



Weymouth High School Athletics

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

(Grades 8-12)

The role of the secondary school is preparation of students to become useful and productive citizens. One of the avenues available to fulfill this goal is our athletic and extracurricular activities. A well developed, coordinated and properly coached program will assist the student in becoming a well-balanced person capable of adjusting to life's changes. *There are no requirements or expectations for student athletes involving participation in out-of-season activities, nor will there be any consequences if they chose [sic] not to participate.

Extracurricular activities are considered an important part of the educational process at Weymouth High School. There are varsity and sub-varsity sports, as well as many clubs and organizations offered to meet the interests of our student body.

In order to be eligible for any athletic team or competitive club/organization at Weymouth High School a student must:

- Be in good academic standing. All students must be passing a minimum of four credits in their major subjects to maintain eligibility: Math; Science; History; English; World Language; CTE (up to 3 credits depending on schedule)
- Have a current physical (within thirteen months of the try-out) on file with the high school nurse. (Athletics only)
- Have a current, signed permission slip.
- Students must pay the designated user fee in order to participate in each sport and extracurricular activities offered.

Individual extra-curricular clubs and organizations may also have eligibility requirements and fees. If the payment of a fee will produce a hardship for a family, the parent or guardian should contact the principal or designee in writing to request a waiver, payment plan or reduction of fees.

*Source: MIAA Rule 40-41 Clarification, MIAA Position on Out-of-Season Activities

Disciplinary Code for Athletics and Extracurricular Activities (Grades 8-12)

Understanding that participation in athletics and extra-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right; the disciplinary code of conduct for Weymouth High School's extracurricular activities, including all clubs, activities, and athletic teams, reflects the desire of the school's advisors/coaches to be consistent in their approach to disciplinary matters. The code increases the standard of responsible behavior expected of participating Weymouth High School students. It is expected that our student participants will be models of proper behavior for the entire student body. This disciplinary code is in effect 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

A Chemical Health Committee made up of the School Principal and/or Principal Designee, Athletic Director and Dean has been established to oversee the implementation of the disciplinary code. The committee could also include the School Resource Officer, School Health Official, Event Staff, and/or Faculty Member.

When a student who participates in an extracurricular activity or athletics is reported to have been found in violation of the Disciplinary Code, the Chemical Health Committee will convene. The Chemical Health Committee will verify, and authenticate the reported information. Once the reported information, as it relates to a violation, is verified and deemed actionable, insofar as it requires a meeting with the student, the Chemical Health Committee will conduct a hearing to provide the student in question with due process prior to assigning any consequences. In each case, the student's parents or guardians will be invited to the hearing. Should the parent/guardian of the student(s) in question decide not to attend, for whatever reason, the Chemical Health Committee is authorized to conduct a hearing as needed without a parent or guardian in attendance. Due to the need to expedite this kind of hearing to avoid potential issues related to the forfeiture of an athletic contest, (see MIAA rules) the hearing will be scheduled at the earliest possible time, including during the course of the school day.

Alcohol, tobacco, electronic smoking device (vaping) or controlled substance violation: A student shall not, regardless of the quantity; use, consume, possess, buy, sell or give away any beverage containing alcohol, tobacco/tobacco-like or nicotine product, or controlled substance including marijuana, synthetics, steroids, or any other controlled substance. This policy includes products such as "NA or near beer". This policy also includes refusing a search when there is suspicion of a chemical health violation.

First Violation: When the Chemical Health Committee confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation has occurred, the student will either lose eligibility for the next 50% of consecutive athletic/club/extracurricular events in which the student is a participant for the entire season. (e.g., student in violation right before first game of 20 game basketball season...student will miss 10 games) or will lose eligibility for the next 25% of consecutive athletic/club/extracurricular events for the entire season in which the student is a participant and will enroll in the DART program offered by the Weymouth Police Department. The possibility of dismissal from the team or club is also at the discretion of the principal/advisor/coach. This information will be shared with the student and parent/guardian at a Chemical Health Violation meeting, facilitated by the Athletic Director and School Administration. The 50% or 25% will carry over to the next athletic/club/extracurricular activity in which the student will be involved. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at the activity/practice for the purpose of rehabilitation.

Second Violation: When the Chemical Health Committee confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation has occurred during the same calendar year, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests (regular season and tournament) totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. The student must enroll in DART to be considered for reinstatement to the team or club. The possibility of dismissal from the team or club is also at the discretion of the principal/advisor/coach. This information will be shared with the student and parent/guardian at a Chemical Health Violation meeting, facilitated by the Athletic Director and School Administration. It is recommended that the student be allowed to remain at the activity/practice for the purpose of rehabilitation.

**In every case of a Chemical Health Violation, the Hearing Committee has jurisdiction to impose a greater penalty based on the findings presented at the hearing.*

Penalties will be cumulative each (365 day) year. If the penalty period is not completed during the “season” of violation, the penalty shall carry over to the student’s next team, club, or extracurricular activity in which he/she participates, which may affect the eligibility status of the student during the next academic year.

If a student, in violation of this rule, is unable to participate in a club, team or extracurricular activity or event due to injuries or academics, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again.

Captain/ Elected or Appointed Official

If a student is found in violation of the Chemical Health Policy, the student will be ineligible to be elected or named captain of an athletic team or president/leader of any extra-curricular activity (including class office) for one (365 day) year. This will go into effect on the date of the Chemical Health Committee meeting. This may result in the student being stripped of titles and captaincies.

Weymouth High School Grading System Unweighted

A+	97-100(4.3)	C+	77-79	(2.33)
A	93-96 (4.0)	C	73-76	(2.0)
A-	90-92 (3.67)	C-	70-72	(1.67)
B+	87-89 (3.33)	D+	67-69	(1.33)
B	83-86 (3.0)	D	63-66	(1.0)
B-	80-82 (2.67)	D-	60-62	(.67)
		F	Below 60	(.00)

Student Example:

Algebra 1	B-	2.67
Biology	C+	2.33
Latin	D-	.67
Foods 1	C-	1.67
US History 1	D-	.67
Phys Ed	D	1.0

GPA 9.01 divided by 6 courses = 1.5 GPA

In this case, this student's GPA is 1.5. Since it is below 2.0, the student will be placed on academic probation.

Any student found to be on academic probation will be expected to complete 3 supervised hours of instruction per week in the deficient subject areas. Each student on academic probation may complete these hours three ways:

- Attending Afternoon Homework Hot Spots
- After School extra help or study hall extra help with a teacher
- Extra help given by student tutor

Each student will be given a form to have signed by the teacher or staff member verifying the completed hour or hours. At the end of the week, each coach or advisor will collect the form from the student. If the student did not complete the hours necessary, the student may forfeit the right to be part of the extracurricular activity. A student will be considered "off" academic probation when the student has demonstrated by the mid-term progress report or a report card that the student has a GPA of 2.0 or better.

Rules of Eligibility

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and Weymouth School Committee formulate rules and regulations governing interscholastic athletics at Weymouth High School. Among the rules are age, residency and scholastic eligibility qualifications. Specific information regarding these requirements may be obtained from your coach, the principal or the athletic director. Rules governing participation in any extra-curricular activity shall be the same as the rules governing the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association Eligibility Rules. The minimal eligibility standard for interscholastic athletics applies to all extracurricular activities in which students represent Weymouth High School. If a student fails to meet the eligibility requirements, the student may not participate in activities or athletics. In the case of an elected activity such as an office to student government or class, the elected official will be removed from office for the next marking quarter. In the event that a student fails to meet eligibility for a second time, the student will be removed from the activity or office immediately.

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