

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MELLEN



2015-2016

ATHLETIC CODE

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Mission Statement

Work collaboratively in a respectful, responsible, safe, and ready environment to create an education where all students will succeed.

Vision Statement

To become a world-class community school of choice that maximizes technology and innovation.

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Introduction

The School District of Mellen believes that the athletic program is an integral part of our educational curriculum. It provides opportunities for learning experiences difficult to duplicate in other school activities.

The opportunity to participate in our athletic program is extended to all students who are willing to assume certain responsibilities. The student athlete will be expected to display high standards of behavior, good sportsmanship, respect for others, and meet all WIAA and School District of Mellen eligibility requirements.

Coaches/advisors have educational responsibilities to make every effort to communicate fully and fairly with the participating student and parents/guardians. Coaches/advisors may set specific rules for their teams. Such rules may not change the intent or spirit of this code or reduce the sanctions to be applied for code violations.

Participating students are in the public eye from the minute their names appear on a school roster. They represent the school and community and have an obligation to present a positive image at all times (12 months of the year), whether in school, in the community or while on out-of-town trips.

It is important for parents/guardians and students involved with these programs to understand the regulations governing participation. To make this phase of the student's education more meaningful, you are asked to read these regulations and sign the two forms along with your son/daughter and have your child return both signature pages to their coach, prior to the student athlete participating in the sport.

The WIAA states that athletes are bound to this code for the entire 12-month year. Student participants are bound by this code from the time they first sign this agreement until they finish their athletic careers at Mellen Public School.

This handbook is subject to change at any time to allow it to remain in compliance with WIAA rule changes or District policy.

Objectives

The School District of Mellen has developed the following major objectives for the interscholastic athletic program:

- To provide opportunities for interscholastic competition.
- To provide activities that help create school unity.
- To promote friendships with teammates, coaches, and opponents.
- To provide opportunities to exemplify and observe good sportsmanship.
- To teach attitudes of responsible team play and cooperation.
- To help students realize that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege with accompanying responsibilities.
- To provide activities for learning self-discipline, loyalty, team play, personal pride, pride in organization, respect for the rights of others, and the will to win.
- To place team, squad, class, and school above personal desires.
- To promote lifetime physical fitness.

To help make participation a positive experience, the following training and conduct rules will be in effect for all Mellen student athletes:

Rules

The Mellen Athletic Department will follow WIAA eligibility rules and regulations. (see attached WIAA Eligibility Bulletin) Where deemed appropriate, the Mellen Athletic Code may be stricter per WIAA allowances.

Forms

Student athletes will not be issued equipment or permitted to practice until their pledge sheet; WIAA Sign-off Form and WIAA Physical Examination Card/Alternate Year Card have been signed and returned to the coach. Student athletes must get a physical examination every other year and turn in a completed exam card prior to participation in any athletic sport. On alternative years, the student athlete must turn in a parent permission/alternative year card completed by the parent.

Attendance

The following attendance requirements are to be met for participation:

- Student athletes will be in school the full day of a practice/contest in order to participate in that practice/contest, unless they have been excused for medical or dental appointments or have a signed excuse from administration in order to participate.
- Student athletes must be in school the entire day following an event or competition unless they are excused by the administration. Student athletes violating this provision will be ineligible for the next game, meet, or match.
- Student athletes suspended from school for any reason are not allowed to participate in any athletic activity, practice or game, until fully reinstated to school.

Academics

Student athletes must meet school and WIAA requirements defining a full-time student. Student athletes must maintain passing grades of D or better at the mid-term, quarter and semester to be eligible for athletic contests. They will be allowed to practice but not participate or attend contests/games until they meet the eligibility rules.

- Mid-term, quarter and semester grades apply to academic eligibility.
- When grades are official at the end of the quarter or semester any student athlete not maintaining a D or better in all classes is ineligible for any contests/games during a minimum of the next 15 school days and must provide a report of D or better in all classes before being allowed to participate again. Any student athlete not maintaining a D or better at mid-term will become ineligible and must earn a D or better to re-establish eligibility.
- At the completion of each mid-term, quarter and semester the Athletic Director will monitor each student athlete's grades.
- Any incompletes at the end of each mid term, quarter or semester will be considered an F and will be treated as such until student athlete receives a passing grade.
- An incomplete caused by health reasons may not render a student athlete ineligible. Once administration, teacher and student athlete work out arrangements for completion and the Athletic Director and Coach are notified by Administration, the student athlete will remain eligible as long as the work is being completed.

Alcohol, Tobacco And Illegal Drugs

Student athletes must refrain from use of controlled substances such as: illegal drugs, household products used in an inappropriate way, tobacco (including e-cigarettes), abuse of prescription drugs, alcohol, and "look-alikes" of any form throughout the school year and summer. Refer to District Policy 5530.

