

PARKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-4

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SDHSAA ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY INFORMATION HANDBOOK



PARKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60-4

PARKER, SOUTH DAKOTA

MISSION STATEMENT

Igniting Minds for the Future

PARKER SCHOOL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

The Parker School Board believes education is a continuous and life-long endeavor. They work hard to help empower the school in meeting the goal of preparing students for their future learning by providing a school environment that assists students in meeting student maximum intellectual, social, physical, and emotional abilities and needs.

The Board also believes that a well-rounded education is a benefit for all of society. A variety of academic, non-academic, and special programs as well as different delivery styles by teachers and directors will be provided along with stressing the need for involvement by groups and individuals outside of the school setting. To make education successful, it is important that students, parents, community members, school board members, teachers, staff, and administrators work together to achieve the ultimate goal of providing the best possible education for each and every student.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

All students of the Parker School District 60-4 will have equal educational opportunities. The school will not discriminate based on race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, economic status, national origin, or ancestry in its policies or programs.

To accomplish this policy on nondiscrimination, the Board will make every effort to provide all students equal access with respect to admission or membership in school-sponsored organizations, clubs, or activities; access to facilities; distribution of funds; academic evaluations; or any other aspect of school-sponsored programs or activities.

The Board recognizes, however, that in implementing this policy children vary widely in capabilities, interests, and social and economic background, and that no two children can be treated exactly alike if the fullest development of each is to be achieved.

Any questions about any of these areas may be directed to Business Manager James Vogel, Box 517, Parker School District 60-4, Parker SD 57053. Phone Number 605-297-3456. You may further contact the Regional Director, Dept. of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 10220 North Executive Hills Boulevard, 8th Floor, Kansas City MO 64153-1367, Telephone (816) 880-4200.

Any student or staff who feels he/she has been aggrieved may contact the Superintendent's Office to access the adopted Grievance Procedures/steps to follow for complaints alleging any discriminatory practices.

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Parker School District

Together Building Better Programs for Our Students

Parent/Coach/Athlete Communication

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

We are pleased that your son/daughter has chosen to participate in the Parker Athletic program. We will do all we can to provide a positive experience for him/her. Possibly the most important ingredient to achieve this outcome is to ensure lines of communication are developed to allow for free and easy resolution of questions before they become conflicts. As a parent, you have a right to know what expectations are placed on your son/daughter. This form is intended to spell out all levels of communication so that parents, coaches, and athletes are aware of the steps they have available to resolve anything they think is or might become an issue.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH

1. Philosophy of the Coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child
3. Practice and game schedules
4. Team requirements, i.e., fees, equipment, off-season conditioning, etc....
5. Emergency procedures in case of injury
6. Code of conduct and/or discipline plan
7. Notification of lost or outstanding equipment at the end of the season
8. Changes in schedule due to weather, etc.

COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS

1. Concerns are to be expressed directly to the coach. Encourage the athlete to discuss issues with the coach first.
2. Notification of schedule conflicts are to be expressed to the coach well in advance.
3. Discuss specific concerns regarding a coach's philosophy and/or expectations respectfully with the coach.

As your child becomes involved in the various programs at Parker School, he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of his/her life. It is important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wish. At these times discussion with the coach may be desirable to sort through the issue and avoid any misunderstandings.

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically
2. Ways to help your child improve
3. Concerns about your child's behavior

These are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parents. Such conversations are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear

understanding of the other person's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, please follow the procedure below:

1. Call to set up an appointment. The Parker High School phone number is 297-3456.
2. If the coach cannot be reached after a reasonable time, call the Athletic Director. The A.D. will arrange the appointment for you.

Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a contest/game or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution and can exacerbate the issue.

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Matters concerning other student-athletes

We understand it can be difficult to accept the fact that your child is not playing as much as you would want. Coaches are professionals, they make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. Certain topics can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as these listed above, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

RELATIONSHIP THE NEXT STEP

Next steps a parent can do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution:

1. Call to set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation.
2. The appropriate next step can be determined during this meeting.

Research indicates a student involved in extracurricular activities has a greater chance for success in adulthood. For this reason, these programs have been established and encouraged. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this form helps to make the Parker Athletic program as enjoyable as possible for you and your child.

Parker follows the chain of command listed below. We ask that you observe it if you elect to pursue any concern you may have regarding the athletic program.

