

Granton Area School District

# Athletic Code

Granton Bulldogs  
2023-2024

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**Granton**  
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME OF THE BULLDOGS



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**SPORTS:**

Football, Cross-Country, Volleyball, Spirit Team, Basketball, Hockey, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling, and Track

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:**

**SCHOOL COLORS:**

Orange and Black

**TEAM NAME:**

Bulldogs

**CONFERENCE:**

Cloverbelt

**CONFERENCE SCHOOLS:**

Altoona, Cadott, Colby, Columbus (Marshfield), Fall Creek, Gilman, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, McDonell, Neillsville, Osseo-Fairchild, Owen-Withee, Regis, Spencer, Stanley-Boyd, Thorp.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA)

**ATHLETIC BOARD:**

District Administrator, High School Principal, Athletic Director, Two coaches from different sport areas.

## Granton Area School District Athletic Code

Each student and his/her parents should read the entire Athletic Code and be aware of its conditions. Each student must have a signed Athletic Code on file for the present school year before he/she is allowed to practice or participate. Each student participating in athletics must also have the appropriate physical card or alternate year card on file before practicing or participating.

As students decide to become a participant in athletic activities in Granton School District, they are reminded that involvement in co-curricular activity is a privilege, not a right. Certain privileges are given to those who participate in an athletic activity; therefore, the student's conduct is to be above the rest of the student body. In order to maintain that privilege, the students will be required to make some sacrifices, work hard, and follow certain rules. The rules and penalties that apply to a participant in athletic activities are as follows:

### A. Eligibility Rules

1. In order to participate in the athletic program a student must be carried on the school's attendance roles for the purpose of state aid. The student must also be meeting the academic requirements put forth by the school district. A student must meet the districts requirement defining a full-time student. All participants in interscholastic athletics including managers and statisticians shall follow the Granton Athletic Code.
2. A student must be carrying a minimum of four classes per quarter. A senior who has acquired all necessary credits for graduation is not exempt from this rule. Students who are enrolled in a University or technical college must refer to the W.I.A.A. Handbook.
3. An Athlete enrolled in grades 9-12 will not be allowed to participate in the sports program after attending Eight (8) Semesters. An athlete has the potential of eight (8) consecutive semesters of athletic eligibility starting with the first semester of 9<sup>th</sup> grade unless there are extenuating circumstances that are documented with the WIAA office. The WIAA is the only entity that can wave this ruling. An athlete may not participate if he/she reaches their nineteenth (19) birthday before August 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year.
4. An athlete must be in attendance for at least a half day to be eligible to practice or play that day. *If an athlete has an unexcused absence for all or part of the day, he/she shall not be allowed to practice or play that day. School attendance for a half day is also required on the last day prior to a non-school day event (i.e. you must be in school all-day Friday to be eligible for Saturday). Some exceptions to the attendance rules could be a medical appointment, death in the family, or a funeral. The athletic director should clear other exception in advance. The discovery of a violation of the attendance eligibility rule after the practice or contest will result in suspension from participation on the next practice or contest date. A student who has been suspended is ineligible to practice or complete on the day(s) of the suspension.*
5. A pledge must be signed in person by the parent/guardian and athlete stating that the athlete will abide by the terms of this athletic code. The pledge must be filed with a school official before the student may participate in practice or athletic events. THE ATHLETIC CODE WILL APPLY YEAR AROUND. This means a 12 month, 365 or 366-day year.

### B. Academic Eligibility Rules and Penalties

Grading checks will be completed on a bi-weekly basis. If an Athlete receives an F on the most recent grade check, the athlete will start the following eligibility process.

1. **Check 1: D/F = Warning (W)** – Teacher notify the student of possible suspension. There is no action taken at this time other than notification to student, parents and coaches.
2. **Check 2: F = Academic Support (S)** – Can practice and compete in games and/or other take part in performance related events. On M, W, F must report to Academic Support Homeroom, Athletic/Organization Director call home and notify the student.
3. **Check 3: F = Ineligible Practice (IP)** – Student must report to practice with homework, MWF Academic Support Study Hall and Homework Help. They may still participate in games/competition. Athletic/Organization Director call home and notify student. After one week the student can get staff approval to return to practice upon the improvement of grades. All failing grades must be improved for a student to return to competition and regular practice.

*Teachers can make a call on moving a student up and down the scale based off of summative or inability for the student to make up the grade due to assigned work.*

4. **Ineligibility for Competition (IC)** – Is determined off of the Final Semester Grade. This coincides with WIAA mandates. The student will be ineligible for 15 school days and must show passing grades in the next grading term to return after the completion of the ineligibility period.

