

Dual-Sport Participation Policy

RATIONALE

Fenton High School seeks to provide quality co-curricular athletic opportunities for its students. Some students have talents and abilities which they desire to contribute to more than one team in a particular athletic season and both of these teams can benefit. Some activities may struggle with low numbers; this may boost participation in those sports.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATION IN DUAL-SPORT ACTIVITIES DURING THE SAME SEASON

1. Students are allowed to participate in two co-curricular sport activities during the same season. Students wishing to participate in two sports during the same season will need to obtain a request form from the athletic director and follow the guidelines set forth by the athletic department involving dual sport participation.
2. Student are not allowed to participate in “open gyms” as well as other non-school competition in another sport on the same day they are participating in a school-sponsored co-curricular sport activity without permission from the head coach of the sport in which they are currently participating and the athletic director.

RULES OF DUAL-SPORT PARTICIPATION

1. A student who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must designate a primary sport before the beginning of the first appointed date of practice set by Fenton High School for the season of participation.
2. A primary sport is defined as the sport which takes precedence over another sport in the event there is a conflict of schedule or any other matter that could lead to a conflict. The student must adhere to the primary sport in the event of any and all conflicts of schedule. If one sport has a contest and the other has a practice, the contest will take precedence.
3. The student must practice in both sports but the amount of practice time must meet the agreed requirements of the head coaches of those sports involved.
4. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the athletic season. The athlete then will participate solely in the primary sport.
5. The student and parent/legal guardian must sign a contract of dual-sport participation before the first practice session he or she attends.
6. In the event that a student is disciplined for any infraction in a specific sport, the consequence will also be applied to the second sport in the season of dual participation. For example – Student A is suspended for two weeks for drug use; that suspension is to be served for both the primary and secondary sport.
7. The Athletic Director or designee will serve in the capacity of advisor and final judge on matters concerning dual-sport participation.

REQUEST FOR DUAL-SPORT PARTICIPATION

It is the intention of the athlete named below to participate in two sports during the same season. In order for this to occur, the following stipulations must be met in accordance with Fenton High School policy.

1. The process must be initiated through a meeting scheduled with the Athletic Director.
2. The athlete must declare which sport is primary and which is secondary for participation purposes.
3. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the athletic season. The athlete then will participate in the primary sport only.
4. Practice and Game/Meet requirements must be established prior to the athletic season. Contests take precedence over practice, and the primary sport contests take precedence over secondary sport contests. This should be detailed in writing below after a conference between the Athletic Director and the Coaches involved.

Name of Student-Athlete: _____ Date: _____

Primary Sport: _____ Secondary Sport: _____

Practice and Game/Meet Requirements (attach calendar):

Additional Stipulations:

Student-Athlete Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Primary Head Coach Signature Date

Secondary Head Coach Signature Date

Athletic Director Signature Date

Principal Signature Date