

GREENEVIEW

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GREENEVIEW ATHLETIC HANDBOOK
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OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Greeneview Local School District is a member of the OHSAA which is the governing body of athletics in this state. The Policies and Guidelines of the OHSAA must be followed by all member schools. OHSAA policies and guidelines supersede all Greeneview policies. The OHSAA handbook is available online at www.ohsaa.org

INTRODUCTION

This material is presented to you because you have indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics. Your family interest in this phase of our school program is gratifying. We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences which assists students in personal adjustments.

Being a member of a Greeneview athletic team is a privilege as well as a responsibility. Being a member of an athletic team is the fulfillment of an early ambition for many students. The attainment of this goal carries with it certain traditions and responsibilities that must be maintained. A great athletic tradition is not built overnight; it takes the hard work of many people over many years. As a member of an interscholastic squad at Greeneview, you have inherited a wonderful tradition, a tradition you are challenged to uphold and will be proud to be a part of.

Our tradition has been to win with honor. We desire to win, but only with honor to our athletes, our schools, and our community. Such a tradition is worthy of the best efforts of all concerned. Over many years our squads have achieved more than their share of league and tournament championships. Many individuals have set records and won All-Conference honors, All-State, and All-American honors.

It will not be easy to contribute to such a great athletic tradition. When you wear the colors of your school, we assume that you not only understand our traditions, but are willing to assume the responsibilities that go with them. However, the contributions you make should be satisfying accomplishments to you and your family.

We, who are concerned with the educational development of boys and girls through athletics, feel that a properly controlled, well-organized sports program meets with the students' needs for self-expression, mental alertness, interaction with others, and physical growth. It is our hope to maintain a program that is sound in purpose and will further each students' educational maturity.

A student who elects to participate in athletics is voluntarily making a choice of self-discipline and self-denial. These are the reasons we place such stress on good training habits. Failure to comply with the rules of training and conduct means exclusion from the squad/team. This concept of self-discipline and self-denial is tempered by our responsibility to recognize the rights of the individual within the objectives of the team competition. **There is no place in school athletics for students who will not discipline their minds and bodies for rigorous competition.** We are striving for excellence and do not want our athletes to compromise with mediocrity.

When your child enlisted in one of our sports programs, they committed our staff to certain responsibilities and obligations which is:

1. To provide adequate and safe equipment and facilities.
2. To provide well-trained coaches.
3. To provide equalized contests with skilled officials.

Likewise, we feel that you have committed yourselves to certain responsibilities and obligations. We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with specific policies that are necessary for a well-organized program of athletics.

It is the role of the department of athletics to make rules that govern the spirit of competition for the school. These rules need a broad basis of **community support**, which is achieved only through communications to the parent. It is our hope to accomplish this objective through this publication for students and parents.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

We expect our athletic program to show high levels of respect and sportsmanship throughout all our contests. We expect all spectators to show good sportsmanship since students learn best by example. **Foul language (cursing/profanity) should not be used.** Athletes, coaches, officials, opponents, or other spectators should not be ridiculed or harassed for decisions or actions they have taken on/off the playing field. Yelling anything other than positive encouragement should be avoided at all times and is against our ideas of good sportsmanship. We want our opponents and officials to have a positive experience with Greeneview athletics. Do your part to ensure we have this. **Poor sportsmanship may result in your removal from the athletic contest. Continued violations of our expectations may result in denial of attending our contests.**

RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOURSELF:

The most important of these responsibilities is to broaden your mind and develop strength of character. You owe it to yourself to get the greatest possible good from your school experiences. Your academic studies, your participation in other extra-curricular activities, as well as in sports, prepare you for life as an adult.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOUR SCHOOL:

Another responsibility you assume as a squad member is to your school. Greeneview cannot maintain its position as having an outstanding school unless you do your best in whatever activity you wish to engage. By participating in athletics to the maximum of your ability, you are contributing to the reputation of your school.

You assume a leadership role when you are on the athletic squad. The student body and citizens of the community know you. You are on stage with the spotlight on you. The student body, the community, and other communities judge our school by your conduct and attitudes, both on and off the field. Because of this leadership role, you can contribute greatly to school spirit and community pride. Make Greeneview proud of you and your community proud of your school, by your faithful exemplification of these ideals.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS:

As a squad member, you also bear a heavy responsibility to your home. If you never give your parents anything to be ashamed of, you will have measured up to the ideal. When you know in your heart that you have lived up to all of the training rules, that you have practiced to the best of your ability everyday, and that you have played the game "all out", you can keep your self-respect and your family can be justly proud of you. The younger students in the Greeneview school system are watching you. They will copy you in many ways. Do not do anything to let them down. Set good examples for them.

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY:

The Greeneview Athletic Program should provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life in a democratic society.

The interscholastic athletic program shall be conducted in accordance with existing Ohio High School Athletic Association and Greeneview Board of Education policies. While the Board of Education takes great pride in winning, it does not condone "winning at any cost." It discourages any and all pressures which might tend to neglect good sportsmanship and good mental health. At all times the athletic program must be conducted in such a way to justify it as an educational activity.

ATHLETIC GOAL AND OBJECTIVES:

OUR GOAL - The student athlete shall become a more effective citizen in a democratic society.

OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES - The student athlete shall learn:

1. To work with others – in a democratic society a person must develop self-discipline, respect for authority and the spirit of hard work and sacrifice. The team and its objectives must be placed higher than personal desires.
2. To be successful – Our society is very competitive. We do not always win, but we succeed when we continually strive to win with earnest dedication. Develop a desire to excel.
3. To develop sportsmanship – To accept any defeat like a true sportsman, knowing we have done our best, we must learn to treat others as we want others to treat us. We need to develop desirable social traits, including emotional control, honesty, cooperation, and dependability.
4. To improve – Continual improvement is essential to good citizenship. As an athlete, you must establish a goal and you must constantly try to reach that goal. Try to better yourself in the skills involved and those characteristics set forth as being desirable.
5. To enjoy athletics – It is necessary to enjoy participation, to acknowledge all of the personal rewards to be derived from athletics, and to give sufficiently of themselves in order to preserve and improve the program.
6. To develop desirable personal health habits – To be an active, contributing citizen, it is important to obtain a high degree of physical fitness through exercise and good health habits, and to develop the desire to maintain this level of physical fitness after formal competition has been completed.

