contests.

Athletic Code

Article I

Expectations

A Black River athlete is expected...

To welcome the privileges of an athlete, but sincerely assume the responsibilities and obligations that go with it.

To agree that studies come first, athletics, important as they may be, are secondary.

To apply the philosophy that nothing worthwhile is accomplished without hard work, application and the "desire to succeed."

To realize that you must work "out of season" as well as during the time you participate.

To sacrifice your own personal "whims" or desires for the good of the group or team.

To value that you and the school are judged by the "company you keep."

To strive always to go first class in appearance, conduct and performance.

To respect and encourage excellence of performance and conduct regardless of who accomplishes it or where.

To recognize that a "true" athlete is one who, despite unjustified criticism, a losing season, or being up against an opponent that is better than he/she, still has the will to go beyond his/her ability.

Article II

General Rules

It is understood that the principal or his designee may suspend a student at any time (12 month policy) when a student's conduct may have a detrimental effect upon the image of Black River Public School.

- A. Conduct of all student athletes, both in and out of school, shall be above reproach, and shall not bring discredit to the athlete, the team, school, parents and community.
- B. Students may not threaten or attack the safety of persons or property (school or personal) physically or verbally. This includes theft or destruction of school or personal property.
- C. Student athletes may not have in their possession and /or use any form of nicotine, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal drug or other un-prescribed drugs.
- D. ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS
 - a. An athlete must be present in school for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school day in order to participate in practice. Exceptions granted by the principal or designee.
 - b. An athlete must be present in school for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school day on the day of a interscholastic competition in order to compete in that competition. Exception granted by the principal or designee.
 - c. An athlete who in on suspension from regular school attendance may not practice or take part in interscholastic competition during said suspension.
- E. All rules are in effect from the date enrolled in Black River until graduation.

Article III

Disciplinary Action

Discipline for infractions for the General Rules shall be handled by the Athletic Director in consultation with Coach involved.

Reports of the infraction shall be reported in writing to the Athletic Director immediately. The athlete has the right of appeal.

Appeals shall be handled by a review board made up of the Head of School, Director of Student Services, a student and citizen appointed by the Head of School.

- A. First offense of A,B, or C above of the General Rules, suspension from 25% of the scheduled games in that sport. Presentation of the award at the end of the season will be at the discretion of the Coach and Athletic Director. The student shall be suspended from the prescribed number of games immediately and successively after the rules infraction has occurred.
- B. Second offense for A, B, or C of the General Rules shall be suspension in that sport for 50% of the scheduled games with loss of award. The student shall be suspended from the prescribed number of games immediately and successively after the rules infraction has occurred
- C. Subsequent offenses shall be a suspension for one (1) calendar year from the date of the offense.
- D. All suspensions will be carried over and fulfilled in their next full season of athletic participation.
- E. This athletic code begins with your entry in Interscholastic competition at Black River and finishes with your graduation.
- F. The athlete will practice with the team throughout the suspension unless otherwise decided by the Athletic Director and Coach.

We the undersigned have read, understand, accept, and pledge to abide by the above athletic code.

Athlete _____

Date _____

Parent _____