1. Assistant Coach (if applicable)
2. Head Coach
3. Athletic Director
4. Principal
5. Superintendent
6. Board of Education

UNRULY AND UNACCEPTABLE SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

Unruly behavior includes:

1. Cursing or yelling at players, game officials, coaches, or other spectators.
2. Threatening violence against players, game officials, coaches, or other spectators.
3. Physical violence or fighting of any kind.
4. Throwing trash or other items onto the playing surface.
5. Entering the playing field or surface at any time during the game, except for exceptional emergency circumstances to render aid.

Consequences for unruly behavior are as follows:

- **First Violation** – Game administration will point out the violation and ask the spectator to stop. Game administration will also remind the spectator of further consequences if the behavior happens again.
- **Second Violation** – The spectator will be asked to leave. If necessary, the spectator will be escorted away by security personnel. If a spectator is asked to leave, they will be banned from the next home contest in the sport that they were ejected. If a spectator is ejected from two contests during a school year, they will be banned from all home games for the remainder of the school year.

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS STUDENTS MUST UNDERSTAND TO PROTECT THEIR ELIGIBILITY

All Parker participants, athletes, cheerleaders, and student managers will be eligible to participate in SDHSAA activities, athletics, cheerleading, and serving as student manager if they abide by the rules of the administration and the following rules established by the coaching staff.

SCHOLARSHIP

Participants, athletes, cheerleaders, and student managers must maintain at least a C- average (1.67 on the 4.0 scale), with no "F" grades in any subject. Eligibility is determined at 4 ½ week intervals.

To participate in activities under the guidelines of the SDHSAA, a student in the Parker School, grades 7-12, must maintain a cumulative grade average of at least 1.67 on the 4.0 scale; excluding music and physical education grades.

Students may also lose the privilege of attending and participating in non-SDHSAA activities because of poor academic performance, by the discretion of the Secondary Principal.

Eligibility will be determined at 4 ½ week intervals, mid-term, and grading period dates. At the end of a nine-week grading period, only the current nine weeks grade will be used to determine eligibility. A student's eligibility status will be in effect for the duration of at least 2 weeks. If a student does not earn back their eligibility at the end of two (2) weeks, the student will be ineligible until the next 4 ½ week interval. A student's academic achievement will be the determining factor in eligibility.

PARKER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES TRAINING RULES POLICY

Participation in school activities encompasses all students without regard to sex, race, or creed and teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one's school. Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of "growing up" experiences for students. Participants learn to accept success and failures, gain poise and confidence, achieve tolerance and understanding of others and gain the self-satisfaction of accomplishing goals. Under a well-administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observation of activities conducted under established rules.

With that philosophy in mind, the Board of Education on the advice of the administration, coaches, and advisers, has adopted the following Activities Policy. **This is a year-round policy.**

I. PARTICIPATION IN AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

Participating in the following FIVE (5) major areas or types of conduct any time during the year shall constitute a violation of this code:

- (1) Use of or possession of chewing, smoking tobacco, or any nicotine delivery device.
- (2) Use of or possession of or under the influence of alcoholic beverages.
- (3) Use of or possession of or under the influence of mood-altering substances not prescribed by a physician, or possession of drug paraphernalia.* See medical cannabis policy.
- (4) A felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic violation).
- (5) Suspension from school for any reason.

All offenses will be CUMULATIVE during the student's South Dakota High School Activities eligibility with the Parker School District

A. First Offense

Students violating this standard shall be suspended from participation in the sport in which he/she is a member or will be a member for the first two (2) calendar dates or performances following the first violation.

The student must continue to participate and complete the season to restore eligibility. Uncompleted suspensions will carry over to the next sport/activity in which the student had participated the previous season. Following a first (1) violation, a student must serve the full penalty in a sport/activity he/she had previously participated in unless they are a freshman.

Students violating the training policy will serve the appropriate penalty in the **athletic and fine arts activities** in which the student is participating at the time of the violation. Fine arts activities include those activities that are sanctioned by the SDHSAA -- band, cheer team, dance team, oral interpretation, theater, vocal music and publications (i.e. yearbook, Pheasant Tales)

B. Second Offense

Students will be suspended for the remainder of the season. If the student, with parent agreement, enters into and completes an approved counseling or substance abuse program at their own expense, the student may petition the athletic director to have the penalty reduced to completion of the program. Verification of the completion of the approved counseling program will be required.

The student must continue to participate and complete the season to restore eligibility. Uncompleted suspensions will carry over to the next sport/activity in which the student had participated the previous season. Following a violation, a student must serve the full penalty in a sport/activity he/she had previously participated in, unless they are a freshman.

