

Dual-Sport Participation Policy Northeastern Local School District

1. Both coaches, and the Athletic Director, must agree for a student-athlete to participate in more than one sport in a given season.
2. If both coaches agree, a dual sport participation form must be completed, turned in to the Athletic Director and the student-athlete must follow the guidelines set down by the athletic department involving dual sport participation.
3. Once a primary and secondary sport is declared, that decision can not be changed without completion of a new dual sport form (all signatures re-required).
4. The student-athlete, his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and coaches must set up an appointment with the Athletic Director and Principal for discussion of the following topics: academics, selection of a primary sport and a secondary sport, commitment to teams, time management, and resolution of potential conflicts.
5. Practice and Game/Meet requirements must be established prior to the sport season. Contests take precedence over practice, and the primary sport contests take precedence over secondary sport contests. This should be detailed in writing after a conference between the athletic director and coaches involved.
6. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the sport season. The student-athlete then will participate in the primary sport only.
7. If both coaches cannot agree, the student-athlete must choose which sport he/she will be involved in.
8. Additionally, the student-athlete interested in playing dual sports **MUST** have a cumulative GPA of 2.3 and be academically eligible at the start of the season.

Other Rules of Dual-Sport Participation

1. A student-athlete who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must designate a primary sport before the beginning of the first appointed date of practice set by OHSAA for the season of participation.
2. A primary sport is defined as the sport, which takes precedence over another sport, in the event there is a conflict of schedule or any other matter that could lead to a conflict. The student-athlete must adhere to the primary sport in the event of any and all conflicts of schedule. If one sport has a contest and the other has practice, the contest will take precedence.
3. The student-athlete must practice in both sports but the amount of practice time must meet the agreed requirements of the head coaches of those sports involved.
4. Conflicts must be minimal and not to exceed 25% of the season.
5. The student-athlete, parent(s)/legal guardian(s), coaches, Athletic Director and Principal must sign a contract of dual-sport participation before the first practice session he/she attends.
6. In the event that a student-athlete is disciplined for any infraction in a specific sport, the consequence will also be applied to the second sport in the season of dual participation.
7. The Athletic Director and the Principal will serve in the capacity of advisors and final judgments on matters concerning dual-sports participation.

Request for Dual Sport Participation

It is the intention of the student-athlete named below to participate in two sports during the same season. In order for this to occur, the previous stipulations must be met.

Name of Athlete: _____

Primary Sport: _____

Secondary Sport: _____

Practice and Game/Meet Requirements (attach calendar):

Additional Stipulations:

By signing below, all parties are in agreement for the athlete to participate in dual sports during the same season.

Signature of Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Head Coach-Primary

Date

Signature of Head Coach-Secondary

Date

Signature of Athletic Director

Date

Signature of Principal

Date