

ATHLETIC & CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACT

2025-2026

MANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
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Purpose

The dedication, desire, and discipline are integral parts of being involved with co-curricular activities. Without pursuing these ideals, the student can in no way do justice to themselves or the school. The student must be able to discipline themselves to achieve excellence.

The faculty/administration of Manville High School believes that the tradition of success is established and maintained upon these principles. For a determined course of action for the pursuit of achievement and the character training of young persons, the following "Athletic/Co-curricular Policies," in addition to the Student Handbook, must be understood and agreed upon between the school, the student, and parents:

Attendance

All members of each sport/activity will attend all scheduled practices and meetings. No practices can be missed by the student-athlete.

1. If circumstances arise whereby the student cannot attend a practice or meeting, the coach or advisor must be notified before the practice or meeting is missed by either personal contact, a phone call, or written statement from the parent or guardian.

2. Any student, who cuts practice, fails to appear for a game or event, fails to make scheduled team or individual meetings, or fails to attend school on game day or practice days, will be disciplined as determined by the coach/advisor and Vice Principal/Athletic Director.

   All members of each sport/ club/activity will attend all scheduled meetings. **All medically excused students must report to their club/activity if they are in school that day. If three (3) meetings/practices are unexcused or missed without being excused by the advisor/coach then at "coach/advisor" discretion is removed from the sport/club/activity. The coach/ advisor will call the parent/guardian when the student is in jeopardy of being removed from the club/activity.** Excessive absences from practices, games/events, meetings, and school may be cause for removal from the sport or activity.

3. All students are required to attend class(es) regularly. Students delinquent in class(es) attendance are subject to disciplinary action. Lack of attendance in class(es) may fail class(es) work, resulting in ineligibility in athletics/co-curricular activities. **Lack of attendance; in classes may fail in-class work, resulting in ineligibility in athletics/co-curricular activities. (BOE Policy 5240).**

4. **Blood Drive or Giving Blood: A student who donates blood during a school blood drive will not participate in practice and/or athletic games that day.**

Athletic Department Code of Civil Conduct

We, the Manville High School Athletic Department, pledge to demonstrate commitment to fair play and civil courtesy. Under no circumstances will we disrespect a player, referee, or fan, for we realize our actions and statements reflect our school and community. We will promote good sportsmanship and citizenship on or off the field. Home or away, win or lose, we promise to respect all members involved.

R 5570 SPORTSMANSHIP

Individuals who violate Manville School District Policy No. 5570, Sportsmanship, shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions to be imposed by the Principal or their designee:

A.. Violations shall be dealt with in the following manner:

1. First Offense - warning by the Principal or their designee.

2. Second Offense - short-term suspension from the athletic or intramural program; duration to be determined by the Principal or designee, but not to exceed ten (10) school days.

3. Third Offense - long-term suspension; up to one (1) school year from the athletic or intramural program.

4. Fourth Offense - permanent expulsion from participation in the athletic or intramural program by the Principal.

B. The determination of the Principal or their designee may be appealed to the Superintendent, who shall determine within ten (10) working days.

C. A determination by the Superintendent resulting in a long-term suspension or expulsion from the athletic or intramural program may be appealed to the Board of Education, which may hold a hearing on the matter and render a determination of the matter within thirty (30) calendar days.

SPORTSMANSHIP

2025-2026 NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations

Section 1. Statement of Administrative Responsibility:

Member schools ("The Association") are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in a spirit of good sportsmanship in keeping with the objectives we have set for ourselves. Everyone involved must clearly see their influence and act by all established rules/policies/procedures.

The Association acknowledges that the school administration is responsible for the athletic program, including the making of broad and specific policies relating to sportsmanship and the conduct of activities in the schools. The school Principal, for example, as the administrative head of their school, is responsible for establishing the principles of good sportsmanship in the minds of the entire school family. The student athlete realizes that the kind of sportsmanship that is practiced or displayed by the representatives of their school will reflect its credit or otherwise.

