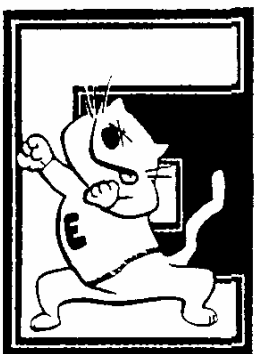
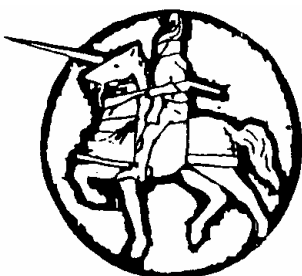


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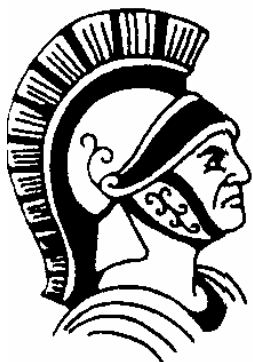
## Madison Metropolitan School District



East High School  
"Purgolders"



La Follette High School  
"Lancers"



Memorial High School  
"Spartans"



West High School  
"Regents"

Athletic Code  
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No person shall, on the basis of handicap, race, color, national origin, religion, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity in the school district. If you have any questions about procedures, or if you wish to file a grievance, please contact the Athletic Director or Athletic Principal in the High School Office.

## MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC CODE

### I. INTRODUCTION AND PHILOSOPHY

The athletic program is an important extension of the total high school educational program. As such, it provides opportunities and emphasizes definite goals which are difficult to duplicate or achieve in other high school activities or in later life. Interscholastic athletic programs also provide enriching and healthful experiences in which physical, mental, and social growth can be enhanced through sport competition. Goals of the athletic program include the enhancement of self-confidence, improvement of sport skills, and development of educationally sound sportsmanship practices. A genuine understanding of the athletic requirements of the Madison Metropolitan School District can be best achieved through an athlete-parent(s) conference in which the rules are read and discussed. In accordance with Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association regulations, implementation of the Madison Metropolitan School District athletic code is the year round responsibility of school personnel, athletes, and their parent(s). Please understand that athletic participation is a privilege provided to athletes who accept the rules and regulations stipulated in the District Athletic Code.

### II. STATEMENT OF RISK

Physical activity yields many benefits but may result in injuries. All athletic programs involve some contact. Sports may be a high-risk area for serious injuries. Although the Board of Education and the Madison Metropolitan School District endeavor to operate athletic activities in a safe manner, it is impossible to eliminate risks associated with physical activity and/or sports. Therefore, parents and athletes should consider these risks carefully before deciding to participate in interscholastic athletic activities.

### III. ELIGIBILITY

A. An athlete is ineligible by WIAA policy for athletic competition if he/she:

1. Becomes 19 years old before August 1 of any school year.
2. Attends more than eight semesters of high school (a semester of eligibility is charged after 40 school days or participation in one interscholastic contest).
3. Enrolls after the 17th day of a semester without extenuating circumstances (i.e. sickness, accident, transfer).
4. Competes in a given sport more than four different seasons.
5. Participates in an all-star contest or similar activity unless sanctioned by the WIAA.

B. In addition, an athlete is eligible for athletic competition only if he/she meets all of the following WIAA and MMSD criteria. Athletes must:

1. Maintain amateur status. Any awards received for non-school activities (i.e., event hats, event t-shirts, or other items of no intrinsic value) must be received by **ALL** registrants, not just winners or finishers; otherwise, one is no longer considered an amateur. (WIAA Rules of Eligibility IV, 1,b)
2. Not compete in outside activities in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school.
3. Have a physical examination at least every other school year as confirmed by physician's signature

on the WIAA physical examination card or alternate year athletic permit card on file in the Athletic Director's Office.

4. Have signed parent(s) permission and verification of willingness to adhere to the Athletic Code on file with the athletic director as specified on the WIAA cards.
5. Have medical insurance.
6. Have signed the parent(s) and athlete acknowledgements form on sport-specific cautionary statements for each sport in which the athlete participates annually.
7. Adhere to all requirements stated in the District Athletic Code.

Note: See WIAA Rules of Eligibility for specific information.

#### C. Residence

An athlete, whether an adult or not, is eligible for interscholastic competition **ONLY** at the school in the attendance area in which their custodial parent(s) are legal (physical) residents, unless approved under Wisconsin's open enrollment law. Otherwise, the athlete is ineligible for competition for 12 calendar months.