DEFINITIONS

ATHLETE – You are considered an athlete once you have attended a practice of an athletic team and will always be considered an athlete until you graduate. Cheerleaders, managers, and trainers are considered athletes and must obey the same rules.

AWARDS – Awards earned are given at the end of the season to any member of a team that is a valid participant.

CHAIN OF COMMAND – The chain of command that needs to be followed in regard to concerns/issues is: Coach, Athletic Director, Principal, Superintendent and then the School Board. Athletes should address any issues to the coach first then if necessary a parent-coach-athlete meeting may be setup with coach (Athletic Director may be present).

COACH – The coach is any person that is approved by the Greeneview Board of Education for the purpose of coaching a team.

DENIED PARTICIPATION – Cannot take part in any activity (games, practices, meetings, etc.) of a particular team.

DURING THE SEASON – During the season is from the first day you attend a mandatory practice for that sport and until the coach releases you from the last game or contest. This is the definition for during the season violations of the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Rules.

OHSAA SEASON OFFICIAL START DATES – (For vacation planning, not for in season, out of season policy)
July 31, 2017 - Football
August 1, 2017 – Cross Country, Golf, Girl’s Tennis, Soccer, Volleyball
October 27, 2017 - Girls Basketball
November 3, 2017 - Bowling, Boys Basketball, Gymnastics, Swimming
November 10, 2017 – Wrestling
February 19, 2018 - Baseball, Softball
March 5, 2018 - Boy’s Tennis, Track

OUT OF SEASON – Out of season is anytime not during the season. Out of season is any time before you attend a mandatory practice for a team and any time after the coach releases you from the last game or contest.

PARTICIPATION – Participation is taking an active part in that activity from the beginning until the end of the season and adhering to the guidelines set forth for satisfactory participation.

PROOF OF VIOLATION – The direct observance by a Greeneview employee, or a chaperone, or a school board member, or a member of any law enforcement agency, or a matter of record, or the parents of the athlete in violation, or a statement of admission by the athlete when questioned by school personnel about a possible violation.

QUITTING – Quitting is voluntarily departing (leaving) from a team during the season after the first five days of practice.

TEAM MEMBER – You are considered a team member from the first day that you attend practice until you are cut, quit, the season is over, or are disciplinarily removed from the team.

VALID PARTICIPANT – A student that participates on one of our teams for the entire season. The athlete must not have been disciplinarily removed from the team for the remainder of the season or quit a team.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

The OHSAA has Eligibility requirements for each student athlete in grades 7 thru 12. Greeneview Schools have the following policies in conjunction with the OHSAA regarding student/athlete eligibility. **Student athletes must meet all three of the following criteria: These criteria apply to quarter grades and interim grades only, exam grades, semester grades, and yearly grades do not impact eligibility.. The immediately preceding grading period is what applies for eligibility per OHSAA. For Fall Sports, the fourth quarter grading period from the prior school year counts toward eligibility. Summer school grades do not count towards eligibility and cannot be used to replace a grade. If a student is not eligible at the end of a grading period then they are not eligible until the next grading period (nine weeks) has completed, grades will be re-checked at the end of that period.**

1. Must have a GPA of at least 1.5.
2. Must have passing grades in a minimum of five credit courses or equivalent.
3. Must have less than two failing grades (F).

Also, **in addition to all the above policies, the grades of all current student athletes will be checked at interims**) If a student does not meet the above eligibility criteria at interims, the student will be ineligible to participate in games until they have met the criteria listed above. The ineligibility begins on the Tuesday after the interim reports are to be distributed. The student will become eligible for games as soon as the criteria is met. Written notification from the classroom teacher is needed. The athlete is responsible for making sure this written notification is given to the Athletic Director. If a student does not regain eligibility before the conclusion of the season then the student will forfeit all awards earned at that time. A student that becomes ineligible at interim must attend at least one after school tutoring session per week in order to remain on the team and continue to participate in practices while trying to regain their complete eligibility. The tutoring schedule can be obtained from the guidance office.

Athletes not eligible to participate in games due to academic ineligibility cannot be dressed in their team uniform for a game.

Athletes should not change their course schedule or drop a course without first consulting with the principal and/or athletic director to determine whether it will affect their athletic eligibility.

An athlete that is ineligible due to academics from the preceding grading period may not participate in any way on a team.

HOME SCHOOLING - ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION

In order to participate in any extracurricular activity, a student being educated at home or enrolled in a nonpublic school must be the appropriate age and grade level for the school that offers the extracurricular activity and must fulfill the same academic, nonacademic and financial requirements as any other participant as specified in Board policy, administrative guidelines, the student handbooks and/or the Athletic Handbook. A student educated at home must meet the following academic requirements:

- A. Greeneview High School and Greeneview Middle School are members of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and must abide by the guidelines established for its member schools in regard to age, transfer status, and quarterly (9 week) eligibility. Therefore, it is important to note that, while home-schooled students are not in attendance during the school day, students will be required to provide evidence of academic progress sufficient to meet OHSAA mandated and Greeneview eligibility requirements. Written evidence must provide by a state-licensed teacher/instructor prior to participation and must be readily available to the administration in the same interval as regularly enrolled Greeneview students.
- B. If the student received home instruction in the preceding grade period, the student shall meet any academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for the continuation of home instruction.
- C. If the student did not receive home instruction in the preceding grading period, the student's academic performance during the preceding grading period shall have met any academic standards for eligibility to participate in the program established by the District.
- D. Eligibility for a student who leaves a school district mid-year for home instruction shall be determined based on an interim academic assessment or grades at the time of withdraw issued by the district in which the student was enrolled based on the student's work while enrolled in the District.