C. Third Offense

Students violating the training policy a third time will be ineligible for any activity for a period of 12 calendar months from the date of the violation.

D. Fourth Offense

Students violating the training policy a fourth time will be ineligible for the remainder of their high school career at Parker School.

The above rules apply if the report is made by the student's admission, the student's parents', the coaching/advisory staff, board members, employees of District 60-4, or law enforcement agents.

II. Any student who is disruptive or uncooperative in any Parker School activity program can be summarily dismissed from that activity and/or for the remainder of the season.

III. Student misconduct may also include social networking activities, internet postings, electronic or other forms of communication that negatively represent themselves, their teams, coaches, or the school. This type of conduct is subject to discipline and or suspension. Coaches/Activities Director will handle these violations.

IV. Academic Eligibility

- A student is ineligible if they receive an "F" grade in any class and a GPA lower than 1.67 on a 4.0 scale
- Open Campus (grades 10-12) privileges will be taken away until the student reaches eligible status after two weeks.
- Ineligible students are required to stay after school for 9th Hour (Monday-Thursday) to receive extra help for those two weeks.
- Eligibility is determined every 2 weeks.

HOURS

Participants, athletes, cheerleaders, and student managers shall be in their homes by 10:30 p.m. (same as city ordinance) on weeknights or nights preceding a school day; usually Sunday - Thursday. On weekends, students 16 years old or older may be out until midnight (same as city ordinance). Exceptions will be made for late evening school events. On nights preceding an athletic event, students must be in their respective homes no later than 10:30 p.m. These hours may be extended through prior approval of the head coach of the appropriate sport. A violation must be reported by members of the administration, the coaching staff, the faculty, and/or confession by the student. It will be the coach's discretion as to the amount of a student's playing time to be missed due to breaking curfew by athletes.

AMATEURISM

Participants, athletes, and cheerleaders must refrain from "participation for gain" either directly or indirectly to retain his/her amateur status. A student violating this rule disqualifies him/herself from further participation in that activity.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND PARENTS' PERMISSION

Once each school year, prior to practice or participation, each student athletes only shall have a physical examination conducted by someone qualified and licensed for that purpose who shall certify that an athlete is physically qualified to participate. Parental written permission for an athlete to participate is also required.

ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE, AND REQUIRED SUBJECT LOAD

Only bona fide undergraduate students in the institution which they represent shall participate in inter-scholastic activities. Such undergraduates must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible:

- (a) Must be under twenty (20) years of age at the time of competition.
- (b) Must have successfully completed twenty (20) hours of high school work per week in courses approved for graduation or for the most recent semester of attendance in any high school.
- (c) Must have done passing work in at least twenty (20) hours of such courses from the beginning of the current semester up to the time of participation.
- (d) Must not have attended high school for more than four (4) first and four (4) second semesters in all. Enrollment in school for fifteen (15) school days or participation in one or more contests shall constitute semester in determining eligibility.
- (e) Must be in school by the beginning of 6th period to participate in activities. (exception: prearranged appointments such as doctor, college visit, etc.)

INSURANCE

Athletes must carry medical/accident insurance either through their own carrier or by subscribing to a policy usually available by a carrier working under the auspices of the school.

TRANSPORTATION

RIDING TO AND FROM ACTIVITIES ON THE BUS

All participants must ride the bus to games/contests and return on the bus. The advisor to the games/contests may grant exceptions to this policy if necessary.

A signed note from the athlete's parent/guardian must be given to the advisor to excuse them to ride with a responsible adult, along with verbal contact from the athlete's parent/guardian in advance. In order for an exception to be made, the participant must ride with their own parent/guardian, a school staff member, or another participant's parent. The school is no longer responsible for a student who has been excused by their parent/guardian. The bus driver may stop to let an athlete off at their house if the bus is going past the driveway of a rural student, upon approval of the parent/guardian.

The advisor may not grant exceptions to riding to and from the game/contest on the bus if it is deemed necessary for the team to stay together. Any other variation to this policy must be approved of by the Superintendent in advance.

TRANSPORTATION TO PRACTICE

High school athletes are allowed to drive themselves to the football field and golf course for practices after school. All riders must remain entirely inside the vehicle on the trip. For safety reasons, riding in the back of trucks or on tailgates is not allowed.

