

parents/guardians and any other spectator. Conduct, which is detrimental to the educational value of athletics, may be deemed just cause for the schools reprimand, probation, suspension from a particular sport, or suspension from interscholastic athletics.

Parent/Guardian/Spectator Code of Behavior/Ethics

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian/spectator to:

1. Keep cheering positive. There should be no profanity or degrading language/gestures.
2. Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times.
3. Avoid actions which offend visiting teams, officials, coaches or individual players.
4. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
5. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a better-informed spectator.
6. Treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
7. Accept the judgment of coaches and officials.
8. Be good role models for athletes.

Student Athlete Code of Behavior/Ethics

It is the responsibility of the student athlete to:

1. Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times.
2. Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege not a right.
3. Respect opponents.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
5. Remember that improper behavior while in uniform reflects poorly upon yourself, your family, your school, and community.
6. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.

Coach Code of Behavior/Ethics

It is the responsibility of the coach to:

1. Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive example while coaching.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials.
3. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death situation.
4. Refrain from the use of profanity or degrading language with players, opponents, officials and spectators.
5. Avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents or spectators.
6. Recognize that the participants in athletics are young men and women with frailties and limitations, who are capable of making mistakes.
7. Instruct the players in the elements of good sportsmanship, and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.

NO SMOKING POLICY

No person is permitted to use tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, dip, chew, snus, snuff, e-cigarettes, vaping and any other spit or smoking tobacco product, and caffeine pouches) in any way, at any time, including non-school hours, on district property, grounds, or in district vehicles.

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

Participation by an athlete involves some degree of risk of physical injury. Such physical injury

can occur in any type athletic activity, be it “contact” or “non-contact”. Further, many injuries are truly accidental in nature and involve no negligence by anyone, including the athlete. By volunteering to participate in school sponsored athletic activity, the athlete and parent/guardian assume the risks for injuries to occur.

If during the course of any athletic practice or contest, an athlete is injured, it is the responsibility of the coach or coaching staff to provide basic first aid to the injured athlete and obtain further assistance, if necessary. In addition, the coach will make appropriate phone calls and will document the injury.

ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS

The Athletic Placement Process (APP) was designed for mature and exceptionally skilled student athletes to advance to an upper level. This program allows a seventh or eighth grade student to participate on a Varsity or Junior Varsity team if they meet the developmental and physical fitness standards set by the State Education Department. The program is not to be used to fill positions on teams, provide additional experience, provide a place for middle school student-athletes to play when no modified program is offered or to reward a student-athlete. **It is aimed at the few selected studentathletes who can benefit from such placement because of their level of readiness.** APP is by program specific invitation only.

Normally a student-athlete is eligible for senior high competition in a sport during each of four consecutive seasons commencing with the student-athlete’s entry into the ninth grade.

However, by satisfying the requirements of the APP, a student-athlete may receive extended eligibility to permit:

1. Participation during five consecutive seasons in the approved sport after entry into eighth grade.
2. Participation during six consecutive seasons in the approved sport after entry into the seventh grade.

Varsity coaches may request the Director of Physical Education/Athletics to process a student through the APP Screening Procedure. Students will not be eligible for the screening procedure without this specific request. If this request is approved, the Director will deliver APP information to parent/guardian with the requirements that must be met for the student/athlete to begin tryouts. More information on APP can be found at www.sectionv.org under forms.

INFORMATION ON ATHLETIC CONTESTS

The best ways to access information on athletic contests (sites, dates, times, weather postponements/cancellations, etc.) can be found on:

- www.sectionvny.org - <http://www.schedulesonline.org/> This website is updated frequently.
- www.bcs1.org - Information can be found on the District’s website on our Athletic page.
- You can also follow us on Twitter @BCSDBlueDevils

SECTION IV

ABC's of Athletics

Athletic Injuries

No student should be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest if they are injured. The diagnosis of and prescription of treatment for injuries is strictly a medical matter and should under no circumstances be considered within the province of the coach. A coach's responsibility is to see that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention, and that all details of the Athletic Trainer or a doctor's instructions concerning the student's functioning as a team member are carried out. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether they are in adequate physical condition.

A physician's certificate is required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition. Student athletes who suffer a concussion must complete the Return to Play concussion protocol as outlined by the district before they are allowed to compete.

