

PART VII ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Athlete Definition

A student is considered an athlete by definition upon receipt by the Athletic Director of a completed athletic physical and parent consent form. Once both forms have been submitted to the Athletic Director, the student will be considered an athlete the remainder of their high school career.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

D.C.H.S. is a member of the I.H.S.A.A. and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, you:

1. Must be a regular bona fide student in good standing in the school you represent; must have enrolled not later than the 15th day of the current semester.
 2. Must have completed 10 separate days of organized practice in said sport under the direct supervision of the high school coaching staff preceding the date of participation in interschool contests.
 3. Must have received passing grades in at least six full credit subjects or the equivalent during your last grading period except that the semester grades shall take precedence at the end of a semester; and must be currently enrolled in at least six full credit subjects or the equivalent.
 4. Must not have reached your 20th birthday prior to or on the scheduled date of the I.H.S.A.A. state finals in the sport you are participating in.
 5. must have been enrolled in your present high school last semester or at a junior high school from which your high school received its student—unless you are entering the ninth grade for the first time or unless you are transferring from a school district or territory with a corresponding bona fide move on the part of your parents—unless you are a ward of a court; you are an orphan, you reside with legal custody, your former school closed, your former school is not accredited, your transfer was pursuant to school board mandate, you attended in error a wrong school, you transferred from a correctional school, you are emancipated, you are a foreign exchange student under an approved NASSP program.
- NOTE: You must have been eligible from the school from which you transferred.
6. Must not have been enrolled more than four fall semesters and four spring semesters beginning with grade 9.
 7. Must be an amateur (have not participated under an assumed name, have not accepted money or merchandise directly or indirectly for athletic participation, have not accepted awards, gifts, or honors from colleges or their alumni, have not signed a professional contract).

8. Must have had a physical examination between May 1 and your first practice and filed with your principal your completed Consent and Release Certificate.
9. Must not have transferred from one school to another primarily for athletic purposes as a result of undue influence or persuasion by any person or group.
10. Must not have received in recognition of your athletic ability, any award not approved by your principal or the I.H.S.A.A.
11. Must not accept awards in the form of merchandise, meals, cash, etc.
12. Must not participate in an athletic contest during the I.H.S.A.A. authorized contest season for that sport as an individual or on any team other than their school team. (See Rule 15-1a) (exception for outstanding student-athlete-See Rule 15-1c).
13. Must not reflect discredit upon your school nor create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in your school.
14. Students with remaining eligibility must not participate in tryouts or demonstrations of athletic ability in that sport as a prospective student-athlete. Graduates should refer to college rules and regulations before participating.
15. Must, if absent five or more days due to illness or injury, present to your principal, a written verification from a physician licensed to practice medicine, stating that you may participate again.
16. Must not participate in camps, clinics or schools during the I.H.S.A.A. authorized contest season.
Consult your high school principal for regulations regarding out-of-season and summer.
17. Girls shall not be permitted to participate in an I.H.S.A.A. tournament program for boys when there is an I.H.S.A.A. tournament for girls in that sport in which they can qualify as a girl's tournament entrant.
18. This is only a summary of rules. Contact your Athletic Department for further information before participating outside of your school.

ABSENCE POLICY ON GAME DAY

- Regular School Day Dismissal AT 3:10 PM
- Athletes must be in attendance by 12:00 noon in order to participate for that evening's athletic practice or contest.
- Students may get a waiver for the above attendance issues from the office on the day of a contest due to excused absence such as a doctor's appointment, funeral, or any other excused absence given by the administration at Delphi Community High School.
- If the student is absent on Friday, and the school has a scheduled contest on Saturday, the student will be able to participate in the Saturday contest.

AWARDS

The following awards will be given by the Athletic Department in an appropriate ceremony following each sports season. Students must complete the season in good standing to receive any DCHS athletic award.

ATHLETIC NUMERALS:

A set of 4" chenille numerals, old gold on black, will be awarded to any athlete who has successfully completed their first season. The numerals will be for the athlete's graduation year. Only one set of numerals may be earned during the athlete's career.

