Foley Public Schools Adopted by the Board: 04-23-2018

662 MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Resolved, that this governing Board of School District No. 51, Foley Public Schools, County of Benton, State of Minnesota, delegates the control, supervision, and regulation of inter-scholastic athletic and other co-curricular activities (referred to in Minnesota Statutes, Section 123.17 and 123.38) to the Minnesota State High School League, and so hereby certifies to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by Minnesota Statutes, Section 129.121.

Further resolved, that the high School is authorized by this, the governing Board of said School District to renew its membership in the Minnesota State High School League and participate in the approved inter-scholastic activities sponsored by said League and its various subdivisions, and

Further resolved, that this governing Board hereby adopts the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of said League and all Amendments.

CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

Regulations governing co-curricular eligibility will be printed in the Foley High School Student Handbook. The regulations are in compliance with official Minnesota State High School League regulations.

INTER-SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

The Foley School District Board believes individual students will benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experience in self-discipline and their contribution to team effort made possible through competitive inter-school activities.

It is the Boards policy to provide high school students with inter-scholastic athletic competition in a variety of sports. Students will be allowed to participate in individual sports on the basis of their physical condition and desire. Qualified personnel will be provided for coaching and supervising individual sports.

The purpose of high school athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many boys and girls as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the first consideration. This should be done without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school community.
It is recognized that an athletic program which is organized and conducted well is a potent factor in the morale of a high school student body and an important phase of good community-school relations.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The program of Intermediate School co-curricular activities shall be designed to grant maximum benefit to students, parents, community, and school. All students will have an opportunity to participate. Practices and games will be held at the most convenient time for all parties concerned. Full consideration will be given to the fact that the co-curricular schedule should enhance the co-curricular program.

At such times that the Intermediate students enter into competition with other schools it will be deemed a training session for all members of the team, with participation for all students the goal. Full student participation will not be sacrificed for the sake of winning a game or meet. Equal opportunity for participation will be provided for girls and boys.

All Intermediate co-curricular activities will be governed by the basic rules established by the Minnesota State High School League and the Rum River Code of Conduct.

9TH/JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS

The Junior Varsity Teams are to be composed mainly of sophomores and juniors. If a ninth grader has the ability to participate at the JV level, he or she will not participate on the 9th grade teams. The coach, parents, and activities director will confer and develop an individual plan for the athlete.

Coaches and directors will set up practice schedules in all areas prior to their first meeting and attempt to adhere to this schedule as much as possible. Curfews will be set by the coaches. Regular school hours will be avoided in scheduling practices or contests, whenever possible. At all times the safety and well being of the student will be of prime consideration.

COMPETITIVE TRIPS-MEALS AND LODGING

1. No meals for teams that play within a 75 mile radius of Foley. (Exception-teams that compete in an all day event and miss two meals-box lunch provided for first meal and $3.00 for second meal.)

All day events that require one or more meals: one box lunch and a $3.00 average on the other two meals.

LODGING

1. One day event or tournament

    a. Teams will travel to the contest and return home on the same day

    b. With administrative discretion, teams may stay overnight provided an extended field trip form is approved.

2. Two day tournaments (two successive days)

   a. Teams that compete in a tournament within a 90 mile radius:

      1) Travel to and from tournament each day. (Exception-if the cost of lodging becomes less expensive than the transportation costs for the two day trip)
      2) If team competes at a scheduled time which prohibits travel time and reasonable rest time for students they will be allowed to stay overnight.

   b. Teams that compete in a tournament beyond a 90 mile radius:
      1) If the team competes the next day they will be allowed to stay overnight after the first day of competition.

STATE TOURNAMENT ATTENDANCE

A. Policy when Foley does not have a team or individual involved in state tournament competition.

   1. Athletes, Cheerleaders, Managers

      a. Allowed to attend one day of the state tournament during which Competitive Class teams are involved (usually the first day of competitive class sessions)

      b. Transportation to be provided by the school district.

      c. Tickets to be purchased by the school district for tournament squad or, in some individual sport cases, for members that have participated in at least half the team games or matches.

      d. Other members of the athletic teams who did not make the tournament squad may attend the tournament and be provided transportation but must purchase his or her own ticket.

      e. Varsity cheerleaders for that team may attend the Competitive Class session and will be provided transportation and tickets.

      f. Two student managers may attend the Competitive Class sessions with the squad and be provided transportation and tickets. Any other managers may also attend but must purchase his or her own ticket.