**NOTE: See Board Policy 4023, Section 6 - Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility for specific information.**

#### D. Academic Eligibility

1. In accordance with WIAA regulations, all athletes must be enrolled as full time students as determined by their high school and may have received no more than one failing grade (F), including incompletes, on any quarter or semester report card in the most recent grade reporting period (**WIAA, Rules of Eligibility, Article V, Section 2**)

2. MMSD rules stipulate that athletes must receive passing grades in all classes at all times. **NOTE: NC (No Credit) AND INCOMPLETE INDICATORS ARE NOT CONSIDERED PASSING GRADES.**

Athletes who are ineligible by MMSD standards, but not WIAA, will be withheld from competition/performance for AT LEAST ONE CONTEST and will remain ineligible for not less than 10 school days or 22% of the scheduled competition dates for fall and spring sports; and 15% for winter sports, whichever is LESS, provided the athlete is again passing ALL classes.

3. **FURTHERMORE**, athletes who receive 3 or more non-passing grades on any quarter or semester report card will lose their athletic eligibility as follows:

First Quarter Grades	=	Ineligible until Spring sports
First Semester Grades	=	Ineligible until Spring sports
Third Quarter Grades	=	Ineligible until Fall sports
Second Semester Grades	=	Ineligible until Winter sports unless the appropriate number of failed classes are made up in summer school to eliminate or reduce the academic ineligibility period.

Any athlete who receives 3 or more non-passing grades while currently participating on a team when report cards are issued will be dropped from team membership immediately and will not be eligible to participate again until the above-mentioned sport seasons convene.

4. Coaches are responsible for monitoring class attendance and eligibility through the use of weekly

Academic Status Reports. If the weekly Academic status reports indicate an athlete is not receiving a passing grade in all classes, the athlete has 7 days to achieve a passing grade in all classes or is considered ineligible under the MMSD standards. In the case of an athlete who has an IEP, the case manager shall be consulted to determine the applicability of timing regarding progress reports and quarter grades.

Interpretations:

- Determination of academic eligibility is the function of the coach involved who shall inspect the grades of all athletes prior to the start of any season's competition/performance, and during the season when a report card is issued.
- WIAA ineligible athletes shall be withheld from competition/performance for AT LEAST TWO CONTESTS and until not less than 15 actual school days have passed beginning with the second Tuesday following the end of a grading period. For fall sports, the ineligibility period will be three calendar weeks from the first pre-school contest or one-third of the season, whichever is **LESS**.
- On the 15th school day (21st calendar day from first pre-school contest or one-third of the season in the fall), a review of grades will be made to determine the athlete's status--if passing all classes, the athlete may return to competition on the 16th school day IF the two contest provision has been met--if still ineligible, the athlete will remain ineligible until such time as he/she is passing all classes.
- Eligibility may be regained or ineligibility periods shortened in summer school by making up failures incurred during the spring semester.  
In this regard, the following standards apply:
  - 2 x F's = 2 courses in summer school
  - 2 x NC's = 2 courses in summer school
  - 2 x Incompletes = 2 courses in summer school
  - any combination of the above grades results in the equivalent number of courses being made up (including correspondence courses) as long as such courses count towards graduation.
- Eligibility may also be regained immediately if incompletes or NC's are made up within 10 school days of any grade reporting period.
- During the ineligibility period, the coach has the prerogative to allow the athlete to practice or not.
- Continuous progress (CP) courses are considered only if eligibility is questionable--then it is the responsibility of the coach involved to ascertain a letter grade from the CP teacher.
- Athletes who drop a class after week seven with an F will become immediately ineligible for the remainder of that semester plus the report card ineligibility period stipulated above.
- Once eligibility is regained, the athlete must continue to be passing ALL classes for the remainder of the grading period in order to remain eligible -- if not, the athlete becomes immediately ineligible until such time as again passing all classes. It shall be the responsibility of the athlete who has regained academic eligibility to turn in current grade status reports to the athletic director on THURSDAY of EACH week for the remainder of the grading period in order to maintain eligibility.

**NOTE: If a contest forfeiture results due to false academic or residential information furnished by an athlete or his/her parent(s), the athlete becomes ineligible for all sports for one (1) calendar year from date of last contest participation.**

#### IV. PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS, CHANGING SPORTS, LEAVING THE TEAM, AND LETTERING

- A. Once athletic cards are on file in the athletic office, students are considered athletes for the remainder of their high school careers.
- B. Athletes are not prohibited from participating in more than one school sponsored athletic activity during any given season.
- C. An athlete may not quit one sport to go out for another after tryouts have been completed and team divisions/cuts have been made.
- D. Individuals who voluntarily sever their team affiliation and/or quit during the season and later have a change of heart may be reinstated to team status at the coach's discretion.
- E. Letter winners must meet sport requirements and **MUST** complete the sports season in good standing with the team/squad and coaching staff.