- Any student who commences home instruction after the beginning of a school year and who is, at the time home instruction commences, ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity due to failure to meet academic standards or any other requirements of the District shall not participate in the extracurricular activity until the student meets the academic requirements established by the State Board of Education for continuation of home instruction as verified by the Superintendent. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same semester in which the student as determined ineligible.
- E.
- F. Ineligible for participation for one academic grading period before participation is granted regardless of academic standing (i.e. student leaves during the first quarter, he/she is not eligible until the beginning of the third quarter.)

No eligible home schooled or nonpublic school student will be charged any fees in excess of those fees charged to other students for participation in the same extracurricular activity.

Further, it shall be understood by participating in Greeneview Extra-Curricular programming, home schooled and non-public school students are bound by all rules and regulations contained in the Greeneview Local Schools athletic and student handbooks regarding behavior, team rules, participation fee, proper physical and participation forms, practice participation, etc...and are subject to the same disciplinary action by coaches, athletic administrators, and district personnel.

OHSAA AGE LIMITATION:

High School (9-12) - Once a student becomes 20 years old they are not eligible to participate regardless of when during the season this occurs.

Middle School (7-8) - If a student attains the age of 15 before August 1, the student is not eligible to participate in 7th & 8th grade interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year. (Birth-date prior to August 1, 2002). You can participate in HS Athletics. Students can only participate in eight semesters of High School athletics in their career.

OHSAA RESIDENCE BYLAW:

In general, students are eligible at the school in the district they reside unless they meet one of the OHSAA exceptions. If you do not live in the Greeneview School District you will need to be approved for eligibility by the Athletic Department who will confirm with the OHSAA if needed.

The districts for all public schools are established by the State Board of Education and defined for athletic purposes. In addition, school districts with multiple high schools may establish attendance zones within those districts. In determining one's residence for purposes of these bylaws, the following criteria shall apply: (a) where the parents and family members sleep the majority of the time, (b) where the mail is received, (c) where the meals are prepared and eaten, (d) where the parents are registered to vote, and (e) where important family activities take place during significant parts of each day. Note: It shall not be considered a "bona fide" change of residence as prescribed in OHSAA Bylaws if the parents of a transfer student vacate the residence prior to one year from the date that the student's transfer is approved, and the student remains in the school into which the transfer was approved.

There are **several** exceptions to the Transfer Policy. Refer to Athletic Department for clarification and questions. Any athlete that transfers into Greeneview must be approved and cleared athletically by the Athletic Director. The OHSAA Student Athlete Eligibility Brochure can be found in the back of the handbook. A student may be eligible at only one school at a time.

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO RULES

Research has shown that the use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol have harmful effects on social and intellectual development of children and on their mental, physical, and emotional health. Therefore, regulations concerning tobacco, drugs and alcohol will be in effect for all athletes year round (365 days), 24 hours a day, while enrolled as a student in grades 7 through 12.

1. A student shall not possess, conceal, use or show signs of use of narcotics, drugs, look-alike drugs, or be in possession of drug paraphernalia: a student shall not be in possession of prescription or non-prescription drugs, including those taken for medical purposes, unless the student has complied with the Greeneview Board of Education policy and procedures regarding the administering of medication.
2. The drinking, purchasing, or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind is prohibited. A sip is a drink.
3. The using, purchasing or possession of tobacco products in any form is prohibited. This includes vapor, e-cigarettes, and similar products designed to approximate smoking or tobacco usage in any form.
4. Selling or distributing tobacco, drugs, and alcohol is prohibited.

THESE RULES APPLY YEAR ROUND (365 DAYS), 24 HOURS A DAY.

VIOLATIONS OF THE DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO RULES WILL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS:

1st OFFENSE - If the violation occurs over the summer, the athlete will be denied participation in the fall sports season. If the violation occurs during a sports season, regardless of whether the athlete is participating in a sport during that season, the athlete will be denied participation for the remainder of the current season (including tournaments) and the next sports season (including tournaments). All awards they may have earned in that current sport will be forfeited. Suspended athletes are permitted to participate in weight training, open field/gym, and small group workouts with coaches so long as those activities are not directly associated with the current sports season. Summer and sports seasons are defined as follows:

Fall - August 1 until final fall contest (including tournament)

Winter - Day following the final fall contest (including tournament) until final winter contest (including tournament)

Spring – Day following the final winter contest (including tournament) until final Spring contest (including tournament)

Summer – Day following the final spring contest (including tournament) until August 1

2nd OFFENSE – Denied participation in athletics for one calendar year from the date of the second offense. All awards they may have earned in that sport will be forfeited. Suspended athletes are permitted to participate in weight training, open field/gym, and small group workouts with coaches so long as those activities are not directly associated with the current sports season.

3rd OFFENSE – For High School students (grades 9-12), denied participation in athletics at Greeneview Local Schools for the remainder of the athlete's career. For Middle School students (grades 7-8), denied participation for two calendar years from the date of the third offense. All awards they may have earned in that sport will be forfeited.

4th OFFENSE (Grades 7-8) - Denied participation in athletics at Greeneview Local Schools for the remainder of the athlete's career. All awards they may have earned in that sport will be forfeited.

On any violation of the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Rules, the athlete is required to attend a chemical assessment program or Alternative Tobacco Program immediately and follow all the recommendations of the program before the athlete will be allowed to participate in games under the above rules. All programs must be approved by the Principal. **Written notice of completion from the Program Agency must be turned in to the Athletic Department for eligibility to be restored.** The guidance office can provide possible programs for assistance.