### C. Regaining Academic Eligibility

1. An athlete may regain eligibility status related to the semester grading period through summer school, courses which may include correspondence courses at the same school or alternate school when available, provided that the student's school gives credit towards graduation and the student successfully completes the same number of credits that caused the ineligibility. Upon successful completion of course(s) the ineligibility period shall then be reduced to the lesser of:

- a. Twenty-one (21) consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport, or
- b. One-third (1/3) of the maximum numbers of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded-up if one-third results in a fraction).

During the ineligibility period (twenty-one (21) days or one-third (1/3) of the games) the athlete will practice, but not ride the team bus or compete; after which the athlete will be fully reinstated. The ineligibility status will be adjusted for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest allowed competition is before the first day students are in class.

### D. Code of Conduct Rules

The following conduct rules shall be in effect on a year-round basis. These rules have been written in accordance with the basic guidelines mandated by the WIAA and must be followed at all times throughout an athlete's career. Violations of this code are cumulative for Middle School and High School. Athletes must attend practice. Absences must be excused. Skipping practice or unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action as decided by the coach.

- 1. Athletes shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use, buy or sell alcohol, or tobacco products.
- 2. Athletes shall not participate in or be present at activities at which controlled substances are being used or alcoholic beverages are being unlawfully consumed.

**Situation: A student finds him/herself in a situation where alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco are being illegally consumed. The student is expected to leave immediately. Remaining in the presence of such activity will result in the same consequences as a violation of the code of conduct.**

- 3. No use, consumption, possession, distribution or sale of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia. The use of prescription drugs without a doctor's permission and the sale or attempted sale of prescription drugs is considered a violation.

#### **WIAA: Article VII section 3:**

**B.** The WIAA is against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other performance enhancing substances (PES). Member schools shall devote time each year to positive programs which highlight prevention and education of the risks, benefits and adverse effects of PES. Coaches, teachers, sports medicine staff and school administrators who ignore or encourage the use of PES, provide and/or sell PES to athletes (including indirect distribution through a third party) shall be subject to their own school's provisions regarding discipline.

- 4. Athletes shall not commit acts of vandalism or fighting on school grounds or at any school function or any other serious violation of policies of the Granton School, The WIAA, State and/or Federal Laws. Such violations would include involvement in criminal activities such as theft, burglary, assault, and etcetera. A participant, who commits a legally punishable criminal act (misdemeanor or felony), whether or not governmental authority prosecutes the participant, is in violation of the code of conduct and subject to penalty.

- 5. Any athlete disqualified from a contest for a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event.

- 6. Violations occurring during WIAA tournament competition will result in immediate disqualification of the athlete for the remainder of the tournament series in that sport.

### E. Penalties for Violation of Conduct Rules

- 1. The athlete who violates the behavioral portion of the Athletic Code will be suspended as follows:

- a. First offense -----25% of season
- b. Second offense -----25% of season
- c. Third offense -----50% of season

d. Fourth offense -----Termination of the athlete's participation for the remainder of his/her entire high school career.

2. The suspension will be for all conference and non-conference events during the sport season in which he/she is presently participating.
3. If a violation occurred with less than one-quarter of the current season remaining, the remainder of the suspension will be carried into the next sport season in which the athlete participates.
4. In all cases, suspended athletes with behavioral violations will be required to attend practices, matches, meets or other competitive events, during the period of their suspension, if more than 25% of the pre-tournament season remains.
5. Once the athlete has served his/her period of suspension he/she may participate fully.

**Honesty Clause:** For a FIRST OFFENSE, should the athlete admit to having engaged in conduct that violated the Athletic Code when asked at the initial investigatory meeting, the penalty may be reduced 50%

#### **F. Procedure for Violation of Conduct Rules**

1. An alleged violation must be reported in writing and signed, within ninety (90) days of the violation to the school Superintendent, the Principal or the Athletic Director by:
  - a. A non-student adult and/or
  - b. Law Enforcement agencies and/or
  - c. personal admission
2. Alcohol, tobacco, or other illegal drug convictions reported by the police authorities and/or public forum (i.e. newspaper, etc.) will be handled under the "violations of conduct rules" of this code.
3. School administrator, along with the Athletic Director, shall conduct an investigation into the alleged violation within five (5) days of receiving the violation report.
4. School administrator, along with the Athletic Director will meet with the accused athlete who has the right to have a parent present during questioning. If allegations are ADMITTED by the athlete, then the penalty for the stated violation will be followed.
5. If allegations are DENIED by the athlete and the athletic board after completing its investigation agrees that the violation did occur, the athlete may be disciplined according to the appropriate provision as outlined in the code.
6. If the Athletic Board members agree that any alleged violation did in fact occur, the suspension will be determined according to procedure, and the parent will be notified by telephone and written correspondence.