Hazing (Initiating)

Hazing is a process, based on tradition, that is used by groups to maintain a hierarchy (i.e., a pecking order) within the group. Regardless of consent, the rituals require individuals to engage in activities that are physically and/or psychologically stressful. These activities can be humiliating, demeaning, intimidating, and exhausting, all of which results in physical or emotional discomfort. Hazing is about group dynamics and proving one's worthiness to become a member of a specific group. The newcomer, or victim, is hazed. Once accepted by the group, the victim may become a bystander, watching others get hazed, achieve senior status, and ultimately become a perpetrator of hazing.

In New Jersey, hazing is a separate **criminal offense under N.J.S.A. 2C:40-3**

Statutory Definition The statute sets forth the following definition for hazing: A person is guilty of hazing, a disorderly persons offense, if, in connection with initiation of applicants to or members of a student or fraternal organization, they knowingly or recklessly organizes, promotes, facilitates or engages in any conduct, other than competitive athletic events, which places or may place another person in danger of bodily injury (N.J.S.A. 2C:40-3(a)). ***A person is guilty of aggravated hazing, a crime of the fourth degree, if they commit an act defined as hazing that results in serious bodily injury to another person (N.J.S.A. 2C:40-***

Hazing of any student on or off school property is prohibited. Any student or group of students who has initiated another student or group of students on or off school property is liable for disciplinary action.

Section 5. General Prohibition Against Performance Enhancing Drugs:

It shall be considered a violation of the Sportsmanship Rule for any student-athlete to possess, ingest or otherwise use any of the substances on the list of banned substances, without written prescription by a fully-licensed physician, as recognized by the American Medical Association, to treat a medical condition. Violations found as a result of NJSIAA testing shall be penalized in accordance with this policy. Violations found as a result of a member school's testing shall be penalized in accordance with the school's policy. **The NJSIAA policy shall consist of this general prohibition, the NJSIAA Steroid Testing Procedures, the NJSIAA Steroid Testing Protocol and the NJSIAA Banned Drug Classes.**

Sport/Club Changes

1. It is recommended that all students participate in as many sports/activities as they are capable. Once a student begins the in-season training period of a sport or signs up for a club, they should not quit while that sport is in season or for the school year.

2. Any athlete who quits a sport to participate in another sport shall be subject to being withheld from participation until the season of the sport dropped by the athlete is over. It shall be the prerogative of the coach of the in-season sport to release the athlete to another sport.

3. No athlete may participate in a second sport until the athlete has been cleared from the first sport by obtaining a written release. When an athlete is released, that athlete shall be free to try out for any sport of their choosing. The head coach of that sport shall have the right to determine if the athlete shall remain on the squad.

Personal Appearance

1. Because students involved in extracurricular activities are constantly in the eyes of the public, they become a representative of the school and community and are considered to be in a position of leadership. Therefore, the student's personal appearance not only reflects their attitudes but those whom they represent.

2. Hygiene must be such that it is not harmful to the student's well being while participating in extracurricular competition. Students will be required to abide by the rules established by the coach/advisor of the particular sport/activity in which they are participating.

3. Lack of adherence to the above rules may result in the student being held out of practice or games. Failure to comply after further notification may result in suspension from the team/activity and/or removal from the team/activity. The Manville High School Dress Code as well as all school policies are in effect for all school-sponsored activities including sports banquets.

Personal Health Practices

1. Due to the harmful effect upon the health of the individual, all students involved in extracurricular activities will refrain from the use of tobacco; vaping, alcoholic beverages; abusive drugs of any kind.
2. Verification of drinking of alcoholic beverages, the use of abusive drugs, or chewing/smoking of tobacco products, smoking/vaping by the student will result in an immediate investigation by the administration.
3. If a student-athlete is found to be in violation, the procedures are established in implementation of Policy 5530.