Those students currently holding rules violations will still be held accountable for their previous violations.

If the violation occurs at a school function, the athlete will also be disciplined under the rules and regulations of the Greeneview Student Handbook as well.

STATUE OF LIMITATIONS:

Athletic discipline will be imposed based upon the date of discovery of an infraction, so long as the discovery is within a calendar year of the infraction.

PARENT, OR SELF-REFERRAL POLICY:

An athlete who willingly comes forward, or whose parent makes a referral for him or her, before “proof of violation” has been established (observed by school employee, chaperone, law enforcement agency, etc) or before having been questioned by school personnel about a possible violation, will not be penalized under our Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Rules, so long as the following condition is met: athlete agrees to participate in a drug/alcohol/tobacco program recommended by the Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinator and approved by the principal. Continued participation in activity is contingent upon the athlete’s immediate, ongoing, and complete participation in the aforementioned stipulation. A self referral form will need to be completed and turned into the Athletic Director upon enrollment. However, an athlete may undergo this procedure only once in their Athletic career. If an athlete is later found to have violated the Drug, Alcohol or Tobacco Rules again, it will be considered their second offense.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Booster Club is a group of Ram Fans including parents, community members, coaches, etc that help support the Athletic Department programs through fund-raising efforts including the organization of the concession stands at all High School sporting events. The Athletic Booster meetings are announced through newsletters and the school website. Money raised by the Athletic Boosters helps support the athletic programs for grades 7-12. Past projects include: softball field construction, bleacher updates, field maintenance, Computer Stat Software Packages, Stadium Renovation Project, uniform purchase assisting.

PROHIBITION FROM ATHLETICS

Participation in extra-curricular activities, including interscholastic sports, is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, principals, and assistant principals and other authorized personnel employed by the District to supervise or coach a student activity program, to prohibit a student from participating in any particular or all extra-curricular activities of the District for offenses or violations of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code for a period not to exceed the remainder of the school year in which the offense or violation of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code took place.

In addition, student athletes are further subject to the Athletic Code of Conduct and may be prohibited from participating in all or part of any interscholastic sport for violations therein.

Students prohibited from participation in all or part of any extra-curricular activity are not entitled to further notice, hearing, or appeal rights.

ATHLETIC FORMS

Before an athlete can participate they must be registered to “tryout” for the sport. Parents/guardians must go the Greeneview School District Webpage (www.greeneview.k12.oh.us) and click on athletics, then click on registration. All forms must be read and electronically signed off on. A physical form must be completed and taken to your doctor who fills out the form during the physical exam and will sign it at the end of the exam. Bring this form to your coach or school. You must be registered and have a completed physical before you start participating in tryouts, practices and/or games.

ATTENDANCE

Students who do not attend, or who leave early cannot attend or participate in any after school activity, unless approved by the administration. Students arriving late to school may participate in after school activities if they arrive by the end of second period (HS 9:23am or MS 9:11am) providing the reason is approved by administration. Students arriving after (HS - 9:23am or MS 9:11am) will not be eligible for after school activities unless they have doctor signed note that required them to arrive late.

Regarding games or practices on day's school is not in session, students need not be in school the last day of required attendance to participate. If a student is assigned Saturday School, they must be in attendance the entire time to be eligible to participate in athletic practices or events on that day.

Final authority for infractions of the attendance rule will rest with the Principal.

OHSAA AWARDS BYLAW

Awards directly resulting from participation in interscholastic athletics may be accepted by a student from any source provided the award does not exceed in value \$400 per award. No cash awards.

AWARDS PROGRAM

There will be an awards program at the end of each season organized by the coaching staff of that sport. Athletes are expected to attend the awards program, unless excused by the coach or Athletic Director before the program. The coach of the sport has the right to withhold any award for disciplinary reasons or any other justifiable reason with approval of the Athletic Director. Dismissal from the team for violations of the Team Rules and Regulations will result in the forfeiture of all awards earned. All equipment must be returned or paid for if lost or abused before awards will be given. If an athlete has any unpaid sport specific expenses, awards may be held until payment has been made in full.

CONDUCT OF ATHLETES

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the athletic department. The community, school administrators and the coaching staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program of athletics. The welfare of the students is our major consideration and transcends any other consideration. All athletes shall abide by a code of ethics which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to; theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality, sexting, or violations of the law, tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic program and will not be tolerated. **HAZING or any type of initiation of students will not be permitted. Hazing is against the state law!**

Due to the serious nature of this rule, the coach involved, the Athletic Director, and the Principal shall meet and determine the penalty according to the degree of the infraction. The penalty can be a maximum of denial of participation for the remainder of your high school career. As a general rule, those infractions which could reasonably result in the involvement of law enforcement (excluding routine traffic violations) will be considered a violation of the code of conduct and minimally lead to athletic penalties consistent with those outlined in the drug, alcohol, and tobacco section of the athletic handbook.

STATUE OF LIMITATIONS:

Athletic discipline will be imposed based upon the date of discovery of an infraction, so long as the discovery is within a calendar year of the infraction.

ATHLETIC CONTEST INFORMATION / NEWS

Schedules and contest information and news is posted on the school website at www.greeneview.k12.oh.us under the Athletics tab. We encourage you to sign up for email news alerts as well.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment purchased by the school is the property of the school. An athlete caught stealing any equipment will be denied participation for the remainder of the season. If the athlete is not involved in a sport at the time, they will be denied participation in all athletics for the next sports season. The athlete will also be disciplined under the rules and regulations of the Greeneview Student Handbook.

When equipment is issued to the athlete, they become responsible for that equipment and upon request of the coach; the athlete must return that equipment in the condition they received it. Failure to do so will result in the holding of all awards earned by the athlete as well as preventing them from going out for any other athletic team at Greeneview until all equipment has been returned or a reimbursement of replacement cost has been made.