#### V. TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

- A. If transportation is provided, team members must use the transportation provided by the school to reach the site of the contest or practice. Team members must also return to school via the same mode of transportation unless parent(s) request permission to take the player home in their private vehicle. Said request must be in writing or in person. Only the legal parent(s) or guardian(s) will be given this prerogative.
- B. Coaches may exercise their prerogative in the following areas:
  - 1. The degree of talking and singing on the way to or from a contest or practice
  - 2. The consumption of food and drink
  - 3. Team dress
- C. The type of transportation used should be as clean at the end of a trip as it was at the beginning.

## VI. LOCKER ROOMS AND CARE OF EQUIPMENT

- A. The locker room is for players and coaches only.
- B. There shall be no horseplay in locker rooms at any time.
- C. Locker rooms are to be kept clean.
- D. Each athlete is responsible for the proper care and safekeeping of all equipment issued. Lockers must be secured before and after practice or competition.
- E. Upon termination of sport participation, the athlete is required to turn in equipment and clear out of their team locker within THREE days. The school is not responsible for personal items left in unattended lockers after three days and such items will be discarded.
- F. Lost or stolen items must be paid for through the high school office or to the coach in charge (such equipment remains school property and will be confiscated any time it reappears--refunds may be obtained within 30 days of fine payment).
- G. Broken basketball rims and backboards are the financial responsibility of those who break them.
- H. No athlete will be allowed to compete with another sport until all equipment and/or uniform obligations are cleared up with their previous coach.

## VII. PERSONAL CONDUCT

- All athletes shall conduct themselves at all times in such a way as to reflect positively on themselves, their family, and their community. All rules of the Student Conduct and Discipline Plan and Harassment Policies apply to athletes. All athletes must realize that participation in sports activities is a privilege and not a right. In order to protect all people in the school community, misconduct will be penalized in accordance with the gravity of the violation
- MMSD athletes of any age who exhibit unacceptable conduct in or out of school or competition ( include but are not limited to the buying, selling, possession, or use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, anabolic steroids, or facsimiles/look alikes there of [O'Doul's, Sharps, etc.], smoking anything, attending gatherings where underage drinking or drug use takes place, fighting, threatening, theft, lying, possessing false identification or school keys, falsifying excuse/pass slips, forgery, cheating, violating school rules, or other conduct not becoming an athlete) will be suspended from interscholastic competition in accordance with the formal suspension policy. Athletes may also be withheld from competition for insubordination or disrespect to any school employee, coach, or official, or for not meeting the expectations of individual coaches.
- MMSD recognizes that misconduct could be so severe that an athlete's privilege to practice and participate could be suspended for the duration of their high school career.

## A. Wisconsin Statute

In accordance with state law, legal authorities may share law violations with the school as follows:

- Wisconsin Statute S.938.396(1m) permits law enforcement agencies to provide school districts any information in their records relating to the use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, controlled substances, or controlled substance analogs by students enrolled in the school district.
- In addition, law enforcement agencies are permitted to provide school districts any information in their records:
  - Relating to the illegal possession of a dangerous weapon by a juvenile.
  - Relating to an act for which a juvenile enrolled in the school district was taken into custody for a violation of any state or federal criminal law.
  - Relating to the act for which a juvenile enrolled in the school district was adjudged delinquent.

## B. Attendance

Cuts from class or leaving class early without permission on any given day or any disciplinary detention assignment during an athlete's season, will result in the athlete not competing in the next scheduled contest, regardless of the level of competition. This is a one for one cumulative situation (i.e., class cuts on 4 different days will mean 4 different meet/game suspensions and two different disciplinary detentions will result in two different meet/game suspensions.) Failure to attend detention will result in successive game suspensions until the disciplinary detention assignment has been fulfilled.

## C. Team Membership

1. All athletes are expected to attend all practices and games unless excused by the coach of the sport involved or by administrative excuse--failure to comply will result in discipline and/or suspension.
2. Athletes may be dropped from team membership for not being in good standing with the team for repeated or flagrant discipline problems and/or failing to attend school and go to ALL classes, study halls, and practices ALL THE TIME.
3. Athletes dropped from team membership will not have fulfilled any code suspension penalty served during the season and must re-serve their full suspension during the next sport they participate in.

## VIII. FORMAL SUSPENSIONS

When a code violation occurs the head coach, coach in charge, assistant principal, or the building principal has/have the obligation individually/collectively to issue a formal suspension through the athletic director verbally and in writing. Suspension takes effect at the time that the verbal notification is given to the student or written notification is mailed to his/her address of record, whichever is first.