"Holding" an alcoholic drink, tobacco product, illegal drug or look-alikes shall be considered using the product.

Any student athlete found guilty of any of the infractions listed above will be suspended for:

First Offense – The student athlete will be immediately suspended from all athletic contests for 25 percent, rounded up, of the season. During the suspension the student athlete must attend all practices and sit with the team in street clothes during all competitions. The suspension will be carried over into the next season or school year if necessary to complete the suspension period.

Second Offense – The student athlete will be immediately suspended from all athletic contests for 50 percent of the season and must submit to complete the drug/alcohol assessment program. Until the assessment program is completed by the student athlete and the school has the completion on file, the student athlete will remain suspended. The suspension will be carried over to the next season or school year if necessary to complete the suspension period. Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying for assessments and counseling.

Third Offense - The student athlete will be suspended for 50% of the current athletic season and 25% of the next season. If the 50% suspension cannot be served during the current season, the Athletic Director will calculate the remaining suspension time ensuring that the suspension is served in its entirety. The student athlete must provide the District an official letter, from a licensed Counselor, stating that he/she completed a counseling treatment plan. The Athletic Director will provide Administration with a written report documenting how the suspension will be completed.

If the student athlete does not complete the requirements above, then a one calendar year suspension (from the date of violation) will be enforced.

If a student athlete is suspended for possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco, he/she will forfeit the right to any athletic award including All-Conference, in the sport in which the suspension was served.

Attendance at parties where illegal use of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances and look-alikes is occurring is prohibited and will result in a one game suspension. Student athletes should avoid placing themselves in situations where their guilt or innocence is questioned. Second offense will be treated as if the student athlete was in possession of or using these substances.

The student athlete must complete the season that suspension is being served in order for it to count. If he/she fails to complete the season, the full suspension will be reinstated for the next sport that the student athlete competes in.

Random Drug/Alcohol Testing – Athletic random drug and alcohol testing of student athletes involved in all athletic activities will be conducted in accordance with Board Policy.

Bullying

Bullying is defined as a person willfully and repeatedly exercising power or control over another with hostile or malicious intent. Bullying can be physical, verbal, electronically transmitted, psychological (e.g., emotional abuse), through attacks on the property of another, or a combination of any of these. Examples of bullying include, but are not limited to:

- A. Physical – hitting, kicking, spitting, pushing, pulling, taking and/or damaging personal belongings or extorting money, blocking or impeding student movement, unwelcome physical contact.
- B. Verbal – taunting, malicious teasing, insulting, name calling, making threats.
- C. Psychological – spreading rumors, manipulating social relationships, coercion, or engaging in social exclusion/shunning, extortion, or intimidation.
- D. "Cyber bullying" – the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging (IM), defamatory personal web sites, and defamatory online personal polling web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group.

All complaints about aggressive behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. If the investigation finds that aggressive behavior has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate discipline, co-curricular sanctions and/or disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials. The complaint procedure is described in Administrative Guideline 2260.01B and is available in the District office.

Student Anti-Harassment

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain an educational environment that is free from all forms of unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment. This commitment applies to all District operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of unlawful harassment. This policy applies to unlawful conduct occurring on school property, or at another location if such conduct occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

The Board will not tolerate any form of harassment and will take all necessary and appropriate actions to eliminate it, including suspension or expulsion of students and disciplinary action against any other individual in the School District community. Additionally, appropriate action will be taken to stop and otherwise deal with any third party who engages in harassment against our students.

For additional information, please refer to Policy 5517.

Role Model

Student athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner as outlined in the Student Handbook. Student athletes should avoid situations and places where code violations occur or may occur. Improper actions shall be considered conduct unbecoming of an athlete and shall cause the student athlete to be suspended. The Coach, Athletic Director and Administration will meet to determine the suspension of up to a maximum of *25% AND 50% FOR THE SECOND OFFENSE*. Repeated misconduct shall lead to permanent suspension from the team.

Student athletes should act and dress appropriately whenever they represent the Mellen School and community.

Student athletes are expected to set positive examples for other students to follow inside and outside of the school.

Enforcement Of Athletic Rules

All reports of athletic code violations will be investigated.

Under Wisconsin Act 105, the school district may obtain law enforcement agency and court records and use them as the sole basis for taking action against a student under the District's athletic code.

Within two school days of a report of a violation, the District's team, consisting of the Athletic Director and the coach/advisor, will investigate the allegations.

Within five school days, the team will meet with administration to report on the facts and inform administration of the committee's decision regarding consequences if any will be imposed.

A third meeting will be scheduled including the committee and the student athlete and the students' parent/guardian to inform them of the decision. The student athlete and parent/guardian's attendance is not required and unless prior arrangements have been made by the student athlete or parents, the meeting will continue in their absence. Any imposed consequence will begin following this meeting.