PRACTICES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Extracurricular practices will not be allowed in the event a school needs to be dismissed due to inclement weather or other reasons that would cause students to be sent home earlier than normal, or in the event that school could not be held all day due to the same reasons. **Scheduled events may be held per School Board and Administration's approval.**

CHEERLEADERS' TRANSPORTATION AND SUPERVISION

Supervision will be handled by the Cheerleading advisor. If the advisor is not available, cheerleaders will not participate in that event. Cheerleading advisors may be excused from school to attend the South Dakota State tournaments on days the Parker School District qualifies/is eligible to participate in the event.

2024 School Board of Education Action:

- Junior High Basketball Cheerleaders will not cheer at out-of-town games.
- Junior High Football Cheerleaders will be allowed to attend out of town games due to a limited schedule of approximately eight games, which is about the number of games that we have for basketball at home.
- High School Basketball Cheerleaders:
 - High school basketball cheer is limited to 8 cheerleaders plus one mascot, per state guidelines.
 - High school basketball cheerleaders will be allowed to cheer during regular season away games IF the cheerleaders, coaches, and players can all fit on one bus.
 - High school basketball cheerleaders will cheer at Region and State events. Deleted the words *district* and away

- Date and time of departure along with lodging for cheerleaders for State events may vary depending on when the State allows cheerleaders to perform for that event and the location of the event.
 - If the basketball team makes it to State, the cheerleaders may be given their own mode of transportation.
- High School Football Cheerleaders:
 - High school football cheer is limited to 8 cheerleaders plus one mascot, per state guidelines.
 - High school football cheerleaders will be allowed to cheer during regular season away games due to the limited number of games per season.
 - High school football cheerleaders will be given their own mode of transportation for away games.
 - High school football cheerleaders will cheer at Region and State events.
 - Date and time of departure along with lodging for cheerleaders for State events may vary depending on when the State allows cheerleaders to perform for that event and the location of the event.
 - If the football team makes it to State, the cheerleaders will be given their own mode of transportation.
- High School Wrestling Cheerleaders:
 - High school wrestling cheer is limited to 6 cheerleaders and no mascot, per state guidelines.
 - High school wrestling cheerleaders will be allowed to cheer during regular season away matches IF the cheerleaders, coaches, and players can all fit on one bus.
 - High school wrestling cheerleaders will cheer at Region and State events.
 - Date and time of departure along with lodging for cheerleaders for State events may vary depending on when the State allows cheerleaders to perform for that event and the location of the event.
 - If the wrestling team makes it to State, the cheerleaders may be given their own mode of transportation.

ATHLETIC TOURNEY ATTENDANCE

Athletic teams and cheerleaders may be excused from school if they have earned the right to participate in such tournaments or activities.

Members of a team may attend any tournament the Parker School District 60-4 is eligible to participate in as an individual, on the same basis as all other high school students.

1. Students must secure permission by written request from parent/guardian.
2. Students must make up schoolwork beforehand.
3. Students must pay all their own expenses. *For wrestling, we pay per diem for state for wrestlers, cheerleaders, and coaches/advisors.*

Students wishing to attend the region or state tournament will be excused from school with parent permission, students will be responsible for missing work.

Coaches and advisors may be excused from school to attend the South Dakota State Tournaments or activities on the days the Parker School District 60-4 is eligible to participate.

WEDNESDAY PRACTICES

Coaches must ensure **all** athletes have completed practice, showered, and are out of the building prior to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays if they are to partake in a Wednesday practice. Athletes will **not** be penalized for attending church activities on Wednesday night.

LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen articles of athletes before, during, or after practice or contests.

MISSED PRACTICES

It will be the coach's discretion as to the amount of a student's playing time to be missed due to missed practices by athletes.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Student-athletes, coaches, and staff represent the Parker School District both on and off the field and are seen as role models in the community. As leaders, we all have the responsibility to represent our teams, our schools, and ourselves in a responsible and positive manner. Third parties including media, future employers, and law enforcement can easily access social media profiles and view all personal information. This includes pictures, videos, comments, posts, and links. It is important to understand that once something is posted online, it never disappears. Inappropriate material found by third parties affects the perception of Parker, student-athletes, and the school district as a whole.

With those ideas in mind, student-athletes, coaches, and staff should be aware that using any form of social media in an inappropriate manner may result in disciplinary actions – including temporary or permanent suspension from the team – as determined by the Head Coach, Athletic Director, or School District Administration.