NOTE: In most cases, a guardian has the same rights and responsibilities as a parent under this policy.

### A. LEVEL I – Non –Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug related Athletic Code Violations or self reported Level II AOD Violations

1. fighting
2. harassing/taunting/threatening
3. lying
4. possessing false identification or school keys
5. falsifying excuse/pass slips
6. forgery
7. cheating
8. violating school rules
9. attending gatherings where underage drinking or drug use takes place or deliberately transporting athletes to same
10. conduct not becoming an athlete

In conjunction with the philosophy of the MMSD Athletic Code Policy, alcohol and drug use is discouraged. Athletes and their parents should discuss the AOD policy and the subsequent consequences.

- Athletes are required to leave said gathering immediately upon their knowledge of the presence of illegal substances or illicit activities. Failure to do so will result in a **25%** suspension.
- Transporting other athletes or students to one or more illegal gatherings where it is known that AOD usage will take place, will result in a **25%** suspension penalty whether or not the driver stays at the gathering.

Suspension penalty is **25%** of current (or next sport if out of season) sports' season competition dates WITH practice with a maximum FOR FIRST TIME VIOLATIONS of **four** contest dates OR a maximum of three contest dates if one of the **three** dates is a multiple-event contest such as an invitational soccer tournament or a wrestling invitational or a softball double-header. Subsequent violations will result in the full **25%** suspension with no maximums.

- Alcohol, tobacco, and drug related Code violations will be referred to each school's AOD coordinator. Failure of violators to meet with or follow through with the recommendation(s) of the AOD Coordinator will result in continuous ineligibility.

- If the AOD coordinator refers the violator to a non-school AOD provider for counseling, screening, assessment, or intervention, a release of information is required.

B. **LEVEL II** – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Related Code Violations

1. Buying, possessing or use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs or facsimiles/look-a-likes thereof.
2. Smoking anything.
3. Misuse of prescription or over the counter medications.

[Suspension penalty is **50%** of current (or next sport if out of season) sports' season competition dates WITH practice.]

- Alcohol, tobacco and drug related Code Violations will be referred to each school's AOD Coordinator. Failure of violators to meet with or follow through with the recommendation(s) of the AOD Coordinator will result in continuous ineligibility.
- If the AOD Coordinator refers the violator to a non-school AOD provider for counseling, screening, assessment or intervention, a release of information is required.
- Repeated Level II Violations may result in the athletes being dropped from team membership at the discretion of the coach in charge with the approval of the Athletic Director prior to such action taking place.
- Voluntary first-time entry into an approved AODA Treatment Program will require a **25%** suspension penalty. Voluntary means that it is unrelated to a specific AOD incident and the student has not received an AOD Athletic Code Violation. Upon written documentation of successful completion of the program, the individual involved may have any remaining AOD suspension reduced as determined through appeal to the Athletic Board. Subsequent treatment program participation will result in the normal **50%** AOD suspension penalty.

C. **LEVEL III** - Extremely Serious Violations

1. Organizing, hosting or having gatherings where the consumption of alcohol or the use of controlled substances takes place.
2. Selling, providing, distributing or possession with intent to deliver alcohol or controlled substances.
3. Use, possession or possession with intent to deliver any of the following. This subsection does not apply to prescription medications under medical supervision.

**a) Stimulants:**

amiphenazole  
amphetamine  
bemigrade  
benzphetamine  
bromantan  
chlorphentermine  
cocaine  
cropropamide  
crothetamide  
diethylpropion  
dimethylamphetamine  
doxapram  
ephedrine (ephedra, ma huang)  
ethamivan  
ethylamphetamine  
fencamfamine  
meclofenoxate  
methamphetamine  
**The following stimulants are not banned:**  
phenylephrine  
pseudoephedrine

methylenedioxymethamphetamine  
(MDMA, ecstasy)  
methylphenidate  
nikethamide  
pemoline  
pentetrazol  
phendimetrazine  
phenmetrazine  
phentermine  
phenylpropanolamine (ppa)  
picrotoxine  
pipradol  
prolintane  
strychnine  
synephrine (citrus aurantium,  
zhi shi, bitter orange)  
**And related compound**

**b) Anabolic Agents:**

**anabolic steroids**

androstenediol  
androstenedione  
boldenone  
clostebol  
dehydrochlomethyltestosterone  
dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA)  
dihydrotestosterone (DHT)  
dromostanolone  
epitrenbolone  
fluoxymesterone  
gestrinone  
mesterolone  
methyltestosterone

nandrolone  
norandrostenediol  
norandrostenedione  
norethandrolone  
oxandrolone  
oxymesterone  
oxymetholone  
stanozolol  
testosterone  
tetrahydrogestrinone (THG)  
trenbolone  
**and related compounds**

