

Jimtown High School



Athletic Handbook

Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege, not a right. It is our hope at Jimtown High School to create and promote athletic participation that will enhance the full high school program. We hope that through athletics a student will develop self-discipline, accept responsibility, and make decisions that will lead to a wholesome and overall healthful lifestyle.

Jimtown High School is a member of the Northern State Conference. The conference includes Bremen, Culver, John Glenn, Knox, LaVille, New Prairie, and Triton High Schools.

Section 1: Academic Requirements.
IHSAA By-Laws Rule 18: Section 1

- A. **Attendance:** An athlete must be in attendance the final three (3) periods of the day in order to participate in practice or contests, unless excused by the principal or his/her designee.

- B. **Grades:** Jimtown High School will follow the guidelines as established by the IHSAA for a student to be eligible for interscholastic athletics. A student must be passing a minimum of five (5) classes for credit in the grading period immediately before or during a sport season to be eligible. Semester final grades take precedence over lesser marks when determining eligibility in the event that the semester final grades are the last grades to be reported. Eligibility for students toward participation in interscholastic athletics will be determined immediately upon the posting of the grades for each grading period. A student's eligibility based on grades (eligible or ineligible) will not change until the next opportunity for grades to be posted.

- C. **School Suspension:** An athlete suspended from school will be ineligible to attend and practice or contest during the term of the suspension. If the suspension is over winter or spring vacation, the athlete may be able to participate in any/all practices during the vacation period, but would be ineligible to participate in any interscholastic contests scheduled during said vacation period. Following the vacation period, the normal school suspension policy would continue to be in effect for the remainder of the suspension period.

- D. **Practice Regulations:** Athletes are expected to punctually attend all practices. Illness or other extreme emergencies are the only valid reasons for missing practices. The athlete or parent should always inform the coach when he/she will be missing from a scheduled practice or contest. Each coach will set the practice/contest attendance policy for his/her sport.
- E. **Establishing Team Rosters:** Each coach is hired for his/her knowledge and expertise in their particular sport. It is within the coach's discretion to decide who will be members of a particular team or squad. It may be necessary to cut athletes after conducting try-outs for a particular team. It is noted that there is no final cut and that team members may be dropped from a team at any time during the season.
- F. **Dropping a Sport:** Any athlete quitting a team will forfeit all athletic awards earned in the sport for that season. In addition, that athlete will not be permitted to participate in another sport until the season of the sport that the athlete dropped in completed. The only exception to this rule is by mutual consent and agreement of both coaches involved.
- G. **Equipment:** All athletic equipment must be turned in promptly when called for and missing items financially compensated for to the athletic department of Jimtown High School. Athletic awards may be withheld if equipment is not made for missing equipment.
- H. **Physicals:** An IHSAA physical form must be filled out, signed by the attending physician, and on file with the athletic department prior to any athletic participation.
- I. **Insurance:** Jimtown High School does not provide any insurance coverage for athletes. Jimtown High School administrators, coaches, athletic trainers are safety conscious and trained to instruct athletes in the safe and proper techniques of their respective sports. However, due to the nature of athletic activity, injuries DO occur. All IHSAA athletic participants are

automatically covered by an accident policy at no cost to you that kicks in if costs of an accident reach \$25,000 up to 1 million dollars. The IHSAA policy covers athletes participating in IHSAA sports.

All athletes participating in interscholastic sports at Jimtown High School are encouraged to be covered by an accident insurance policy.

Jimtown High School will provide the opportunity for families to purchase a supplemental insurance plan with varying levels of coverage. The purchase of this plan is voluntary and up to each individual family. If you already have a family health and accident plan, you may already be adequately covered.

The parents/guardians of each athlete will be required to fill out and sign page 4 of the IHSAA Physical Examination form, (Consent and Release Form). On this form, you will declare your status with regards to insurance coverage.

- J. **Age Requirements:** According to IHSAA rules C-4.1, a student who is or shall be twenty (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be ineligible in that sport. A student that is nineteen (19) years of age or less on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be eligible as to age for interscholastic athletic competition in that sport.

Section 2: Conduct of a student/athlete at Jimtown High School
IHSAA By-Laws: Rule 8, Section 1

Jimtown High School is fully committed to abiding by all rules and regulations of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), with particular emphasis on Rule B. Section 1: Contestants conduct, in and out of school shall be such as not (1) to reflect discredit upon their school or the IHSAA, or to not (2) to create a disruptive influence on the discipline or good order, moral, or educational environment of Jimtown High School. It

is recognized that principals, by the administrative authority vested in them by their school corporation, may exclude such contestants from representing their school.

- A. **Tobacco**: Athletes shall not be in possession of, consume or use any tobacco products.
- B. **Alcohol**: Athletes shall not be in the possession of, consume, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.
- C. **Controlled Substances**: Athletes shall not be in the possession of, use, or be under the influence of any controlled substances, which include but is not limited to, a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, or anabolic steroids. Items that closely resemble or are represented to be any of the above mentioned items will also be deemed to be a violation of this policy.
- D. **Acts of Delinquency**: An athlete shall not commit a delinquent act. A delinquent act includes but is not limited to harassment or any other conduct that is not in accord with acceptable behavior, or in violation of state or federal law.

Section 3: Grounds for Suspension or Exclusion

- A. **First Offense**: An athlete may be suspended and/or excluded from athletic participation for up to 365 days for any of the following violations.
 - 1. Fails to comply with the directions of his/her coach or school personnel.
 - 2. Fails to adhere to the IHSAA constitution or by-laws.
 - 3. Conduct that interferes with the purposes of the team and/or school.
 - 4. Fails to pass and/or comply with the Jimtown High School substance abuse policy.

Suspensions and/or exclusions from athletic participation may be from 1 to 365 days. A meeting with the coach, athletic director, or principal may be requested.

Recommendations from the meeting while being consistent with past practices may vary because of degree or severity of the offense. These recommendations should include, but are not limited to, drug and/or alcohol assessment and appropriate programs for help.

- B. **Second Offense**: A student who commits another subsequent offense shall be ineligible for athletic participation for a term of 365 days from the time of the second offense.

After a term of no less than 2 complete sports seasons, the athlete may request reinstatement. Reinstatement of the suspended student will only be considered in special circumstances upon the mutual consent and agreement of the principal, athletic director, superintendent of schools, and the Baugo Community Schools Board of Trustees. Before eligibility is reestablished, the student and parents or guardians shall provide documentation of good behavior, or treatment for his/her problem.

The coach in those sports missed may have the athlete practice but he/she will not be allowed to participate in contests.

- C. **Third Offense**: On the third offense, the student/athlete will be excluded from athletic participation for the duration of their high school career. Under special circumstances, a student/athlete, and/or parent may request a review by the principal, athletic director, superintendent of schools, and the Baugo Community Schools Board of Trustees. The final decision concerning the continued athletic eligibility of the student will rest solely with the Baugo Community Schools Board of Trustees.

Section 4: Awards

Athletic Awards for participants, managers, and/or statisticians are at the discretion of the head coach. The head coaches of each sport are responsible for establishing criterion for athletic awards prior to the beginning of each season and have that information available to each participant.

Jimtown High School School Song

“Washington and Lee Swing”

Now let us all join in and play this game,
We're going to do it for old Jimtown's name,
We're gonna' win another victory,
Our team will never lose for we are going to do our best
By giving them a great big cheer,
We're going to show them that we're real sincere,
We're going to show them that we're not to fear,
But to cheer, Rah, Rah, Raaa-aaaah,

Go Jimmies GO!
Go Jimmies GO!
Pass 'em high!
Pass 'em low!
GO Jimmies GO!!