Athletic Program - Safety

The District will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program shall be kept at a minimum by:

- Requiring medical examinations of participants
- Obtaining certificated officials to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games
- Ensuring that equipment is both safe and operative within approved guidelines
- Scheduling a reasonable number of interscholastic contests at appropriate times and locations

APP procedures

- The Board of Education has approved the Advanced Placement Program. This program allows for the selection and classifying of seventh and eighth grade students for interscholastic athletic competition at the high school. Through the use of physical maturation, physical fitness, and skill criteria, those students who demonstrate the highest level of skill in a sport will be considered for this program.
- Only the very highly skilled athletes shall be considered for this program according to one of the following criteria:
 - The athlete has played, at and demonstrated unquestionable superiority, in competition at the Middle School level
 - The highly skilled athlete does not have the opportunity available at the Middle School level
 - The athlete's level of skill is so that he/she will start a majority of the games at the JV or Varsity level (this program is not intended to round out a roster due to its weakness or lack of participation from the pool of eligible HS athletes)
- It shall be the responsibility of any member of the district coaching staff from the sport in question to initiate the request to move a Middle school student up to JV or Varsity level of competition.
- All requests for consideration made to the Middle School Building Athletic Director should be made not less than 10 school days prior to the commencement of the relevant High School season of play. Requests for consideration for the Fall High

School season should be made before the end of the preceding school year.

- Under no circumstances should the suggestion to classify an athlete to a higher level of competition be made to a student or to the student's parents until after the Building Athletic Director has rendered an affirmative decision.

Booster Clubs

Booster clubs are organizations created and directed by adults in the community who wish to support special areas of interest including, but not limited to, academic and athletic programs. In recognizing the value of these organizations, the Board of Education establishes the following guidelines for booster clubs associated with the Brockport Central School District:

1. Booster clubs, upon inception, shall file a request for recognition, including a statement of their purpose and function with the Board.
2. Booster groups must follow Board policies for facility utilization, presentation of gifts, and fundraising.
3. Students will not be members of any booster group.
4. Recognizing the finite resources of our District, booster organizations will operate in concert with one another, and no one organization will take precedence over the others.
5. Booster organizations shall not charge or collect funds on the District's behalf directly from students or their families in support of specific events or needs. Any booster financial support of activities for a stated purpose shall be made in the form of a gift to the Board. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject such gifts.
6. District employees, while engaging in official duties, shall not be a member of a booster association that provides support to those activities. For example: A coach for the football team, which is supported by public funds, shall not be a member of the football booster association whose main purpose is to raise private funds to support the football program.

Violations of any District policy or regulation may result in the dissolution of the booster club as well as revocation of the permission to use the school name or facilities.

Cancellation of Contests

- All cancellation circumstances should be made by the Athletic Director.
- After consultation with the coach, the Building Athletic Director will reschedule all canceled contests.
- The coach will be responsible for promptly notifying athletes of any changes in the schedule.
- Cancellations on school days will be made by 2:00 PM at the latest. There may be exceptions to this timeframe.

Cutting students from athletic teams.

- No coach should cut a student from an interscholastic team unless it is necessary for the team to function effectively as a unit. Where it is determined that cutting is required, it should only be done after a student has been given a fair tryout. This must include a minimum of three (3) practice sessions. Prior to announcing the cuts, the coach must discuss the decisions with the Athletic Director. Coaches are encouraged to personally talk to each student whom they are cutting from the team. Discussions should include what the athlete needs to improve upon before trying out next season. In this regard, we must remember that cutting is often a difficult experience for both students and their families.

To reduce embarrassment to the students, please do not post the final roster in a public place.

- Coaches should use a detailed performance based evaluation on several criteria. Students that are cut should be encouraged to try another sport.

Eligibility Rules

In order to participate on an interscholastic athletic team, a student must satisfy the following eligibility rules. These standards are established by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA).

1. **Bona Fide Student:** An athlete must be a bona fide middle school or senior high school student and must be taking at least four subjects plus physical education. A student attending an alternative education program may represent only his/her home school. Students who have completed graduation requirements are not permitted to participate in an interscholastic athletic program.
2. **Registration:** A student must have enrolled during the first fifteen school days of a semester and must have been in regular attendance 80 percent of the school time.
3. **Age:** A student shall be eligible for inter-school competition in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 until his/her 19th birthday. If the age of 19 years is reached on or after July 1, the student may participate during that school year in all sports.
4. **Health Examination:** A student who engages in interscholastic competition shall receive an adequate health examination and health history update when required. Students may not practice or participate without the approval of the school medical officer.
5. **Duration of Competition:** A pupil shall be eligible for senior high athletic competition in each sport for only four consecutive seasons of each sport after entry into the ninth grade and prior to graduation. An appeal for an extension of athletic eligibility can be made if the Superintendent of Schools can show that a student's failure to enter competition during one or more seasons of a sport was caused by illness, accident, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student.
6. **Practice Sessions:** All required practice sessions shall be organized and planned for a reasonable length of time and shall include activities specific to the sport. Depending on the sport and level of play (i.e. modified or JV/Varsity), each team and team member is required to participate in a minimum number of practice sessions prior to the first team scrimmage and/or contest. Practice sessions are sport specific so that practices in one sport would not apply to another sport in the event an athlete changes teams. Athletes must have an approved medical examination and health update before being allowed to practice. In the event an athlete is allowed to attend a practice without medical approval, the practices the athlete attended prior to the approval will not count toward the required number of practices.