**c) Diuretics:**

acetazolamide  
bendroflumethiazide  
benzhiazine  
bumetanide  
chlorothiazide  
chlorthalidone  
ethacrynic acid  
flumethiazide  
furosemide  
hydrochlorothiazide

hydroflumethiazide  
methyclothiszide  
metolazone  
polythiazide  
quinethazone  
spironolactone (canrenone)  
triamterene  
trichlormethiazide  
**And related compounds**

**d) Street Drugs:**

heroin  
marijuana

tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)

e) **Peptide Hormones and Analogues:**

corticotrophin (ACTH)

growth hormone (HGH, somatotrophin)

human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG)

insulin like growth hormone (IGF-1)

luteinizing hormone (LH)

**All the respective releasing factors of the above-mentioned substances also are banned:**

erythropoietin (EPO)

darbepoetin

semorelin

4. possessing of a dangerous or concealed weapon
5. reproducing or distributing school keys
6. theft
7. vandalism
8. hazing/initiations
9. threatening a staff member
10. battery or sexual assault
11. there is a reasonable belief that the athlete has committed a violation of a state or federal criminal law or municipal ordinance

- Any athlete who commits any of these violations will be suspended immediately and may be suspended for up to a maximum of **three 100%** seasons with or without practice as determined by the Athletic Commission.
- If persons in possession of alcohol or controlled substances (invited or uninvited) arrive at a gathering being given by a MMSD athlete, that athlete is responsible under this policy for the immediate removal of those persons and of all alcohol or controlled substances from the premises. A responsible adult or the police should be contacted without delay if those persons refuse to leave.
- Repeated Level III Violations may result in the athlete being dropped from the team membership at the discretion of the coach in charge with the approval of the Athletic Director prior to such action taking place.
- Alcohol, tobacco, and drug related Code violations will be referred to each school's AOD Coordinator. Failure of violators to meet with or follow through with the recommendation(s) of the AOD Coordinator will result in continuous ineligibility.
- If the AOD Coordinator refers the violator to a non-school AOD provider for counseling, screening, assessment or intervention, a release of information is required.

D. Self Referrals

Any Code violation that is self or family reported to the Athletic Director, Athletic Principal, Coach or AOD Coordinator, prior to staff awareness of the violation, will result in up to a **50%** reduction of the normal suspensions penalty. Self referrals must be made before the team's next practice/game/event or by 12:00pm on the first school day following the incident during the school year and before 12:00pm on the third day following the incident during Winter, Spring and Summer

recesses, whichever comes first. Thereafter, self referrals will result in up to a **25%** reduction of the normal suspension penalty. Athletes are strongly encouraged to self report AOD violations to assist them in the AOD assessment process and to minimize suspension penalties.

#### E. Due Process

All athletes with formal suspensions have the right of due process as follows:

1. The athlete and/or parent(s) will be advised of the violation.
2. The violation and suspension penalty will be set forth in writing.
3. Suspensions may be appealed, in order, through the athletic director to the athletic board, the building administration, and the assistant superintendent for secondary education. During the appeal process, the suspension shall remain in effect until otherwise directed.

#### LEVEL I and LEVEL II Due Process Procedures: Code Violations Carrying Suspension Penalties of 25 or 50%

1. The athlete violates the Athletic Code.
2. The athlete and/or parent(s) are notified of the violation and suspension penalty verbally and in writing. Verbal notification of a suspension may be made to the athlete by the athletic director, coach or the athletic principal.
3. An appeal may be made to the Athletic Board at any time in writing through the athletic director or athletic principal.
  - a. The Board is made up of a minimum of three head coaches or assistant coaches along with the athletic director and the athletic principal.
  - b. The athletic director presents information regarding the violation to the Board.
  - c. The athlete and his/her parent(s) may provide pertinent information.
  - d. A discussion may ensue between the Board members and the athlete and his/her parent(s).
  - e. The athlete and their parent(s) shall leave the room during the time in which the Board is deliberating and making its decision.
  - f. When the Board makes a decision, the decision will be confirmed in writing within three working days of the date of the appeal.
  - g. Neither the athletic director nor the athletic principal shall vote as a member of the Athletic Board.
4. An appeal of the Board's decision may be made to the building principal in writing stating the factual reasons and basis for the appeal within five working days of the date of the Board's decision.
5. An appeal of the building principal's decision may be made to the assistant superintendent for secondary education in writing, stating the factual reasons and basis for the appeal within ten working days of the date on which the building principal's decision was made.