Athletic equipment is for practice and game use only. No game or practice equipment is to be worn to school or altered in any way unless you have the permission of the coach. Any athlete who wears athletic equipment or uniforms in violation of this policy will be denied participation in the next game or contest.

Remember, we try to furnish you, the athlete, with the best equipment we can afford. The cost of this equipment is tremendous. For this reason, we hope you will cooperate with us in trying to take the best care of the equipment as possible. Please wear the uniform the way it was designed and wear it with pride.

FIGHTING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

There is no place in Interscholastic Sports for fighting. Determining whether a fight occurred will be at the discretion of school personnel. Punches do not have to be thrown in order for a fight to have taken place.

Protecting yourself by covering up, retreating and etc. is not considered fighting. Swinging back, throwing punches, kicking, and etc are considered fighting.

Fighting shall result in **at least** the same discipline as being ejected from a contest. The same denial of participation applies to any member of the playing squad who leaves the bench area during a fight and enters into any disturbance. The athlete may also be disciplined under the rules and regulations of the Greeneview Student Handbook.

FUND RAISERS

Athletic teams/coaches will be asked to fundraise to help support their program and the Athletic Department. The fundraiser will be coordinated by the head coach of the sport and have the approval of the Athletic Director. All fundraisers must have the proper paperwork filled out prior to starting sales. All money received will be deposited into the Athletic Department account for that sport. Athletic Department and/or Athletic Booster fundraisers may also be conducted and involve all Athletic teams. Your support and participation is necessary to assist with the Athletic Programs.

GREENEVIEW AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARD – VARSITY SPORTS

A plaque will be given to the Varsity team member with the highest grade point average. The student must have earned a Varsity award in the sport.

Grading periods:	Fall Season	1 st nine weeks
	Winter Season	2 nd nine weeks
	Spring Season	3 rd nine weeks

CHEVRON

Athletes that receive a varsity award will receive a chevron. (One per year)

EIGHTH GRADE AWARD

All 8th grade valid participants will receive a 5” Blue Swiss Embroidered Letter.

FOURTH YEAR VARSITY AWARD

A Greeneview Athletic engraved plaque will be given when a fourth varsity award is earned in the same sport.

LEADERSHIP AWARD

A plaque will be given to a member of a varsity team that displays the best leadership qualities during the season. The selection process will be determined by the coach.

NUMERALS

Will be awarded to any first year athlete who is a valid participant on one of our teams.

FIRST YEAR RESERVE LETTER

Will be awarded when a reserve team is formed and a reserve schedule is played. 5” Red Swiss Embroidered Letter. (One per career per sport)

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

A plaque will be given to a member of a varsity team that displays the best sportsmanship during the season. The selection process will be determined by the coach.

SECOND YEAR VARSITY AWARD

A Greeneview Athletic engraved plaque will be given when a second varsity award is earned in the same sport.

SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARD

Plaque listing all sports and years of participation. The athlete must have earned two Varsity awards in three different sports or earned three Varsity Awards in two different sports. An athlete is ineligible if they were disciplinary removed from a team for any reason, athletic violations, or the athlete quit a team.

SEVENTH GRADE AWARD

All 7th grade valid participants will receive a Greeneview Athletic Shield.

THIRD YEAR VARSITY AWARD

A Greeneview Athletic engraved plaque will be given when a third varsity award is earned in the same sport.

FIRST YEAR VARSITY LETTER

Will be awarded when a varsity team is formed and a varsity schedule is played. 6” White Swiss Embroidered Letter. (One per career per sport)

FRESHMAN AWARD

Numerals will be awarded the first sports season a student participates in starting in 9th grade. (One set per career). A certificate will be given if a freshman team is formed and a freshman schedule is played.

AWARD NOTES

Any senior participating on one of our teams as a valid participant will receive a varsity award, even if they do not meet the participation requirement for that sport providing the coach has no disciplinary reasons for not awarding it. The coach will make this recommendation to the Athletic Director.

If an athlete sustains an injury during the season, the coach will make the determination on their award based on expected playing time if the injury did not occur.

The head coach with the approval of the Athletic Director has the discretionary power, in special situations, to give an award not earned by the guidelines above.

A student manager may earn a Varsity letter by supporting the Varsity team the entire sport season.

All awards may be forfeited if the athlete does not attend the awards program, unless excused by the coach or Athletic Director before the program.

The Athletic Department will purchase the following Varsity team awards: a banner to hang in the gym for Conference Champions and above. Sport patches and t-shirts will be purchased for Conference Champions and above.

SPORT AWARD REQUIREMENTS

To earn a Varsity letter, an athlete must participate in a minimum amount of time in regular season varsity contests. Head coaches are responsible for awarding varsity letters and keeping record of these requirements.

Requirements to earn an Varsity award:

Athletes must participate in at least 50% of the total regular season quarters, innings, halves, matches , games, etc whichever is appropriate for that particular sport.

Requirements to earn an award for Junior High sports:

Any athlete participating on one of our teams as a valid participant will receive an award.

GROOMING AND DRESS POLICY

A member of an athletic team is expected to be well-groomed. “He shows up best that shows off least.” Appearance, expression, and actions always influence people’s opinions of athletes, the team, and the school. Once you have volunteered to be a member of a squad, you have made a choice to uphold certain standards expected of athletes in this community.

The following grooming and dress rules will be adhered to by team members:

1. Hair styles and facial hair are to be maintained in a neat and clean manner so as to present a positive image for both the team and school.
2. Visible tattoos will not be permitted. Body markings (painting, etc) must be approved by the coach.
3. An athlete shall dress presentably at all times; at games, at practice, on trips, at assemblies, or at awards programs.
4. Only uniforms issued by the Athletic Department will be permitted to be worn for contests. The uniforms must be worn as designed by the manufacturer.
5. Athletes will not be permitted to participate until deviations of the above rules are satisfactorily corrected.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When hazardous road conditions exist to close school or exist on non-school days, special attention is given to assure the safety of all students involved in extra-curricular activities. ALL athletic activities (**practices/games**) at the Middle School level will be cancelled. Decisions about holding athletic events at the High School level will be determined by the Superintendent. Practices, if held, will not be mandatory. When it comes to O.H.S.A.A sponsored tournaments, we have very little input, if any.