Examples of inappropriate use:

- a. Posting photos, videos, comments, posts/tweets showing the personal use of alcohol, tobacco, or drug related products.
- b. Posting photos, videos, and comments that are sexual in nature.
- c. ANY inappropriate or offensive language in comments, videos, and other postings. This includes threats of violence and derogatory comments against race, gender, team affiliates, or any other organizations.
- d. Posting negative commentary regarding the performance of Pheasant athletic teams or relating to the actions of an individual student-athlete or coach, as well as any negative postings about team information (long bus rides, long practices, etc.).
- e. Posting any material which reflects negatively on themselves, the Parker School District, Parker Athletics, their respective teams or other schools.

HAZING POLICY

Hazing of any student or person who is a student at the Parker Public School is absolutely prohibited at any time of the year.

Any student of Parker Public School who shall in any manner participate in the hazing of any student or person who may become a student in the Parker Public School shall be subject to rigid disciplinary action by the administration. This may include the barring of

the participant from any and all forms of extracurricular activity in the school or such other action, as the administration may deem necessary.

Hazing is defined as: "Any action taken, or situation created which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any person or which willfully destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in any organization operating under the sanction of or recognized as an organization. The term hazing shall include, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the physical health and safety of an individual and shall include any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual or any willful destruction or removal of public or private property."

REQUIREMENTS FOR LETTERING

FOOTBALL

Students must participate in a minimum of sixteen (16) quarters or half of the varsity quarters played. A player need not play the entire quarter to get credit for lettering. Coaches, along with the athletic director, may determine to award a letter to any senior student who has consistently attended practice sessions and who has shown true dedication to the sport during his high school career.

Any time a student misses football practice without a valid excuse, will lose three (3) quarters of game participation toward his letter. Any student missing more than five (5) unexcused practices will not be eligible for a varsity letter. This applies to both varsity and "B" teams. Coach(es) have the discretion to decide upon the validity of excuses offered for missing practice(s).

BASKETBALL

Students must participate in a minimum of thirty (30) varsity quarters. Coaches, along with the athletic director, may determine to award a letter to any senior student who has consistently attended practice sessions and who has shown true dedication to the sport during his/her high school career. A player need not play the entire quarter to get credit for lettering.

Any time a student misses a practice without a valid excuse, he/she will lose five (5) quarters of game participation toward earning a letter. Any student who misses more than five (5) practices without a valid excuse will not be eligible for a varsity letter. This applies to both varsity and "B" teams. Coach(es) have the discretion to determine the validity of excuses offered for missing practice(s).

WRESTLING

Students must participate in a minimum of ten (10) varsity matches. Coaches, along with the athletic director, may determine to award a letter to any senior student who has consistently attended practice sessions and who has shown true dedication to the sport during his high school career.

Any student missing two (2) or more practice sessions without a valid excuse will not be eligible for a letter -major or minor. Coach(es) have the discretion to determine the validity of excuses offered for missing practice(s).

TRACK

A student must meet ONE of the follow criteria:

1. Score at least seven total points
2. Qualify for the State Track Meet
3. Finish 1st in an event in the Conference Track Meet
4. Coaches, along with the athletic director, may determine to award a letter to any senior student who has consistently attended practice sessions and who has shown true dedication to the sport during his/her high school career.

Any participant meeting one of the above standards will receive a major letter in track unless:

1. He/she does not participate in the Region Track Meet for any reason other than medical, family emergency, or
2. He/she misses six (6) or more practices for reasons not considered valid by the coach(es).

VOLLEYBALL

Students must participate in half of the total number of varsity games played throughout the seasonal matches. The coaches, along with the athletic director, may determine to award a letter to any senior student who has consistently attended practice sessions and who has shown true dedication to the sport during the student's high school career.

Any time a student misses a practice without a valid excuse, he/she will lose five (5) games toward earning a letter. Any student who misses more than five (5) practices without a valid excuse will not be eligible for a varsity or minor letter. This applies to both varsity and "B" teams. Coach(es) have the discretion to determine the validity of excuses offered for missing practice(s).

GOLF

Students that qualify for the Region or State Tournament are awarded a Major Letter.

Students that participate as a Varsity member in over half of all Varsity matches will receive a Major Letter.

Boys' golfers shooting a nine-hole score of 42 or below in a varsity match will qualify for a Major Letter.

Girls' golfers shooting a nine-hole score of 62 or below in a varsity match will qualify for a Major Letter.

Coaches may determine to award a letter to any senior student who has consistently attended practice sessions and has shown true dedication to the sport during his/her high school career.