#### LEVEL III Due Process Procedures:

#### Extremely Serious Code Violations Carrying Suspension Penalties up to a Maximum of Three 100% Seasons

1. Athlete involved in an extremely serious Athletic Code violation
2. The athlete will be advised verbally with the parent(s) being notified in writing that the athlete may have been involved with or committed an extremely serious violation and the need for an Athletic Commission hearing. [Note: The function of the Athletic Commission is to hold a hearing to determine the facts surrounding a serious violation and decide the length of suspension penalty, if a

suspension is warranted]

3. The athlete and/or his/her parent(s) MUST request an Athletic Commission hearing through the athletic director or athletic principal in writing. [NOTE: If a request is not made for a hearing, the athlete remains ineligible until he/she graduates. Pending Athletic Commission hearings for extremely serious violations will be kept on file until the athlete graduates.]
4. The athletic director schedules Athletic Commission Hearing
  - a. The Athletic Commission is made up of a minimum of three head coaches who are out of season along with the athletic director and the athletic principal.
  - b. The athletic director presents the situation to the Athletic Commission.
  - c. The athlete and his/her parent(s) provide relevant information to the Athletic Commission.
  - d. There will be a discussion between the Athletic Commission, athletic director, athlete, and his/her parent(s).
  - e. The athlete, his/her parent(s) and the athletic director shall leave the room during the deliberations of the Athletic Commission.
  - f. The Athletic Commission deliberates and makes a decision.
  - g. The athletic principal does not vote.
  - h. The athletic principal notifies the athlete and his/her parent(s) in writing of the decision of the Athletic Commission.
5. An appeal may be made to the Athletic Board at any time in writing through the athletic director.
6. The Appeal Board is made up of a minimum of five head coaches, none of which served on the Athletic Commission delineated in #4 above.
7. An appeal of the Board's decision may be made to the building principal in writing stating the factual reasons and basis for the appeal within five working days of the date on which the Board's decision is rendered.
8. An appeal of the building principal's decision may be made to the assistant superintendent for secondary education in writing stating the factual reasons and basis for the appeal within ten working days of the date on which the building principal's decision is rendered.

#### F. Interpretations:

1. Athletes on suspension must practice with and be a member in good standing with the team until season's end in order to complete any suspension (unless otherwise determined by the Athletic Commission). Commencing team membership for said individuals is NOT POSSIBLE after September 5, December 5, and April 5 of each sports season.
2. Suspensions will be figured and must be served at the highest level an athlete participates at during the course of a season.
3. Suspension determinations of .5 or greater will advance to the next highest whole number of dates.
4. In-season violations will result in immediate suspension from the next regularly scheduled contest(s); while out-of- season violations or carry-overs result in suspension from the first contest(s) the athlete would normally be eligible for having practiced with and been a member in good standing with the team.
5. If a suspension cannot be completely served during the athlete's current sports season, the remaining **percentage** will carry over to the next sport in which the athlete participates.
6. Multiple suspensions and/or academic ineligibility must be served consecutively and may not be served concurrently (ie: an athlete must be academically eligible first in order to then serve any code violation suspension).
7. Formal suspensions for code violations which result in an athlete being suspended for one or more WIAA tournament competitions will result in immediate disqualification from the remainder of the

total tournament series in that sport, along with the remaining percentage penalty carrying over to the next sport participated in.

8. Community service to work off code violations is not an option.
9. Prior Athletic Code violations may be considered by the Athletic Director, Athletic Board or Athletic Commission in deciding upon the level of the suspension penalty.

#### G. Post-Season Honors

Athletes who are ineligible during their season for committing code violations of an AOD nature (VII-C) or code violations considered to be extremely serious (VII-D), are NOT eligible for individual post-season honors at the City, Conference, Area, or State levels UNLESS said violations are self-reported. The season will include the time up to the awarding of post-season honors.

