

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

Failing 2 or more subjects. Reported weekly (every Monday)

## **TRAINING RULE VIOLATIONS**

Alcohol, tobacco, vaping, etc.

Out for % of original schedule

## **STATE DISQUALIFICATION POLICY** (Removal from an event)

Includes Coach, Player, and Parent/Spectator. Out for a certain # of games and then meet with Athletic Director before returning (if you are able to return, based on the offense)

## **TRANSPORTATION TO AWAY CONTESTS**

All players and team personnel will ride to and from all athletic contests on transportation approved and provided by the school district. A student-athlete may ride home with his/her parent/guardian with the approval of the coach and the parent/guardian signing the transportation release form provided by the coach. Permission for a student-athlete to leave with any other individual(s), other than another parent/guardian will not be given. Please note, a student-athlete may receive permission to ride home with another team parent/guardian provided he/she presents a written permission slip (or email) from his/her respective parent/guardian and gets this approved by the Athletic Director in advance before end of school day (2:40pm) on day of contest. If weekend event, then by the end of the school day the Friday before. The student athlete will present this permission slip with the Athletic Director's signature of approval to his/her respective coach. In special cases, parents/guardians may request to provide transportation to a contest for their child only. In such cases, the request must be made in writing in advance to the Athletic Director. A student is prohibited to transport themselves or ride with another student, to or from an event.

## **SCHOOL ISSUED EQUIPMENT**

Failure to return and you will be put on the “no extracurricular activities list” until returned or paid for. No Dances, sporting events, sports, etc. It is the student athlete’s responsibility to return.

## **CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION**

From time to time during the course of an athletic career in our school, parents/guardians and student-athletes may have questions or concerns that need to be addressed. **The team coach is the best source of information.** The student-athlete should address concerns directly with his/her team coach. If, after speaking with the coach you are not satisfied, the next step would be for the parent/guardian to speak to the coach and then, if necessary, the varsity coach. The final step if you are still not satisfied would be for the parent/guardian and/or student-athlete to communicate with the athletic director. Please be advised that anonymous concerns will not be addressed.

## **SQUAD SELECTION**

In accordance with our philosophy of athletics and our desire to see as many students participate in the athletic program as possible, we encourage coaches to keep as many athletes as they can without unbalancing the integrity of their sport. **The final decision on squad size will be left up to the varsity coach.**

**AGE/GRADE LEVEL** – does not matter when it comes to being selected for a team. The coaches will determine who is the best player based on the ability of those trying out.

## **24 HOUR RULE**

Parents/guardians are not allowed to confront a coach, team or league official to discuss any “negative” game or practice situation until at least 24 hours has passed from the completion of the game or practice. A confrontation shall consist of any conversation, which elevated from a normal speaking tone and demeanor to one which involves yelling, profanity or derogatory comments toward said coach, team or league official. **Any violations of the 24 hour rule will result in discipline by school administration.**

## **ATTENDANCE** (New in 2023)

A student-athlete shall be in attendance and on time in his/her regular classes in order to practice or participate in an athletic contest unless excused for a legal reason. Habitual absences and/or tardiness will affect eligibility as determined by the coach, athletic director and/or administration. Please refer to page 21 of the OHS Student-Parent Handbook for specifics regarding unexcused absences. Level 3 (15-19 absences) will result in the student-athlete being allowed to practice, but cannot go to or participate in any contests for 5 weeks. Level 4 (20+ absences) will result in the student-athlete not being able to participate in any practice or contest for the remainder of the year. If you are healthy, get to school on time. If you are to be excused, be sure the excuse is for a valid and acceptable reason. Communication with your coach and the attendance office is imperative. **Attendance on the day of an event is mandatory and the student-athlete must be in school for the entire day, or have a legal excuse.** If a student-athlete is continuously absent from classes on the day of an event, eligibility for participation will be determined by the coach, athletic director, or administration.

## **OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION**

Although the NYSPHSAA allows outside participation (AAU, Travel, Club, etc.) it also states that **high school sport will supersede those teams/clubs.** OHS athletes must understand that commitment to the school team comes first, and outside participation should not be detrimental to an individual or to an OHS team. There will be many circumstances where a student should not participate in an outside activity due to the possible effect on the team. Always check with your coach and/or the athletic director.

## **DUAL SPORT ATHLETES** (new 2025-26)

Added 2 provisions to the Dual Sport athlete policy:

1. The Dual Sport contract must be signed by all parties by the end of the first week. I must have it on or before Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. The athlete must participate in at least 40% of the secondary sports practices/games. If 40% can not be reached due to conflicts with primary sport, then the secondary coach can allow exceptions to this rule if they choose.

# **Fall Sports Meeting 2025**

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Register on Family ID using link below :

<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/olean-city-school-district-athletics>

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

First Day of Practices – All sports can start on Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>

APP Test – Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> in OHS gym 10:00am, Deadline for paperwork Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Fall Team Pictures – Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> in OIMS gym

**TRANSFER STUDENTS** – If your son or daughter played a Varsity sport at your previous school (See Mr. Anastasia).

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS** – (See Mr. Anastasia)