INDIVIDUAL COACHES RULES

Coaches may establish additional rules and regulations with the approval of the Athletic Director for their respective sports. These rules are given in writing to all team members and explained at the start of the season. Penalties for violation of team rules will be administered by the coach.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

OHSAA POLICY – Athletes are subject to Instructional Program regulations. These include:

- A. Camps, clinics, workshops, etc that involve team play may be attended from June 1 – July 31 only. Team play is defined as any activity of individuals with more than one player opposing one player. There is no limit on the number of players from the same school participating on the same team from June 1 – July 31. An athlete may have no contact in an instructional program with the school coaching staff except during the season of the sport or for days from June 1 – July 31. Some sports are allowed to have individual instruction for up to four athletes at a time outside of this summer period.

INSURANCE

The Greeneview Local School District does not provide medical insurance for the athlete. Proof of insurance is required by all athletes before they will be permitted to participate.

LOCKER ROOM REGULATIONS

1. Rough-housing, horseplay and etc. are not permitted.
2. All showers must be turned off. The last person to leave the shower room is expected to turn off the showers.
3. People with permission only are allowed in locker rooms.
4. All spikes and/or cleats must be put on and taken off outside of the building. No metal or hard-plastic spikes and/or cleats are ever allowed in the school building or on the bus.
5. Athletes can place locks on lockers during the season.

N.C.A.A. & N.A.I.A – COLLEGE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

If you have dreams of playing sports in college, you need to start meeting requirements your freshmen year of high school. Requirements are set by the National Clearinghouse .

The NCAA and NAIA has established a National Clearinghouse to certify student eligibility. Students who want to participate in College Athletics should start the certification process early. Forms and information can be obtained from the Guidance Office.

OHSAA General Sports Regulation - Non-Interscholastic Programs / Instructional Programs

Non-Interscholastic Programs

Definition – A non-interscholastic program is defined as an organization composed of players in grades 7-12 either in or outside of school in which the primary purpose is to compete in contests no matter whether admission is charged, fees or expenses are collected, or whether or not a coach is present, and regardless of whether instruction is given. Examples of non-interscholastic programs include but are not limited to: church, intramural, Y.M.C.A., C.Y.O., A.A.U., USAVB, USSF, City Recreation, All-Star, Club or any non-interscholastic team or combination of players involved in team play.

Member of an Interscholastic (School) Squad – A student is considered to be a member of an interscholastic squad when the student participates in an interscholastic contest in a sport that is sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board and the sport is one of the 24 recognized sports as authorized by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. An athletic contest involving participants from another school or any non-interscholastic program is labeled as a game, meet, match, preview, scrimmage or other type of competition.

Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs – Team Sports – A member of an interscholastic squad sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board in a team sport (baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, soccer, softball and volleyball) shall not participate in an athletic contest, tryouts or any type of team or group training or practices on a non-interscholastic squad in a team sport in the same sport during the school's interscholastic sports season. This regulation is applicable for those invited to participate in a tryout, group training or practices at a college or in contests, tryouts, group training or practices with any non-school team such as a club.

Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs – Individual Sports – A member of an interscholastic squad sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board in an individual sport (bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling) shall not participate in a contest on a non-interscholastic squad in the same sport during the school's interscholastic sports season.

Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs Outside the Interscholastic Season – Team Sports – A member of an interscholastic squad in a team sport sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board may participate in non-interscholastic contests, tryouts, training or practices prior to, and after, the school's interscholastic season under the following conditions:

a) The number of interscholastic squad members from the same school on the non-interscholastic squad is limited to a maximum of 50% of the members of a team as defined in the playing rules of the sport.

50% Limitation on Sport Number of squad members

Baseball 4, Basketball 2, Field Hockey 5, Soccer 5, Softball 4, Volleyball 3

b) An interscholastic squad member may continue participation with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament after July 31 until the squad is eliminated from the national qualifying tournament but no later than Labor Day.

c) Graduating seniors who are participating on a non-interscholastic squad after their final interscholastic contest in a season in the same sport are exempt from this limitation.

d) Ice Hockey shall use a five-player limitation.

Participating in Non-Interscholastic Programs Outside the Interscholastic Season – Individual Sports – A member of an interscholastic squad in an individual sport sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board may participate in non-interscholastic contests, tryouts, training or practices prior to, and after, the school's interscholastic season with no restriction except as stipulated in regulation 7.11 – Members of the Interscholastic Coaching Staff.

Dropping From or Quitting an Interscholastic Team – A member of an interscholastic squad sponsored by the Board of Education or other governing board who is dropped or quits during the school's interscholastic season may participate in a non-interscholastic program as a team member or individual in the same sport but is ineligible for further interscholastic competition in that sport for the remainder of the school's interscholastic season.

Interscholastic Football Squad Members – After a student becomes a member of an interscholastic football squad, the student may not participate in non-interscholastic football, including contests, tryouts and any type of training or practices, during the school year. From June 1 through July 31, members of an interscholastic football squad may participate in non-contact football contests, tryouts or any type of training and practices and attend noncontact team football camps or instructional programs.

50% Limitation on Sport Number of squad members

Baseball 4, Basketball 2, Field Hockey 5, Soccer 5, Softball 4, Volleyball 3

Note: Ice Hockey shall use a five-player limitation.

EXCEPTION : If the 50% limitation is observed, an interscholastic coach may continue participation with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament after July 31 until the squad is eliminated from the national qualifying tournament but no later than Labor Day.