#### **G. Appeal Process**

1. If allegations are denied by the athlete, and disciplinary action has been imposed, a written appeal may be made by the athlete and/or his/her parent/guardian for a hearing by the Athletic Board. The request shall be made in writing to a school administrator.
2. A hearing shall be convened within three (3) days of receiving the appeal.
3. Those that may attend this hearing include the Athletic Board, athlete and parent/guardian, and witness to the alleged violation.
4. If the ruling of ineligibility has been sustained by the Athletic Board, the athlete and/or parent/guardian may formally appeal the decision in writing to the School Board within seven (7) days of the last decision. The decision of the School Board will be sent by certified mail.
5. Athletes may not participate in the athletic program during the appeal procedure.
6. The decision of the School Board shall be final.

## **ATHLETE INFORMATION**

### **COACH'S PREROGATIVE:**

Any coach has the right to discipline a player for behavior that is unbecoming an athlete, or for behavior that the coach deems detrimental to the team's moral. Such discipline can include, but may not be limited to, running or doing other exercises during or after practice, not competing during upcoming competitions, et cetera.

Any decision made by the coach in regard to disciplining a player will be consistent for all players who partake in the same behavior during the same season. Coached and athletes will discuss and set guidelines at first practice. The Granton School Board gives its full backing to the coach exercising such prerogative. If there are any questions regarding an athlete's discipline, the questioning individual will follow proper procedure for discussing questions and concerns.

### **A. Procedure**

1. The following is the sequence to follow in discussing questions and concerns.
  - a. First, discuss concerns with the coach who disciplined the athlete.
  - b. Second, discuss concerns with the Varsity Coach of that sport.
  - c. Third, Discuss the matter with the Athletic Director.
  - d. Fourth, discuss the matter with the High School Principal.
  - e. Fifth, if matter is not resolved, questioning individual must express their concerns in writing, within five (5) working days, to the High School Principal.
    1. The High School Principal has five (5) days to respond by certified mail.
  - f. If matter is still not resolved, the questioning individual has five (5) working days after receiving the Principal's letter to put their concerns in a letter to the District Administrator.
    1. The District Administrator has five (5) days to respond by certified mail.
  - g. If not resolved the questioning individual has five (5) working days to respond to the Granton Area School Board.
    1. The Board has five (5) working days to respond by certified mail.
  - h. Finally, if questions or concerns still exist, the questioning individual may request a meeting with the Granton Area School District Board.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

When the school provides transportation to away games, all participants are to travel to and from the event on the school transportation. No other means of transportation is allowed without prior approval of the coach and written parent/guardian permission. If a parent/guardian would like to alter transportation procedures, a request must be submitted in writing, by the parent/guardian and approved by the principal prior to that event. If approved the signed request must be given to his/her coach.

### **MEDICAL RELEASE:**

If an athlete is injured and receives medical care he/she may not resume practice/competition until written permission is received by the coach, and signed by the attending physician or Licensed Athletic Trainer.

1. The written permission must include
  - a. the athlete's name,
  - b. date of injury,
  - c. injury diagnosis,
  - d. the earliest date the athlete may participate.

### **OUT OF TOWN EVENTS:**

Athletes are reminded that they must stay within the host school's designated area. The coach's consent is required to leave this area at any time.

### **STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:**

In the event a team/individual(s) from Granton High School is participating at the state tournament level, accommodations will be provided by the Granton Area School District.

### **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:**

Uniforms will be washed at school, by school personal. Any equipment issued is the athlete's responsibility. Lost or damaged equipment may have to be paid for by the athlete. Athletes must provide their own practice attire. Sports equipment, including uniforms and warm-ups, are to be used for athletic practice and events only during the designated sport season.

### **BLOOD – BORNE PATHOGENS:**

Blood and other body fluids will be handled as regulated by the Department of Industry and Labor and Human Relations, The Department of Public Instruction and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**FEES:**

Student Athletes are required to pay a yearly **\$35 fee (grades 9-12)** or a **\$25 fee (grades 6-8)** in order to participate. The maximum fee per family is \$75. This fee covers the entire school year and does not change based on the number of sports participate in. This fee must be paid in order to practice.

**PARENT INFORMATION**

While spectators, at any extra/co-curricular events either at Granton or any other site, parents are expected to display sportsmanlike behavior. An individual or group who willfully interferes with or interrupts the proper order or management of a school sponsored extra/co-curricular event by an act of violence, boisterous conduct, threatening language, or unsportsmanlike conduct toward coaches, players, or officials, or disobeys board policies or administrative rules may be removed from the event and may be prohibited from further attendance for a period of up to six weeks. Individuals prohibited from attendance may follow the established grievance procedure.