CROSS COUNTRY

A student needs 40 points to letter. There are five different ways to earn points:

1. The top 4 runners on our team in each meet score points in the following order: our first runner receives 5 points, 2nd runner receives 4 points, 3rd runner receives 3 points, and 4th runner receives 2 points.
2. A student will receive one point for each spot above the halfway point of runners in any meet.
3. Any student finishing in the top 10 at a meet receives 4 points.
4. Our top four runners at the conference meet receive 10 points each.
5. Our top five runners at the region meet receive 10 points each.

CHEERLEADING

A major letter shall be awarded to varsity cheerleaders for football, basketball, and wrestling. A minor letter shall be awarded to junior varsity cheerleaders for basketball.

Any cheerleader missing more than a combination of five (5) practices or games for reasons not considered valid by the cheerleader advisor will not be eligible for any letter.

SOCCER

A major letter shall be awarded to varsity soccer players under the guidance of the lettering procedure decided upon by the soccer co-op. A minor letter shall be awarded to junior varsity soccer players.

SOFTBALL

A major letter shall be awarded to varsity softball players that dress varsity the whole season.

STUDENT MANAGER(S)

To qualify for a major letter, a student manager must have participated as a manager for two sports in the same year or in a sport for two consecutive years. One sport or one-year managers will be eligible for a minor letter.

OTHER CONDITIONS FOR EARNING A LETTER

Coaches, along with the athletic director, may award a letter to any participant who would have, in their judgment, achieved the requirements needed to letter if injury had not caused him or her to be eliminated from competition during the season. However, the student earning a letter under this condition must have begun practice or competition in the sport for which the letter is to be awarded.

Members of the varsity team would letter if that particular team won the following:

1. The final conference standing in football, girls' basketball, boys' basketball, or volleyball.
2. The conference meet or region meet in track.
3. The District Championship in girls' basketball, boys' basketball, wrestling or volleyball.
4. First round playoff game in football.

A minor letter will be awarded to all participants who do not receive a major letter provided they abide by the rules set down by the coaching staff and the administration. This includes, but is not limited to, practice and training rules.

NO ATHLETE, CHEERLEADER, OR STUDENT MANAGER WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LETTER, MAJOR OR MINOR, WHO DOES NOT FINISH THE SEASON (FOR REASON OTHER THAN INJURY) IN WHICH HE/SHE MIGHT HAVE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH LETTER.

ACTIVITY AWARDS

Individual awards and medals are given for Fine Arts activities at the Year-End Activities Award's Ceremony.

Individual awards and medals for athletics will be given out at each team's individual sports banquet.

FORMS

ALL FORMS LISTED BELOW WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN
REGISTRATION IN BOUND ACCOUNT!

STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY PARTICIPANT AND PARENT(S)

I have read and understand the requirements for eligibility and lettering associated with athletic competition and cheerleading for Parker High School. My signature below indicates that I will abide by the requirements.

The rules were explained and discussed on _____ by _____
(date)
_____, a school administrator or a
(staff member's name)
faculty member assigned by the Superintendent of Schools for such purpose.

(Student's Signature)

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Eligibility Information Bulletin. The student whose signature appears above, does or does not, (circle one) have medical/accident insurance coverage adequate for the school activity engaged in by the student.

(parent or guardian signature)

NOTIFICATION IN EVENT OF INJURY OR OTHER EMERGENCY

In the event _____,
(student name)

is injured as a result of practice or participation in school sponsored athletic events or in the event some other emergency arises, coaches or other school personnel will notify one of the identified persons in the order of preference indicated below:

1. _____ Phone _____
2. _____ Phone _____
3. _____ Phone _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Policy Owner _____

Provider _____ Policy Number _____

THIS IS THE FORM THAT THE SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS TO THOSE MEMBER SCHOOLS THAT FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET CONSENT FROM PARENTS AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIANS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT WHEN AWAY FROM HOME ON ROAD TRIPS FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

I am the _____ of _____, who
(mother, father, or legal guardian) (student's first and last Name)

participates in extra-curricular activities for Parker High School. I hereby consent to any medical services that may be required while said child is under the supervision of an employee of Parker School District while on a school sponsored activity and hereby appoint said employee to act on my behalf in securing necessary medical services from any duly licensed physician or osteopath.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.
(date) (month) (year)

(parent's signature)

CONSENT OF CHILD

I, _____, have read the above consent form signed by my
(student's name)

_____ and join with him/her in the consent.
(mother, father, legal guardian)

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.
(date) (month) (year)

(student's signature)

Please list any illnesses or medical deficiencies below you feel the school should be aware of. Examples: asthma, bee sting allergy, diabetes, allergy to medication, etc.