Penalties

The maximum penalty for violation of this regulation for any member of a school squad, excepting a senior, shall be ineligibility in that sport for the remainder of the season or the ensuing season. If a senior, the maximum penalty shall be ineligibility for all interscholastic athletics the remainder of the school year.

The penalty for a coach for a violation of these regulations may include suspension, probation, public censure, fine not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, or such other penalty as the Commissioner may deem appropriate.

Instructional Programs (Examples include but are not limited to camps, clinics, workshops, practices, etc.)

These regulations apply to individual members of school squads or teams.

Instructional programs out of the season of the sport involving team play (any activity of individuals with more than one player opposing one player) may be attended at any time from August-May 31 as long as the 50% limitation is maintained.

Individual skill instruction may be received in any sport by a squad member at any time in individual lessons from non-school coaches provided that these individual skill instructions do not violate any Board of Education, school administrators' or coaches' policies. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the coach may not conduct individual or group lessons for a squad member except during June 1 to July 31 and during the season of the sport.

There is no limit on the number of players from the same school participating on the same team during the period June 1-July 31 (in the sports of baseball and softball, the period is the Friday before Memorial Day-May 23 in 2014-through July 31), provided the squad members have concluded their school season.

Athletes who violate the instructional program regulations may be penalized not to exceed one year of ineligibility for interscholastic athletics.

Interscholastic coaches in the team sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, ice hockey, soccer, softball, track & field, volleyball and wrestling may provide individual instruction anytime outside the season of play outside the defined no-contact periods.

Individual instruction is defined as no more than four individuals present at one time in all combined facilities where the instruction is taking place.

Interscholastic coaches in the individual sports of bowling, golf, gymnastics, tennis and swimming & diving may coach athletes from the school where employed outside the interscholastic season of the sport.

Members of the coaching staff are limited to a total of 10 days in any combination of instructional program days and non-interscholastic days.

Mandatory attendance at instructional programs is not permitted. A coach, paid or unpaid, violates this provision when the coach suggests or in any way implies that a student's chance to be selected for an interscholastic squad is contingent upon participation in an instructional program.

Squad members may be used for out-of-season demonstration purposes only if approved in advance by the Commissioner's office.

To be safe, check with the Athletic Director before participating on a non-interscholastic team. School activities, practices, banquets, and etc. take priority over out-of-school activities.

OPEN GYM/FIELD - WEIGHT TRAINING

OHSAA General Sports Regulation - Open Gymnasium or Facilities

A school may open its athletic facilities for unstructured free play provided the activity is supervised by a school employee who may remove participants or spectators for disciplinary reasons.

GENERAL SPORTS REGULATIONS

The school may designate the sport or sports that will be played during the free play period, but may not limit participation to a select group of students from within the school. The school may also designate the grade levels involved and may limit participation to students enrolled in the school.

There may be no designation of who will play on which team or who will play whom. Only the students participating may be involved in selecting or substituting players.

The regulation timing of games is not permitted.

Written scorekeeping is not permitted.

No individual invitations, written or oral, are permitted.

A coach, paid or unpaid, violates the provision of these regulations when the coach requires, suggests or in any way implies that a student's chance to be selected for an interscholastic squad is contingent upon participation at an open gymnasium or facilities program.

Mandatory attendance at open gymnasiums or facilities is not permitted.

Transporting athletes to a school or non-school open gym is a violation for any member of the coaching staff, paid or unpaid.

It is not a violation for the coach or supervisor to participate in unstructured free play in the open gym or facilities.

Member schools may restrict individuals from observing the open gym activity.

Open gym/field-weights are open to any student at Greeneview. It is not mandatory to attend open gym/field-weights to be a member of any team. Any athlete that is participating in a sport may attend open gym/field-weights if it does not interfere with that sport and they obtain permission from the in season coach stating the stipulations for participation. It is then the responsibility of the athlete to honor these stipulations. Failure to comply with these stipulations will result in denied participation from the in season sport. An athlete that quits a team or is removed for disciplinary reasons after the first 5 days of practice cannot participate in open gym/field-weights until that current sport season is over.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Participation fees are due before the athlete may participate in a regular season contest. Athletes may not start participating in another sports season until all fees are paid in full from the prior season which would include any camp related fees or lost uniform fees that might have been incurred. Participation fees are collected to help defray the expenses of extra-curricular activities to the Greeneview Board of Education. The Athletic Department does not receive any of the participation fee money. Once the season starts there will be no refunds of participation fees.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Practice sessions are a very important part of the learning process in athletics. Athletes are expected to attend all practice sessions. Coaches will have team rules covering missed practices and games. Facilities, personal work schedule of the coach, conflicts with other activities and the weather has an affect on when practices are scheduled. Practice or team activities on Sundays and legal holidays (very rare occasions) must be approved by the Superintendent and will not be mandatory. Two hours is the normal length of practice time on school days. Practice time begins when athletes take the field or court. Weight training, films, and/or team meetings may be before, during, or after this practice time. A practice schedule with dates and times will be handed out at the beginning of the season by the head coach. Please be aware schedules do have to be changed from time to time. Coaches will try their best to have players out on time. Coaches are not permitted to leave the facility until all their players are gone. So parents, please have transportation arranged on time so that coaches do not have to stay and wait on your child to be transported.

RECRUITING OF ATHLETES

OHSAA Bylaw – Recruiting

A student is considered a prospective athlete after enrolling in the seventh grade, or the grade corresponding to the seventh grade for a student from a foreign country, irrespective of whether the student is currently enrolled in a public 7th-8th grade school located within a public school district or a non-public school that is part of a non-public system. Any attempt to recruit a prospective student-athlete for athletic purposes shall be strictly prohibited.