IX. BIG 8 CONFERENCE POLICY ON HARASSMENT, FIGHTING, TAUNTING, AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

- A. Fighting in any sport shall be construed to consist of: an invitation to fight -- closely following an opposing player during a disturbance and making any menacing or taunting gesture or sound -- punching or slugging whether or not contact is made -- wrestling or tackling an opponent as part of an altercation. In addition, leaving the player box or player bench area to approach an altercation shall be construed as participation in the altercation.
- B. Athletes who are subjected to harassment violations will IMMEDIATELY:
  - a) Report the incident to their coach.
  - b) The coach will report the incident to a contest official.
  - c) The official will inform the opposing coach of the allegation. Officials will be expected to rigorously enforce sportsmanship regulations and will be especially alert for repetition of the alleged incident.
  - d) Coaches notified of allegations will immediately counsel all squad members of the allegation and take appropriate steps to prevent any future incident.
- C. Any athlete, coach, or team member ejected by a contest official at any time for acts of harassment, fighting, taunting, or unsportsmanlike conduct, or for such acts as witnessed by a school official before, during, or after any contest will be subject to the penalties delineated in D below.
- D. Violation of the prohibition against harassment, fighting, taunting, or unsportsmanlike conduct shall bring an automatic suspension for the remainder of that contest plus suspension from the next scheduled contest. In addition, an ejected athlete must complete the season in good standing or the suspension is considered not to have been served and will carry over to the next sport season he/she participates in and successfully completes.
- E. Should the original violation of this rule occur during the final contest of the season, the violator will be suspended from the next contest the athlete is eligible for during a season in which he/she participates and successfully completes.
- F. Whenever an ejection occurs, all coaches involved in the contest are required to notify their head coach, athletic director, and principal immediately. Athletic directors will then confer to insure conference suspension penalty is administered accordingly.
- G. For unsportsmanlike conduct resulting in ejection, a second violation by the same individual during the same season brings automatic expulsion from that sport for the remainder of the season plus suspension from any and all WIAA tournament contests of that same season. If a second violation occurs during the last contest of a season, individual is suspended from any and all WIAA tournament contests of that season plus suspension from the first contest normally eligible for during the next season he/she participates in and successfully completes.
- H. For harassment incidents resulting in ejection, a second or subsequent violation AT ANY TIME DURING ANY SEASON brings automatic expulsion for one calendar year from the date of ejection.
- I. A more severe penalty may be assessed against an individual for a violation if, in the judgment of the school, such action will be beneficial to the future of that sport.
- J. Unsportsmanlike conduct suspension appeals may be made by member schools and the local principal, following communication with the other involved principal, will rule on the suspension. For harassment ejections, there are NO APPEALS.

## X. WIAA NON-SCHOOL AND OUT-OF-SEASON PARTICIPATION REGULATIONS

- A. An athlete becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for **COMPETING** in non-school activity in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school (cross country/track athletes are prohibited from participation in road races DURING their season).
1. Non-school activity shall be interpreted to include (a) all activity outside the control of the school and (b) any activity of a school (other than official interscholastic program) involving another school or a non-school organization.
  2. An athlete who was a member of a school team in a given sport during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue non-school competition except in the fall sponsored sports of golf, swimming, and tennis, provided the delay does not extend beyond the first interscholastic meet. This same provision does not apply in cross country, soccer and volleyball -- athletes in these sports must terminate summer activity before the first day the school team practices or lose their eligibility.
  3. An athlete who is cut from the squad during the regular season for reasons of skill is exempt from this rule if there is an opportunity to rejoin the team later in the same regular season, but an athlete suspended from the team for reasons of discipline or academic problems is not exempt from this rule.
- B. There are no restrictions relative to the voluntary (without school/coach involvement) assembling of athletes during the summer when school is not in session. **Please see WIAA Out of Season rules for coaches unrestricted summer contact.**

### HOWEVER:

1. It is not permissible for an athlete to wear a school uniform/team apparel outside the regular school season of a sport.
2. It is not permissible for any person or organization, except the athlete or parent(s), to pay the cost or fee of any kind of non-school activity involving specialized training or similar instruction.
3. A person who will be coaching an athlete in the following season shall not be permitted to coach or transport that athlete other than during the designated school season for that sport. **Please see WIAA Out of Season rules for coaches unrestricted summer contact.**
  - a) It is permissible, however, for a coach to transport their athletes to a specialized camp or clinic IF the coach is an instructor at that same camp or clinic.
  - b) On the other hand, if an athlete attends a summer camp where their school coach is an instructor, special precautions must be taken to ensure that a coach-athlete relationship does not exist during any drill work the athlete participates in (large group lecture sessions are acceptable, but small group drills or technique work are not).
  - c) The following sports are exempt from this requirement during the summer period only; baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, and track and field.

- d) This provision shall not prevent a coach from having supervisory responsibilities in open gyms for any activity outside the designated season of a sport. Supervisory involvement, however, does not include such situations as playing basketball with athletes, running with athletes, working out (such as wrestling activity), club team coaching (such as swimming and soccer), driving (or accompanying) athletes to competition or training (clinics, camps, etc.), conducting sport or strategic drills, running through plays, demonstrating game or sport techniques or any other activity which could be regarded as coaching or instructing.
  - e) ATHLETES MAY NOT BE REQUIRED AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN TIME TRIALS, DISTANCE RUNS, OR ANYTHING PHYSICAL PRIOR TO THE OPENING DAY OF PRACTICE FOR THAT SEASON.
- C. It is the philosophy of the WIAA that all-star teams and similar activities do not serve the best interests of high school students because of over emphasis, exploitation, selection procedure, and/or other factors.