FRESHMAN AWARD:

This award includes an appropriate service pin for each subsequent sport season the award is earned.

JR. VARSITY AWARD:

Any athlete who successfully participates on a JV team or who participates on a varsity team but does not earn a Varsity Letter will be awarded a service pin.

VARSITY AWARD:

Anyone earning a Varsity Letter will receive the 6" letter "D", chenille, old gold on black and a chenille chevron with a single bar and an emblem indicating the sport for the first varsity award in any sport. Only one letter is awarded to each individual. The second, third and fourth award in any sport will receive a single bar plain chevron.

NOTE: While under suspension, all awards and recognition is forfeited.

VARSITY LETTER REQUIREMENTS

In order to become eligible for a Varsity Letter in any sport, four general qualifications must be met, along with the specific requirements for each sport. The following are the general requirements to be met:

1. An athlete must be a member of the team in good standing at the completion of the season.
2. An athlete must be eligible and available for practices the entire season.
3. A suspended athlete may still be eligible if eligibility is re-instated by the end of the season.
4. Coaches discretion

A season is not completed until after the last contest for each sports season and the athlete is released by the coach.

Injured athletes during the season:

1. If the athlete is unable to participate for the remainder of the season or any part of the season due to injury, an average point or quarter system may be used to determine qualification.

2. The injured athlete must complete the season in some other beneficial capacity in order to qualify for a letter.
3. If the injured athlete is not capable of returning, then the awarding of the letter will be at the discretion of the coach.

**STUDENT MANAGERS/TRAINERS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS
SPORTS:**

Must meet the general requirements for a letter in addition to any specific requirements determined by the head coach or head trainer.

INSURANCE PLAN

All students participating in interscholastic athletics at DCHS must be covered by an accident insurance policy. Any of the following plans will satisfy this requirement:

- Plan I (Own family insurance);
- Plan II (Purchase of insurance offered by the school)
- All necessary forms are available in the office.

CONDUCT RESULTING IN POSSIBLE SUSPENSION (Penalties for violations listed under suspensions PART IX)

The following will not be tolerated and will result in suspensions. The coach, athletic director, or high school principal may suspend a student athlete (Athlete includes cheerleaders, managers, trainers, and athletic assistants) for the following:

- Possession or use of tobacco in any form regardless of age (in or out of season – in or out of school – on or off school grounds – school year or summer)
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages in any form (in or out of season – in or out of school on or off school grounds – school year or summer)
- Possession or use of illegal drugs (in or out of season – in or out of school – on or off school grounds school year or summer)
- Conduct unbecoming of a DCHS athlete (in or out of season – in or out of school – on or off school grounds – school year or summer)
 1. A student may be suspended from athletics for conduct unbecoming a DCHS student-athlete, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: use of violence, force, hazing, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, passive resistance, bullying (see school discipline policy for definition of bullying), or other conduct constituting an interference with the athletic program. He/she may be suspended for urging other students to engage in the above conduct.

2. Damage involving personal or school property, theft, intentionally causing bodily harm to fellow students or school employees, intimidating any student with the intent of obtaining money, possession weapons, failing in a substantial number of instances to comply with directions of coaches and/or rules of the athletic program and the school. All are grounds for suspension.
- Failure of a school administered drug test.

Other Guidelines

1. Out of necessity in sports, practices must be held during school vacation. Each coach is expected to have specific policies regarding missing practices during these times, and the athletes should be informed of the policies and disciplinary action at the beginning of the season.
2. Whether an absence is excused or unexcused shall be at the discretion of the coach, and the coach will decide disciplinary action as he/she determines best for the total program.

GENERAL TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR REGULATIONS

Training and behavior regulations are rules to be followed. They are guides to help you become a better athlete and representative of DCHS. These regulations at Delphi Community High School are in effect all year (summer as well as the school year – in or out of school – on or off school grounds), and we expect all athletes and cheerleaders to adhere strictly to all of these rules. Additionally, offenses and violations of these policies are accumulative during a student's participation in athletics at the high school level. You are also governed by the Substance Abuse Policy for the Community Schools of Delphi.