GREENEVIEW GUIDELINE - The recruiting of Greeneview athletes by Greeneview coaches is prohibited if that student has been a member of another team during the same season. If the student is not already playing a sport during the same season, we encourage coaches to try and get them out for a sport. We do not support a coach convincing someone to switch sports.

In the event an athlete should be contacted personally by a college recruiter, they should work through their coach and the Athletic Department. Please inform your coach of such a contact as soon as possible, they can help your recruitment process. If an athlete decides to continue their career at the collegiate level please make sure we know about this ASAP.

REPORTING OF AN INJURY

Greeneview Schools have contracted the services of Premier Health Partners / Miami Valley Hospital to handle our athletic training needs for all sports teams. See the school website link to MVH Sports Medicine for information on their network of services. All injuries which occur while participating in athletics should be reported to the athletic trainer and coach as soon as possible. If the injury requires medical attention by a doctor or treatment center it will be necessary to have an injury report form completed. Once the athlete is treated by a physician, the athlete must obtain the doctor's permission to return to the activity. For your own safety, please keep our athletic trainer and coaches informed about your physical well being. The OHSAA does require a concussion form when there are signs of a possible concussion. The Athletic Trainer will coordinate any injury forms.

SEASON PARTICIPATION RULE

Once a student becomes a team member in a sport, which is the first mandatory day of practice attended, the athlete is not permitted to try out for another team unless they are cut from the team, they have an injury that would be detrimental to the athlete's health and safety (must have a note from a Doctor), decides to quit within the first 5 days of practice or the team is disbanded because of lack of participants.

The athlete may not go out for another sport during the same season or attend open field/gym/weights for another sport if after becoming a team member they quit the team after the first 5 days of practice or is removed from the team for disciplinary reasons.

It is recommended by the OHSAA that an athlete participate on only 1 team per season. Special situations for participation on more than 1 team will be reviewed by the Athletic Director, Coaches, Principal and /or Superintendent. Requests for participation in more than 1 sport first need to be approved by the coaches of both sports.

SHARING OF STUDENTS

We have many students participating in more than 1 school sponsored activity at a time which leads to some conflicts in scheduling. If a student is involved in more than 1 school sponsored activity and there is a conflict that can not be worked out between the coaches and advisors, then the following policy will be used.

Order of importance:

1. Contest that allows you to advance to the next level. (Sectional-district-regional-etc)
2. Contest
3. Practice

The student will attend the activity of higher importance.

The first time a conflict occurs between 2 of the same level contest activities and nothing else can be worked out, the student will decide what activity they will attend. Thereafter, the student will attend the other activity on an alternating basis.

On school days when the conflict is between 2 practice sessions and nothing else can be worked out, the student will spend an equal amount of time at both practices. On non-school days when the conflict is between 2 practice sessions and nothing else can be worked out, the student will miss approximately an equal proportion of time at both practices.

School sponsored activities always take priority over out-of-school activities.

SQUAD SELECTIONS

In accordance with our philosophy of athletics, and our desire to see as many students as possible participate in athletic programs while at Greeneview Local Schools, we encourage coaches to keep as many students as they can without upsetting the integrity of the sport. Time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference, and other factors will place limitations on the most effective squad size for any particular sport.

Choosing the members of the athletic squad is the sole responsibility of the coaches of that sport.

Prior to trying out, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

1. Extent of the try-out period.
2. Criteria used to select the team.
3. Number range to be selected.
4. Practice commitments if they make the team.
5. Game commitments if they make the team.

When a squad cut becomes necessary, the process will include three important elements. Each candidate shall have:

1. Competed in a minimum of 3 practice sessions.
2. Performed in an activity that is similar to the “real” game setting.
3. Been informed by the coach in person of the cut, including the reason for the action.

In very special situations, the head coach with the approval of the Athletic Director has the discretionary power to make exceptions to this policy. Exceptions will be based on circumstances that are beyond the control of the student (injuries, court ordered programs, etc).

TICKETS – PASSES

Ticket prices are set by the Ohio Heritage Conference. Tickets generally are sold at least through half-time of the contest and possibly until the end of contests.

Individual Game ticket prices:

	<u>Students Grade 1-12</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Varsity Sports	\$ 4.00	\$ 6.00
Middle School/ Reserve	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00

Senior Citizens with a “Golden Buckeye Card” will be admitted at student prices. Note: OHC Policy - you must have your Golden Buckeye Card in order to guarantee receiving this pricing.

Greeneview Season Passes: (Good for all home contests – non tournament)

Individual Student / Senior - \$ 45

Adult - \$ 85

Passes are good for home games only. Passes may be used at Middle School and High School regular season home games (Southwest District, OHC, and Holiday tournaments not included).

TRANSPORTATION

The Greeneview Board of Education will provide transportation to and from athletic contests. We feel the team benefits from riding to and from athletic contests together. All school bus rules apply during athletic trips. All athletes will ride the transportation to and from the contests. In special situations the parent/guardian may provide transportation if it is approved ahead of time by the coach and/or Athletic Director by completing the "Parent Transportation Form" and turning it into the coach. Athletes must ride with their own parent only or in special circumstances the coach. Form must be turned in prior to permission given to ride with parents/coach instead of bus transportation. Permission will be granted for special situations. Permission is not guaranteed.

Transportation to and from practice is the responsibility of the athlete. Parents need to be aware that students may be riding with other students to and from practice. If you as a parent do not want your child to ride with other students, please arrange for other means of transportation.

VACATIONS

Family vacations by athletic team members during a sport season are highly discouraged. Parents/athletes wishing to do so may wish to reassess their commitment to being an athlete. If an absence due to family vacation is unavoidable, an athlete must:

1. Inform the head coach prior to the vacation.
2. Be willing to **accept** the consequences related to their status on that squad as a starter, 2nd string, etc.
3. Be willing to make up physical conditioning that they missed.

The coach may have additional penalties for missed practices and contests as well.