

DUAL SPORT AGREEMENT

ATCHISON COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 377 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DUAL SPORT ATHLETE GUIDELINES

When a student chooses to participate in more than one activity in a season, conflicts in schedule will occur. While these situations are rare, they create difficulties for the students and their sponsors/coaches. It is important that these conflicts be resolved with open communication between the student, the two coaches or sponsors, and the athletic director. The affected parties should work together to resolve the conflict with the student's best interest as the primary focus. The purpose of these guidelines is to aid the students, sponsors, coaches and building administrators in resolving these conflicts.

Sponsors, coaches and building administrators should communicate to the students their responsibilities regarding practices, performances, and competitions prior to an athletic season or co-curricular activity.

- Sponsors, coaches and building administrators are strongly encouraged to investigate prior to the start of each season any potential conflicts that might occur. Careful attention should be given to the members involved in each activity to determine whether a student is involved in concurrent activities.
- Consideration should be given as to the impact a student has on a particular group or activity.
- A student should not be adversely affected or receive negative repercussions from the coach/sponsor as a result of a decision.

If the events in conflict are of the same priority level in these guidelines, the two sponsors/coaches involved with the student in conflict should meet with the activities/athletic director to discuss the conflicting events and reach a decision that is best for the student

The following grouping of activities is a suggested guide for sponsors, coaches and administrators to use in resolving student participation conflicts. Activities have been tiered into three levels. Events within each grouping are listed in no particular order. Level 1 events take priority over level 2 and 3 events, and level 2 events take priority over level 3 events.

Level 1 Events

- National competitions and/or participation.
- State Competitions, festivals, and/or performance events sponsored by the KSHSAA or recognized state professional organizations.
- Regional, district, sub-state competitions, festivals and/or performances, and state qualifying competitions, festivals, and/or performances events sponsored by KSHSAA.

Level 2 Events

- League events, DVL League multi-school events, and multi-school events of four or more schools participating, multi-school rated and/or ranked festivals e.g., invitational tournaments, DVL league athletic and music contests, etc. Major annual events within each high school, e.g. Fall play, Spring play.

- Multi-school events of three or less schools participating, multi-school events and/or festivals involving any number of schools which are non-rated, parades, regular two school athletic contests, marching festivals for participation only, etc.

Level 3 Events

- Single varsity athletic competitions, individual school concerts or performances.
- Single JV-varsity athletic competitions.
- Regular practices and/or rehearsals outside regular school hours.

Dual Sport Participation agreement

Students who participate in two sports activities during the same season will only be permitted to do so if both coaches are in agreement and the student and his/her parent or guardian sign a dual sport agreement. The agreement shall include allocation of practice time and athletic event participation based on the published schedule. A student who quits one sport after two weeks or after the second competition event must meet with the *head* coach of that *the* sport being dropped *and the athletic director. The athletic director will then determine if the athlete should be allowed to continue participating on the other sport.*