At the conclusion of any sporting event there will be a 24-hour buffer period in which parents/guardians are to refrain from approaching any coaching staff with negative concerns regarding the sporting event.

Parents/Guardians need to be aware that injury, accidents, disability, and even death can result from athletic participation.

**THESE FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED  
BEFORE AN ATHLETE MAY PRACTICE**

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/ALTERNATE YEAR ATHLETIC PERMIT CARD:**

Every athlete involved in interscholastic activities must have a physical examination once every two (2) years. The physical permit card must be completed and signed by a licensed physician or qualified medical personal. The reverse side of this card is to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. This card will be valid for two (2) years, if it is completed after April 1<sup>st</sup>. It is also recommended that the athlete's dental fitness be determined as well. /On the alternate year when a physical is not required, a parent/guardian giving the athlete permission to participate must sign an Alternate Year Card.

**PLEDGE SHEET:**

The student athlete and his/her parent/guardian must sign the Pledge Sheet at the back after reading the entire Athletic Code.

**INSURANCE COVERAGE:**

All athletes must document insurance coverage. The school district does not provide any type of insurance. Athletes must be covered by their family's insurance, purchase interscholastic competition insurance, or sign a waiver. The Granton Area School District needs evidence of how each athlete's health care needs are covered and strongly recommends that athletes have insurance coverage. Insurance is available through the District's Student Insurance carrier.

**EMERGENCY FORM FOR ATHLETE'S:**

This form lists any medical history that may be of value to the coaches if a medical emergency should occur. The athlete's insurance carrier and physician are also included on this form. The parent/guardian signatures on the form will GRANT PERMISSION TO THE COACH TO AUTHORIZE MEDICAL TREATMENT in the event that the parent/guardian cannot be reached.

**WIAA Athletic Eligibility Form**

This form must be signed by student athlete and a parent after reading the form. A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to parental permission each school year including an acknowledgment of receiving the school athletic code and WIAA Rules of Eligibility.

**PARENT/ATHLETE CONCUSSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This form must be signed by student athlete and a parent after reading the form. A student may not practice or participate until the school district has on file acknowledgement of receipt of concussion information.

**TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

This form must be signed by parent after reading the form and prior to the sporting event to allow alternative transportation for their child.



**PLEDGE**

I have a copy of, and I understand the rules of the Granton Athletic Code. I promise to conform to the Athletic Code.

I sign this document in good faith promising:

- to do my best for myself, my team, my school and my community by keeping myself in good physic condition
- to attend all practices and competitions,
- to work hard at my studies and grades, and
- to conduct myself at all times in an appropriate manner.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH INSURANCE FORM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Granton School District does not provide interscholastic insurance coverage for athletic participation. We encourage all families to have accident/health coverage for their student-athlete prior to participation in any sporting activities. The school does provide you an opportunity to purchase athletic Insurance or to supplement your existing insurance through the Student Assurance Services, Inc. If you are interested in purchasing this insurance, please obtain an application form from the Athletic Director and pay the required fee before your student-athlete begins athletic participation. Please note that the fee varies according to which sport(s) your student-athlete participates in. Be sure to fill out the form completely and make your check payable to **STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES - INC.** If you feel you have adequate accident/health insurance coverage or if you intend to pay for any medical care that may be required due to athletic participation, **PLEASE SIGN WAIVER BELOW.**

**INSURANCE WAIVER FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One Below:

\_\_\_\_\_ We, the undersigned, feel we have adequate insurance protection for our son or daughter for coverage while practicing or participating in interscholastic Sports.

\_\_\_\_\_ We, the undersigned, have purchased Student Assurance insurance for our son or daughter for coverage while practicing or participating in Interscholastic Sports.

\_\_\_\_\_ We, the undersigned, will pay for any medical cost that may incur while our son or daughter is practicing or participating in Interscholastic Sports.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY FORM FOR ATHLETES

NAME OF STUDENT-ATHLETE: \_\_\_\_\_

We ask all of the parents/guardians of our athletes to fill out our Emergency Form for Athletes. This form will be kept in the Athletic Directors office, so it is available during athletic practices and/or competitions, in case medical care is required. Parents/guardians need to be made aware that injury, accidents, disability and even death can result from athletic participation. A parent's/guardian's signature on this form will grant permission to our coaches to authorize medical treatment in the event that a parent/guardian is not available and cannot be reached; this form also lists any medical history that may be of value to medical personnel that will be treating the athlete.