Practices:

- **Can not** practice seven consecutive days. Once Sectionals begins, this is waived for varsity level teams.
- Do practice a minimum of five days per week. Especially early in the season.
- Keep attendance. Establish a policy and stick to it.
- Call home if a player is absent.

First Aid/Return to play/injured athlete

- a. If an ambulance is called (911), please notify the athletic director as soon as possible.
- b. If an athlete is sent to a physician the school nurse should be notified.

- c. If someone is injured please call me and I will put you in touch with a trainer to help you decide what the next step will be. The trainer will potentially make arrangements to stop by your practice or meet with the athlete. All injured athletes need to go through our trainer.
- d. Please keep an injured athlete with you until the parent arrives. If you do not deem the situation to be an emergency, please have a teammate wait with the student until the ride arrives. NEVER LEAVE AN INJURED ATHLETE ALONE.
- e. Accident Report Form should be turned in within 24 hours to the athletic director.
- f. All head injuries must follow a return to play.
- g. Work with our trainer to secure a first aid kit, which must always be at a practice/contest/bus.

Overnight Athletic Trips

Overnight Athletic Trips include local or out-of-state trips (excluding postseason contests such as sectionals and state contests) which require that students obtain overnight accommodations will require the approval of the Board prior to the commencement of any fundraising.

Final approval for overnight trips will require: (a) an itinerary, (b) a statement of how the trip is funded, and (c) a list of the Board approved chaperones at least three weeks prior to the trip (with the exception of sectional/state contests may have a shorter timeline).

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures for the operation of overnight athletic trips. Regardless of the fiscal support for field trips, the rules of the district for approval and conduct of such trips shall apply.

Student Behavior

It is the expectation that all students exemplify good citizenship and behavior at all times both in and out of school. If, in or out of school, a student exhibits unacceptable behavior as outlined in the Code of Conduct, or is charged with a violation of local, state, or federal laws, the consequence can range from missing one activity up to a one-year suspension from extracurricular participation. The Building Principal and/or District Administrator will base the consequence on the nature and level of severity. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, bullying, hazing, fighting, vandalism, stealing, insubordination, academic dishonesty, truancy, and internet harassment. [Brockport Central School District - Athletic Handbook](#)

Student Confidentiality

The Board of Education recognizes the need to protect the confidentiality of student information including but not limited to:

1. Academic standing
2. Attendance
3. Financial status
4. Physical/mental health identity
5. Disciplinary status/record

All District employees and volunteers including members of the Board of Education are obligated to protect student confidentiality. Therefore, student information shall only be accessible to employees and volunteers on a "need to know" basis in order to deliver services to students and their families. "Need to know" is defined as the necessity for access to or

knowledge/possession of, specific information required to carry out official duties.
The Superintendent of Schools will develop regulations necessary to enforce this policy.

Students working on any activity must be supervised by the teacher or staff member in charge of the activity. This applies to all in school and extracurricular activities as well as sports activities and events. Permission to hold practices or meetings must not be granted unless a teacher or staff member is physically present and in charge.

1. District personnel will be fully responsible for the supervision of all students in either their class or their after-school activities. The appropriate District personnel member will maintain supervision over the locker rooms by personally being present during the changing periods or will have an appropriate coach or assistant monitor outside the locker room.
2. Coaches are responsible for the supervision of their athletes at the end of practice. This may entail supervision of the locker rooms, bus duty, or making sure students have transportation home.

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Transportation

The district provides transportation for all student-athletes to and from all away athletic competitions. This does not include transportation to homes nor for practice.

- All student athletes will ride team buses to and from all athletic away contests.
- Exceptions for riding BCSD transportation home from an event may be granted when the student athlete has a written note from their parent/guardian that indicates that they would be riding home with their parent/guardian. After the contest has ended, the player must be directly released to the parent/guardian after the coach has spoken with the

parent/guardian. Any other arrangement will require permission from the Director of Athletics or Superintendent.

- BCSD drivers will be provided by the athletic office, the head coaches' phone contact.
- BCSD drivers will be provided by the coach, accurate rosters to and from every event which will contain all coaches and student athletes first and last names. There shall be two rosters for every event; one roster to the event, another roster from the event.
- There are times when you may be dropped off by one driver and picked up by another.
- Transportation expects coaches to review safety and behavior rules with the team prior to the trips and are expected to help the driver manage behavior.
- BCSD drivers may not make unscheduled stops (ex. dinner). If a team wishes to make a stop between a scheduled competition and the district, the coach must submit a request to the athletic office a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Requests are approved at the discretion of the Athletic Director and the Director of Operations.
- Delays are anticipated. Please be patient. If a team has waited longer than 10 minutes past the scheduled pick-up time, please notify the athletic office for assistance.

Weather related information

NYSPPHSAA HEAT INDEX PROCEDURES

- [Heat Index Procedure \(PDF\) - New York State Public High School Athletic Association](#)

NYSPPHSAA WIND CHILL PROCEDURES

- [Wind Chill Procedure \(PDF\) - New York State Public High School Athletic Association](#)