   2. Coaches

      a. The Varsity and one Junior Varsity or Ninth Grade coach will be allowed to attend all day of the state tournaments in his or her sport that involves Competitive Class competition, if tourney does not involve school days.

b. The Varsity and one Junior Varsity or Ninth Grade coach will be provided tickets for all Competitive Class sessions.

c. Junior High coaches will be reimbursed for tickets to the state tournament they have attended.

d. It will be the responsibility of the Varsity and one Junior Varsity or Ninth Grade coach to chaperone the student bus on the day designated for the team cheerleaders and managers to attend the tournament.

e. Other than the day the coaches chaperone the student bus, they will be responsible for their own meals and lodging.

B. Policy when Foley has a team involved in state tournament competition.

1. Teams

a. Official squad: Number of players, coaches, managers, and faculty representatives designated by MSHSL guidelines. Any additions are at school expense. School to decide on extenuating circumstances.

b. Lodging: Lodging arrangements are made by the MSHSL.

c. Transportation: MSHSL guidelines

d. Meals: MSHSL guidelines

2. Other team/program members

a. Students in grades 7-12 who have successfully completed their respective seasons may be considered eligible for state attendance and may be allowed to attend everyday of the state tournament; however, students must be in good standing at their building's attendance center.

b. Coaches of respective teams will serve as chaperones.

c. The district will provide transportation at an appropriate fee. $3.00 per student will be the norm but this may be adjusted by the activities director.

d. Students will be responsible for payment of tickets.

e. Students will be responsible for meals.

3. Cheerleaders

a. Squad size: MSHL Guidelines plus one advisor or chaperone.

b. Lodging and Meals: MSHSL guidelines

c. Transportation: MSHSL guidelines

4. Band

a. Band size: MSHSL guidelines. Additional members may be included but the school will be assessed ticket prices for each member over guidelines.

b. Lodging: The band will travel to and from on each day tournament competition.

c. Transportation: MSHSL guidelines

d. Meals: MSHSL guidelines

C. Policy when Foley has individual athletes participating in a state tournament:

1. Actual participants, varsity, and assistant coaches (2), and one manager will be allowed to travel to the state tournament.

a. Lodging: The above mentioned parties will be provided lodging for the amount of time and days they will be involved in competition.

b. Transportation: MSHSL guidelines

c. Meals: MSHSL guidelines

2. Other team/program members in grades 7-12 may attend individual state tournaments using same guidelines as above, except attendance will be at the discretion of the coach, activities director, and building principal.

3. Cheerleaders

a. Attendance: Allowed to attend on any day a Foley participant is involved.

b. Lodging will not be provided.

c. Transportation: Provided by school district (spectator bus or school car)

d. Meals: MSHSL guidelines

4. Band: There will be no band involvement for individual competition.

D. Policy for non-team/program members (spectators) when Foley is participating in the state tournament:

   a. Students in grades 7-12 may be eligible to attend individual and team competition with parent/guardian permission.

   b. Students must have advance make-up slips.

   c. Students must be in good standing at their buildings attendance center. The definition of good standing will be defined by each building principal.

   d. Busses may be scheduled for transportation to state tournaments at the discretion of the activities director. Students in grade 6 and below may ride busses only when accompanied by parent or guardian. Busses will be dependent upon demonstrated interest as well as spectator capacities at the host facility.

   e. Parents/Guardians are urged to require their children to utilize school transportation.

   f. Students may be required to sign in at the tournament site or present proof of attendance (i.e. ticket stubs) for absence to qualify as excused.

E. Policy for non-team/program members(spectators) when Foley is not participating in the state tournament.

   a. Students who attend the tournament with a parent or guardian permission may be excused from school.

   b. Students must have advance make-up slips.

   c. Students must be in good standing at their building's attendance center. The definition of good standing will be defined by each building principal.

   d. Students may be required to sign in at the tournament site or present proof of attendance (i.e. ticket stubs) for absence to qualify as excused.

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