### Athletes Medical Information

Athlete's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Athletes Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (if parents are unavailable) \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and Telephone)

Name of Family Health Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby grant permission to the coaches for authorizing medical treatment of my student-athlete in the event that I (parent/guardian) are not available or cannot be reached.**

I will not hold the Granton School District or the person or persons in charge, responsible in the case of injury, accident, disability, or death as a result of my student- athlete's participation.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 267, Stevens Point 54481

## High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Granton Area School District  
(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](http://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:

### 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 practice and competition for one calendar year, 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 practice and/or compete for one calendar year.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided 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 may be provided 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 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 practice and competition for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parent's 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 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 boundary, 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 and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician 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.
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### 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 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 spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or intentionally and aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar day 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 school's 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 tournament.

#### **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 shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffelbags, 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. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified 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.

- 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 in any nonschool games, 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) 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. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling 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.*

**Detach and Return to Athletic Director**

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**PARENT-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 Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student-Athlete's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

## PARENT & ATHLETE AGREEMENT

**As a Parent and as an Athlete it is important to recognize the signs, symptoms, and behaviors of concussions.** By signing this form, you are stating that you understand the importance of recognizing and responding to the signs, symptoms, and behaviors of a concussion or head injury.

1. Have you ever had a concussion? \_\_\_\_\_, if yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever experienced concussion symptoms? \_\_\_\_\_ Did you report them? \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Agreement:

I \_\_\_\_\_ have **read** the Parent Concussion and Head Injury Information and **understand** what a concussion is and how it may be caused. I also understand the common signs, symptoms, and behaviors. I agree that my child must be removed from practice/play if a concussion is suspected.

I understand that it is my responsibility to seek medical treatment if a suspected concussion is reported to me.

I understand that my child cannot return to practice/play until providing written clearance from an appropriate health care provider to his/her coach.

I understand the possible consequences of my child returning to practice/play too soon.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Athlete Agreement:

I \_\_\_\_\_ have **read** the Athlete Concussion and Head Injury Information and **understand** what a concussion is and how it may be caused.

I understand the importance of reporting a suspected concussion to my coaches and my parents/guardian.

I understand that I must be removed from practice/play if a concussion is suspected. I understand that I must provide written clearance from an appropriate health care provider to my coach before returning to practice/play.

I understand the possible consequence of returning to practice/play too soon and that my brain needs time to heal.

Athlete Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**GRANTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

If parents/guardians provide transportation to these events or allow their son/daughter to provide transportation to these events, they must be aware of the following:

- Where a parent/guardian provides transportation to their son/daughter to or from a scheduled event, the parent/guardian shall assume all resulting liability, and the school shall assume no liability.
- Where a parent/guardian or another adult designated by a parent/guardian transports students other than their own to or from a scheduled event, the parent/guardian or designated adult transporting the students shall assume all resulting liability and the school shall assume no liability.
- Where a student transports himself/herself to or from a scheduled event, the parents/guardians of that student shall assume all resulting liability, and the school shall assume no liability.
- Where a student transports other students to or from a scheduled event, the parents/guardians of the transporting student shall assume all resulting liability, and the school shall assume no liability.

**TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY WAIVER**

*I have read the Athletic Transportation Policy and agree that I shall assume all liability for negligently caused injuries resulting from the following situations:*

- *Where I transport my son/daughter to or from a scheduled event;*
- *Where I transport other students to or from a scheduled event, or I, as a parent/guardian, give permission to another adult to transport my son/daughter home from a scheduled event and have explained to he designated individual that s/he will assume all liability;*
- *Where my son/daughter transports himself/herself to or from a scheduled event; or*
- *Where my son/daughter transports other students to or from a practice or scheduled event.*

*I also agree that Granton Area School District shall assume no liability whatsoever for negligently caused injuries resulting from the above situations or any other situation where contracted transportation is not being used to transport athletes.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION**

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Student-Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child, named above, has permission to ride (to-from-both) \_\_\_\_\_ event/contest.  
(circle one) (Sport/Club)

I certify that I have personally arranged for the above named student to be transported with:

\_\_\_ 1. Riding with his/her parent/guardian. \_\_\_ 3. Riding with a designated adult, \_\_\_\_\_, other than his/her parent/guardian.

\_\_\_ 2. Driving. \_\_\_ 4. Riding with a designated minor, \_\_\_\_\_.

The reason for not riding the bus/van is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Reason must be sufficiently urgent to family needs to justify not riding the bus)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athletic Director/Head Coach Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This form must be returned to the Athletic Director or Head Coach **NO LATER THAN 1 DAY** prior to the event.