XI. PARTICIPATION FEE

- A. Participants are required to remit an athletic participation fee of \$115.00 for EACH sport in which they participate. There will be an additional \$100.00 surcharge for athletic participation in Gymnastics and Wrestling and \$118.00 additional surcharge for Boys and Girls Golf. There will also be an additional surcharge of \$800.00 for athletic participation in Hockey. Families will pay a maximum of \$500.00 for athletic participation. Surcharge amounts are excluded in the family maximum however, the \$115.00 portion of the participation fee will be included in the family maximum. Athletic participation fees are collected after the team has been selected. Athletic participation fee Refunds will be issued before the first date of competition for that specific sport. Athletes that are unable to practice or participate due to prior injuries, will not pay the participation fee until they are released by their physician for this activity.
- B. In accordance with Board of Education policy, athletes who meet certain criteria may apply for athletic fee waivers at the school office.

## XII. ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Following is a list of possible activities offered on an annual basis. Students should contact the Athletic Director to determine current sport offerings.

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Freshmen</u>
Cross Country	X	X		
Football	X	X	X	X
Soccer	X	X		X
Volleyball	X	X		X
Basketball	X	X	X	X
Hockey	X			
Swimming	X	X		
Wrestling	X	X		
Baseball	X	X		X
Golf	X	X		X
Tennis	X	X		X
Track	X	X		X

### Co-Ed

Cheerleading	X	X		
Pom Pon	X	X		

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>Sophomore</u>	<u>Freshmen</u>
Cross Country	X	X		
Golf	X	X		
Swimming	X	X		
Tennis	X	X		X
Volleyball	X	X		X
Basketball	X	X	X	X
Gymnastics	X	X		
Soccer	X	X		X
Softball	X	X		X
Track	X	X		X

### XIII. ATHLETICS – SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

Since athletics must operate within the framework of sound educational principles, it follows *that*:

1. Athletic teams come under the jurisdiction of and are required to abide by the rules of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Madison Metropolitan School District Board of Education Policies so that all athletes may compete under identical standards.
2. Those who take advantage of the privilege of athletics, either as a participant or spectator, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not detract from the educational principles which direct the basic organization.
3. Athletes and officials are human beings -- they are not perfect and never will be. Everyone involved in a contest may make a mistake. Competitors, coaches, officials, and spectators enter into competition knowing that errors are a normal part of an activity and are likely to happen.
4. Even though winning is certainly an admirable goal, it is hollow if it comes at the expense of morals, ethics, and just plain common sense.

#### ***SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED TO:***

1. Stand during the National Anthem and remove all headwear.
2. Cheer for their team rather than against their opponents.
3. Maintain self-control at all times while conducting themselves as responsible citizens.
4. Show **RESPECT** for opponents in every way possible.
5. Always be positive in support of their teams.
6. Recognize and acknowledge good performances made by both teams.
7. **RESPECT** officials and accept their decisions.
8. Be humble and not boastful in victory and gracious and not bitter in defeat.
9. Leave the site of an activity--including the parking lot--as soon as possible after the activity is completed.

***SPECTATORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO:***

1. Use negative chants which focus on or exploit mistakes such as You, You, You, Sieve, and Airball.
2. Participate in chants or behaviors which use obscene or insulting language or gestures or which mention or imply topics which would tend to ridicule, taunt, harass, intimidate, humiliate, degrade, or embarrass others in attendance, incite or abuse opponents, or bring disrespect upon game officials.
3. Sit in the opposing team's seating/cheering sections.
4. Stand next to playing surface railings or ice rink plexiglass or pound/push on plexiglass; or sit/stand in bleacher aisles or doorways.
5. Engage in body passing or any action that endangers the safety of participants, spectators, or officials.
6. Bring stereo, tape, or radio equipment to athletic contests or make use of noisemakers in the stands.
7. Throw anything onto the playing surface or at players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, bandmembers, supervisors, police, fans, or guests.
8. Carry or consume any alcoholic or controlled substance while on school or athletic property or attend a school-sponsored function while under the influence of same.
9. Leave an athletic event before it is over and return at a later time.

Failure to comply with any of the aforementioned rules will result in the spectator being removed from the premises and, in the case of an athlete, further disciplinary action by the appropriate grade level principal. ANYONE EJECTED FROM A REGULAR SEASON OR WIAA TOURNAMENT GAME IS AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED FROM ANY AND ALL REMAINING GAMES OF THAT TOURNAMENT.

***REMEMBER:           WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING.... BUT STRIVING TO WIN  
AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS!***