



Spencer Middle School

Athletic Code

2024-2025

LEGAL REFERENCE: Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes
120.13(1)

CROSS REFERENCE: 373-Rule
Athletic Code
WIAA Handbook

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SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

The following set of regulations and rules have been adopted as the Athletic Code for students participating in athletics. This set of regulations will be in effect during the athlete's entire time of attendance At Spencer Middle School. This policy is in effect for the entire calendar year, including all on and off season time

The School Board wants the parents of our athletes to know the regulations. To make this part of your child's education more defined, you are asked to sign the attached form along with your son's/daughter's signature and return it to the school.

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. Pre-requisites

1. Before an athlete can participate in any sport season, he/she must have the following on file in the high school office:
 - a) WIAA physical Card (every two years) or alternate year card when the physical is not required.
(Physical card is valid for two years if completed by April 1st)
 - b) Athletic Code
 - c) Emergency card

B. Academics

1. Grade checks will be done every three weeks. If a student is failing any classes they will be placed on academic probation for athletics. Over the next three weeks they must improve their grades or make reasonable progress as assessed by the principal, athletic director, or school counselor or they may become temporarily ineligible for competition. Eligibility for the three week grade check can be reinstated at any time by the principal or their designee.
2. EEN (Exceptional Educational Needs) students will be expected to obtain passing grades for classes in which they are mainstreamed; unless noted in the IEP. Satisfactory progress toward IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives shall be considered passing in classes for which EEN students are not mainstreamed.

C. Attendance

1. A student who misses any portion of a day for illness or unexcused absence shall not be permitted to compete in practiced or scheduled contest on that day.
2. Excused absences for death in family, religious holiday, prior excused medical/dental appointment or pre-excused absences will allow students to participate or compete.

II. **CONDUCT**

A. **Expectations**

1. An athlete shall be subject to disciplinary action at any time for violations:
 - a. Involving the use of alcohol or tobacco, tobacco related products/devices, electronic cigarettes, buying or selling of drugs.
 - b. Attendance at events/parties where drugs and/or alcohol are being consumed and/or taken by minors
 - c. Habits or conduct that would reflect unfavorably on the athlete or the school (this may include but not limited to; hazing, harassment, discrimination, bullying, and other acts prohibited by Wis. Law)

B. **Disciplinary Action**

1. Upon a report of a violation, the Principal, Athletic Director and Coach will meet with the student involved to determine the validity of the report.
2. Upon determination that a student has committed a violation, the athletic panel, consisting of the principal, athletic director, and coach will meet and make a final decision and so inform the parents by telephone, email, or letter regarding the decision. The date of the decision will represent the initial day of suspension.

C. **Consequences for violation of rules**

1. 1st violation—the student athlete cannot participate for 25% of the games scheduled in the sport that they are a participant. If insufficient number of games remain, suspension shall carry over to the next season.
2. 2nd violation—50% of games
3. 3rd violation—suspension for one full year
4. 4th violation—end of MS participation

III. **TRAVEL**

1. All athletes must travel on the team bus to and from a contest. The only exception is if the athlete's parent/guardian is present at the site, and requests that their son/daughter leave with them. The request must be made in person to the coach in charge.
2. Any exceptions would have to be approved by the coach in advance.

IV. **EQUIPMENT**

1. Any school uniform or equipment that is issued must be returned or paid for before the athlete may participate in his/her next sport.
2. School issued uniforms and equipment are not to be used for physical education or personal use.