Parental Involvement

1. Parents must model excellent behavior for their children and the community. We expect all adults to behave properly at games and/or events. Language should always be respectful when addressing coaches, advisors, students, and officials. Not only are our athletes representing Manville, but so are our fans.

2. The Athletic Director and Administrator(s) can help with issues and/or problems. It is also important for parents to be involved positively; we ask for all parents to join the parental organization that supports their child.

3. If there is a need to contact a coach, it should be well after an event or contest, not during the event or contest, nor directly after.

Equipment, Fees, and Physical Examination

All students will be required to replace lost gear either by payment or with the equivalent of the lost article. Fines will be issued for lost/damaged equipment. Students will not be issued report cards, schedules, or uniforms for another sport until all fines are paid in full.

Student Valuables

Students are cautioned not to bring electronic devices, especially those that are prohibited from being used in school during the course of the school day, or large amounts of money to school. If they wear glasses or watches, it is their responsibility to keep track of them at all times. Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal property. If it is necessary to bring more money than needed to pay for lunch, students may leave it at the office for safe keeping. Valuables should not be left in your hall locker or gym locker. If any item is missing, you must report it to the main office immediately.

School Decorum

All students are expected to govern their conduct in accordance within the rules and regulations of the "Student Handbook"; violation of the student's obligations under that handbook may result in removal from a team or activity.

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Requirements

1. To be eligible for all sports and activities the student must be in compliance with the Manville High School policies concerning incorrect or illegal enrollment and the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association when applicable. Manville High School adheres to the eligibility rules of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. Thus, to play a sport/or to be involved in an activity in which you represent the school in any semester, the following credits schedule must have been earned in the preceding semester (including summer school credit*):

	First Semester	Second Semester
Grade 9	30	15
Grade 10	30	15
Grades 11-12	30	15

* **There is no credit requirement for incoming students from middle school (8th grade).**

In the event the failing grade is for the fourth/final marking period, it is understood that the student must earn the appropriate credits, summer school, or make-up work; to recover the credit(s) before the student may participate in the next Fall Athletic/Co-curricular season of participation.

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2. A student receiving more than ***one (1) failing grades on a report card*** will be required to attend "after-school tutorial academic sessions" in order to make up for missing assignments and to raise grades through structured support.

3. Any student failing more than three (3) classes may practice/participate but not play or dress for athletic games, compete or **go on outside school trips, until the following marking period ends, at which time satisfactory progress in all subjects must be evident before resuming athletics and/or activities.**

4. A student may be suspended from participation in interscholastic athletics/activities at the discretion of the Administration.

5. The Administration should be informed of any continual discipline problems concerning any students participating in activities/sports.

6. A student will be excluded from participating in all activities during the year if he/she receives

Point Violations:

35-Points- Loss of after-school activities for one week (sports, clubs, school play, etc.)

45-Points- Loss of Early Dismissal/ Late Arrival (Seniors)

50-Points- Loss of after school activities for two weeks (mandatory counseling session(s) with appropriate staff)

60- Points- Sophomore/Junior probation for the senior driving privilege

- Loss of Early Dismissal/Late Arrival (Juniors Only)-Once on probation (Driving)
- One (point) Senior Year means loss of parking privileges.

100-Points- Social Probation Loss of all school activities

150+ Points- In-School Suspension

This policy will not preclude an administrator from suspending or assigning other consequences for severe and/or continuous infractions.

6. A student excluded from one (1) athletic/co-curricular activity for disciplinary reasons may not participate in another athletic/co-curricular activity during that season/year.

7. **Any appeals on the policies of this contract must be submitted, in writing, to the principal within three (3) days of the suspension (See Student Handbook).**

Closing

A student-athlete will not be permitted to participate in practices, scrimmages, or games unless they and a parent/guardian have signed the Manville High School Athletic/Co-Curricular Contract. These signatures represent your understanding of the Manville High School Athletic/Co-Curricular Contract and that you will abide by its provisions.

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