

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Interscholastic athletics exists as an integral part of the district's secondary school educational program. To that end the Holland Patent Central School District provides an extracurricular athletic program. Coaches with qualifications and coaching experience acceptable to the Board of Education will be employed to provide comprehensive instruction.

The educational benefits achieved by the athletic program shall justify the use of public funds and school facilities. The athletic program is intended to fulfill the following objectives under the direction of the Athletic Director:

1. To give primary consideration to the well being of individual boys and girls in the conduct of games and sports related activities.
2. To sacrifice no individual, physically or emotionally, for the sake of winning events.
3. To conduct all activities under adequate safety precautions.
4. To equalize in so far as possible the powers of opponents in individual and group athletic competition.
5. To provide adequate health examinations prior to participation in athletic activities and periodically throughout the season as necessary and to permit no participation in athletic activities without the approval of the school physician.
6. To provide the same degree of opportunity for participation in athletic activities of both boys and girls.
7. To permit no participation in post-schedule games, tournaments or events other than those conducted and approved by school authorities in accordance with this philosophy.
8. To recognize and develop an appreciation that good sportsmanship extends to all levels of participation and competition.
9. To provide instruction to participants in appropriate conduct on and off the field, games ethics, and sportsmanship.
10. To engender a respect for the rules, policies, history, and role of sports and competition.

All teams representing the Holland Patent Central School District must conform to this philosophy.

The district may, at its discretion, sponsor intramural activities for grades 4-6. These programs shall provide the opportunity for instruction, practice, and competition.