TICKETS TO ATHLETIC EVENTS

The athletic department will set the price at the start of the year.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided by the Delphi Community School Corporation to and from all athletic events. The student-athlete is expected to ride the bus-van to and from all events except in "special circumstances". In such case, a student-athlete may be allowed to return home with their parent only if written permission is given in advance and approved by the coach.

Part VIII
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROCEDURE CONCERNING
EXTRA-CURRICULAR, CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE:

Delphi Community High School recognizes that the use of alcohol and other drugs and the problems associated with them are becoming more commonplace among youth. The use of illicit drugs and alcohol can result in negative effects on the behavior and learning of young people. The close contact between sponsors and coaches provides those individuals a unique opportunity to assist young people. Students should be given an opportunity to redirect their lives. All parties within the school community must work together to make the policy successful. Sponsors and coaches will sign a pledge that they believe in the policy and will enforce it. In order for a student to participate in extra-curricular activities, the student's parents must sign a form that they have received, read, are aware of, and will encourage their child to abide by this extra-curricular activity substance abuse policy and participation rules established by the coaches and sponsors.

DEFINITIONS

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Activities that are conducted as a result of participating in athletics, clubs, FFA, Academic teams, Drama, Musical, student government, and etc.

CO-CURRICULAR

Activities that are conducted as a result of participating in band, poms, Entertainers, choir, and other programs sanctioned by the school.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Any alcoholic beverage or drug such as stimulants, intoxicants, hallucinogens, depressants, narcotics, inhalants, tobaccos or any item represented to be any of the foregoing substances.

CONFIRMED VIOLATION

1. A communication from the office of the prosecuting attorney which indicates there is probable cause to support the filing of a criminal charge or petition of delinquency on grounds involving possession, use, or transfer of controlled substance.
2. A voluntary admission of guilt by a student alleged to have violated this policy.
3. A direct observation by administrators, sponsors, coaches or teachers that student violated this policy.

RULE:

A student shall not use, consume, deal, or possess any item listed under controlled substances above.

No coach or sponsor will use tobacco or any other controlled substances in any form at practices or student activities in the presence of students. This policy shall not apply to any controlled substances properly used with a valid prescription.

GENERAL PROVISION:

Any penalty imposed under this policy shall apply to any and all extra-curricular activities in which the student is participating at the time such penalty is imposed. The penalty will also apply to any subsequent extra-curricular activity in which the student participates until the penalty is successfully served. The student must successfully complete participation in an extra-curricular activity for the full term of the activity and be in good standing for the penalty to be considered completed. If a student participates in more than one extra-curricular activity during the school year, the student must serve a penalty in both the athletic, as well as the non-athletic, extra-curricular activity. If an athlete participates in more than one sport season during the school year, the student will serve a penalty for both sports concurrently. This will be accomplished by adding the total contests of both sports and deducting % of the total contests. The % will be deducted from the next % of events for both sports on the calendar. This is an ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT suspension not a single sport suspension, so the athlete might miss more contests in one sport instead of the other, but the total for the suspension will be % of both sports combined. If a penalty is not completed in a school year, the remainder will carry over into the following school year.

PROCEDURE:

If suspicion of a violation occurs, a school administrator will take the following actions:

1. Inform the student of the allegations and consequences (SEE PART IX FOR CONSEQUENCES)
2. Provide the student with an informal opportunity to explain his/her conduct.
3. Notify the student and parent of the penalty if a violation is confirmed.
4. Entitle the student to a school hearing with parents present at the student's request.
5. Involve the principal/athletic director or club sponsor. The decision is final and not subject to appeal.
6. Notify appropriate sponsors and/or coaches.

PART IX SUSPENSIONS

Extra-Curricular: Suspended students/athletes must participate in all practices, but may not participate in contests during the assigned length of suspension.