If a situation warrants a longer investigation the administration may seek a waiver from these timelines.

The decisions of the team shall be communicated by certified mail to the student athlete's parents/guardians following the third meeting. This communication will summarize the investigation, outline the consequence, and inform the student athlete and parent/guardian of the appeal process.

The student athlete or his/her parents/guardians may appeal the decision to administration. If a satisfactory resolution is not achieved the student athlete or parent/guardian may appeal to The Board. The Board shall meet with the parent/guardians and render a decision in writing to the student athlete and parent/guardian, usually within ten (10) school days after the meeting.

Student athletes who report their violations to Administration and/or Athletic Director of their own volition could have their suspension reduced upon recommendation of Administration and Athletic Director. A student athlete who has used the honesty option may have the suspension reduced up to 50%, with the contest rounded up.

Summer violations will be dealt with as soon as possible and a written notification will be sent to the parent/guardian by certified mail within five days of receipt of the misconduct report.

Any penalties for violations being served under the Athletic Code prior to the adoption of this revision remain in effect until the penalty is completed.

Student Insurance

The School District of Mellen does not offer student accident insurance. **The parent is responsible for any and all cost related sports injuries.** The coach must be familiar with the current accident/injury reporting procedure. Accident/injury forms can be obtained from the Health Aide or Bookkeeper.

Injuries

Injuries, of any type, must be reported to the coach immediately. Any student athlete under a doctor's care must turn in a doctor's release form prior to returning to team participation. Refer to District Policy 5340.

Concussions

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that interferes with normal function of the brain. No student athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of a concussion. Any student

athlete suspected of having a concussion shall be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional right away. Any student athlete with a concussion shall be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition.

Concussion Forms

Wis. State Statute: At the beginning of a season for a youth athletic activity, the person operating the youth athletic activity shall distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to each person who will be coaching that youth athletic activity and to each person who wishes to participate in that youth athletic activity. No person may participate in a youth athletic activity unless the person returns the information sheet signed by the person and, if he or she is under the age of 19, by his or her parent or guardian.

Transportation

Student athletes must use school transportation to all away events, contests or practices. Travel with parents will be permitted afterwards if the parent makes a face-to-face request with the Coach. Travel with an adult (over 21) other than the parent requires written permission from the parent and must be approved by Administration, Athletic Director or Coach. (This includes brothers and sisters or other relatives.)

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS POLICY WILL RESULT IN A SUSPENSION OF THE NEXT GAME THE STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATES IN.

Equipment

Each student athlete is responsible for school equipment issued to them. All lost and/or damaged equipment (due to abuse of equipment), must be paid for by the student athlete.

Coach's Rules

The coach may supplement these rules with additional ones of their own with the approval of the Athletic Director and Administration.

Chronic Discipline Problems

Chronic discipline problems will be reviewed by the District Administrator and Athletic Director. Necessary action will be taken up to and including suspension from all school activities.

WIAA Athletic Eligibility Information

WIAA has mandated that we attach the Association's Rules of Eligibility to our Athletic Code. These are WIAA minimum requirements for a student athlete's eligibility. The school may adopt stricter rules for the student athletes. The sign off form and the Mellen pledge sheet must be signed and turned in before the student athlete may participate.



**2015-2016 High School Athletic Eligibility Information
Bulletin**

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and _____
(School)

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2015-2016 school year**:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.

- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition any any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.

- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams.
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
 - (3) A student who was a member of a school team 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 nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

PARENT - STUDENT ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
SIGN-OFF FORM

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

School District of Mellen

School Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student Athlete's Signature

Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student athlete being declared eligible to practice and compete.

PLEDGE SHEET

Both the student athlete and their parents must sign this pledge sheet before the student athlete will be permitted to practice.

STUDENT ATHLETE PLEDGE

I hereby indicate that I have read and agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Mellen Athletic Code and the W.I.A.A. I further agree to submit to random drug/alcohol testing as a condition of my participation in extra-curricular activities in accordance with Board Policy #2431. I also agree to assume full responsibility for all equipment issued to me and to confine the use of that equipment to events, practice, games, or meets. I understand that I am bound by this Pledge and that it is in effect from the time that I sign this Pledge until the time that I finish my athletic career at the Mellen School.

Student's Name – Printed Legibly

Student's Signature

Date

PARENT'S PLEDGE

I, as the parent/guardian of _____, have read the rule and policies set forth for athletic participation in the Mellen School District and give permission for my child to participate under these conditions. I also agree to submit my son/daughter to random drug/alcohol testing as prescribed in Board Policy #2431. I further agree to do my part in seeing that these rules and regulations are followed.

Date

Signature