Co-Curricular: Suspended student must participate in all classroom activities and complete a make-up assignment for all suspended activities.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all students (grades 9-12) participating in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities. The policy is in effect year round, including summer.

PROCEDURE FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR SUSPENSION

First Infraction - The student will miss a minimum of 25% or no less than two contests of his/her current sport season and/or his/her next sport season, beginning when the first violation is discovered and verified by the school officials. If less than 25% is left in one season, the remaining percent shall be served during the athlete's next season. Student must also participate in counseling evaluation if drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are involved or if deemed necessary by administration.

Second Infraction - The student will miss 50% of the contests. If less than 50% is left in one season, the remaining percent shall be served during the athlete's next season. Student must also participate in counseling evaluation if drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are involved or if deemed necessary by administration.

Third Infraction - The student will be declared ineligible for the remainder of his/her high school career.

PROCEDURE FOR CO-CURRICULAR SUSPENSION

First Infraction - The student will miss a minimum of 25% or no less than two events of his/her activity and/or his/her activity, beginning when the first violation is discovered and verified by the school officials. If less than 25% is left in the activity, the remaining percent shall be served during next year's activity. Student must also participate in counseling evaluation if drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are involved or if deemed necessary by administration.

Second Infraction - The student will miss a minimum of 50% of the activity. If less than 50% is left in the activity, the remaining percent shall be served during next year's activity. Student must also participate in counseling evaluation if drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are involved or if deemed necessary by administration.

Third Infraction - The student will be declared ineligible for the remainder of his/her high school career.

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT DRIVERS SUSPENSION

Student driving permit will be revoked as provided in the Student Handbook in the Driving Policy for Students.

First Infraction:

Student will lose driving privilege for 30 school days.

Second Infraction:

Student will lose driving privilege for 90 school days.

Third Infraction:

Student will lose driving privilege for 180 school days.

Fourth Infraction:

Student will lose driving privilege for school career.

FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSION INVOLVING DRUGS, ALCOHOL, OR TOBACCO

After the expiration of the suspension period and after such an interval of time that the substance previously found would normally have been eliminated from the body, the student may make a request for a follow-up test to the principal or designee. If the follow-up test is negative, the student will be allowed to resume extra-curricular activities and/or driving. A student is prohibited from participating in extra-curricular activities and/or receiving a student-driving permit until after a follow-up test is requested and negative results are reported.

**Delphi COMUNITY HIGH SCHOL
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

I _____ wish to participate in athletics at Delphi Community High School.

I have received a copy of the Athletic Handbook of Delphi Community High School interscholastic athletic program and understand that my participation in the athletic program is voluntary and that by choosing to be a member of the team, I agree to meet all program eligibility requirements and adhere to the standards of behavior of the athletic program.

I understand that as an athlete my conduct reflects on my team, the athletic program and the school, and that I am expected to meet standards of conduct in and out of school and in and out of season that are higher than the minimum requirements expected by other students.

I understand that I am expected to be a good school citizen and a positive member of the student body.

I understand that academics come before athletics and that if I fail to meet the scholastic requirements of the program and /or the IHSAA I may be suspended from participating in athletic contests.

I understand that optimal athletic performance requires conditioning and strength, and that the use of tobacco, alcohol, steroids, narcotics, and illegal drugs is detrimental to my health, and that the athletic department both in and out of season prohibits their use.

I understand that my actions out of season are an indication of my desire to be an athlete and that I may be suspended from participation for out of season infractions of the program's standards of behavior.

I understand that sportsmanship is an important goal of the athletic program, and I will abide by the rules of the game and respect the authority and decisions of game officials.

I understand that I am expected to be a positive and contributing member of the team and will work to achieve the highest levels of competition.

_____ Date: _____ Grade: _____
Athlete's Signature

I have read and understand the above Athletic Handbook of Delphi Community High School interscholastic athletic program. I give permission for my child to participate in the athletic program this year.

_____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature