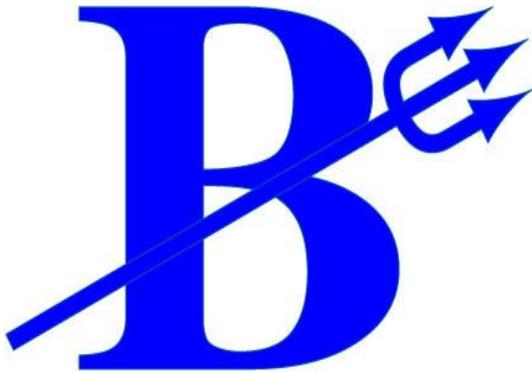


# **Athletic Code**

The *Brookville Athletic Code* is applicable to all those students who perform, to those trying out for an organization, to all student support personnel, student trainers, and cheerleaders.

The *Athletic Code* has been approved by the Board of Education. The purpose of this booklet is to inform you and your parents of the rules that are appropriate while you represent Brookville. It is your responsibility as a Brookville student to read these rules and to abide by them.



**BROOKVILLE LOCAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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“A decade after graduation, almost everyone will have forgotten where and what they played. But every time they speak, everyone will know whether or not they are educated.”

– *The Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh,  
college president*



# ***Sportsmanship***

**Is the**

**cooperation of  
people as a unit  
showing common  
courtesy, patience,  
pride, and  
respect.**



***Sportsmanship Takes Teamwork!***

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## **PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS**

The Brookville Local School District believes that:

Interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the school's education process.

Participation in a sound athletic program contributes to the development of health, happiness, physical skills, emotional maturity, social competence, moral values, and self-discipline of the individual.

Athletics teaches participants the value of cooperation and competition in achieving team goals.

The purpose of interscholastic athletics is to offer opportunities of participation to as many students as possible and to further students' interests in competition by developing a comprehensive program.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this code of conduct is to give all students participating in interscholastic athletics and other persons a guide to the operation of these activities in the Brookville Local School District. Specific rules, regulations, policies, and procedures will be explained by the coaches and directors of the various teams/activities within the district's athletic program at the beginning of the season. Students participating in athletics will be expected to adhere not only to the specific rules, regulations, policies, and procedures set forth in this code, but also any specific rules provided by coaches for each athletic activity and provided to the student.

### **OBJECTIVES OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

1. To provide an opportunity for participation to all students who have the interest and ability.
2. To prepare all participants to further their participation in sports to the fullest extent of their ability.
3. To develop and practice all rules of good sportsmanship.
4. To develop team morale and unity through cooperation and sacrifice.
5. To develop spirit, pride, and unity throughout the entire athletic

program in both words and actions.

6. To make a positive contribution to school and community relationships.
7. To stress the importance of academics.
8. To furnish supervision, facilities, and equipment necessary to insure proficiency in all programs.
9. To maintain the highest possible standards and levels of athletic competition.
10. To promote the values of mental and physical fitness.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF ATHLETICS**

The administrative head of each school (principal) shall be held responsible for all matters which concern interscholastic contests.

The student activities director represents all principals in matters concerning the athletic program.

The student activities director or principal must make all contacts with the commissioner of Ohio Athletics in reference to questions concerning the school district.

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right.* Students who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to accept the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of participation by maintaining a high standard of personal conduct in the areas of sportsmanship, citizenship, ethics, and integrity. A student may forfeit his/her privilege of participation if he/she cannot follow the rules and regulations set forth in the *Athletic Code of Conduct* by the Brookville Local Board of Education.

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

### **9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Eligibility**

Students are to be required to maintain no less than a 2.0 grade point average per quarter in order to remain eligible. Additionally, in order to be eligible in grades 9 through 12, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding grading period. During the preceding grading period, students must have received passing grades in a minimum of five, one-credit courses or the equivalent which count towards graduation.

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the 8th grade must have passed 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled and must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average during the last grading period of the 8th grade year.

### **7th and 8th Grade Eligibility**

Students are required to maintain no less than a 2.0 quarterly grade point average in order to remain eligible. Additionally, to be eligible, a 7th or 8th grade student-athlete must have received passing grades in a minimum of five of all subjects, including CCP, in which enrolled the immediately preceding grading period. Students who are participating via state law that permits home educated, non-public, community and STEM school students to participate at public schools in the district of residence of the parents must also comply. A student enrolling in the 7th grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement.

### **Academic Eligibility Probation**

Any student who has met the other specified minimum academic eligibility requirements, including but not necessarily limited to O.H.S.A.A. requirements, but has failed to satisfy the district's 2.0 grade point average eligibility requirement, shall be placed on Academic Eligibility Probation. The period of probation shall be the next nine-week grading period. While on probationary status, the student shall remain eligible to participate in athletics. However, failure to meet all academic eligibility requirements, including a 2.0 grade point average at the conclusion of the next nine-week grading period, shall result in the student being ineligible to participate in athletics for a minimum of the next quarter's grading period or until such time as the student earns at least a 2.0 grade point average.

A student may be eligible to continue to participate in athletics under an

academic eligibility probation status one time during grades 7 and 8. Additionally, a student may also be eligible for continued participation in athletics under an academic eligibility probation status one time during their first two years of high school eligibility and one time during their last years of high school eligibility. For example, if a student was on probation during the fall of his/her 9th grade year and then failed to earn a 2.0 grade point average in his/her sophomore year, the sophomore would not be eligible for probationary status a second time and therefore could not participate in athletics until the student meets all academic eligibility requirements.

### **Weekly Eligibility**

Weekly eligibility standards will be maintained. Weekly eligibility is based on the cumulative grade to the beginning of the term. A student receiving more than one "F" on the weekly eligibility report will be ruled ineligible for the following week(s). This is applicable to all courses that offer academic credit.

Eligibility will be checked electronically through Progress Book at 8:00 a.m. every Friday to determine student eligibility for the following week. Results will be compiled and distributed the same day. Students not meeting the weekly standards will be ruled ineligible for the following Monday through Sunday. Eligibility will be restored to students on the Monday following a week of ineligibility providing academic requirements have been met.

## **OHSAA STANDARDS**

Senior athletes must be passing all state and locally required courses for graduation.

If students enrolled in high school attain the age of 19 before August 1 of a given school year, they shall be ineligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic program.

If students enrolled in grades 7 or 8 attain the age of 15 before August 1 of a given school year, they shall be ineligible to participate in the middle school interscholastic program.

Only amateurs are eligible. Student athletes are ineligible if they receive money or other valuable consideration for competing in a sport recognized by the OHSAA.

Students must complete and turn in a valid physical examination form signed by a physician, by the participant, and by the parent or guardian. Before participation in any practice or contest can take place, students

must also have the following on file; insurance statements, the inherent risks of injury associated with participation in the sport or activity form, emergency medical form, and a signed acknowledgment of the responsibilities of participating in extracurricular activities.

Students must be enrolled in school not later than the fifteenth day after the beginning of each semester.

Students are ineligible if they participate in OHSAA unapproved or unsanctioned camps, clinics, independent teams, all-star teams, or regular practice sessions out of season.

These eligibility rules cover the most common areas. Obviously, the district will follow all rules and regulations of the school, conference, and the Ohio Athletic Association.

## **BROOKVILLE ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Brookville Athletic Code is applicable to those students who participate in extracurricular activities. The Brookville Local School District believes that the most important goal of the interscholastic athletic program is to provide every participant the opportunity to grow mentally, morally, physically, and emotionally. To assure that the program can provide these opportunities, a degree of self-discipline is required of each participant. Self-discipline involves compliance with rules and regulations concerning personal behavior. Rules promote order and safety and assists participants to reach maximum performance potential.

“Athletes” for the purpose of these rules and regulations shall be defined as those students who identify themselves as such by membership and participation in an interscholastic activity in the Brookville Local School System including the total cheerleading program. While involved in such participation, the good name of the athlete and the school depend upon responsible action on the part of the student. We believe that the athlete has a strong influence in the community, the school, and among fellow students. We feel that good habits of health, behavior, and scholarship are important to the school and its athletic program.

*The Athletic Code is enforceable year round, which includes all district holidays and vacations (24 hours per day, 365 days per year). Upon beginning any interscholastic or cheerleading activity, you will be given this Code of Conduct. At that time you fall under the 365 days per year enforcement. Your possession of these rules and the fact that you have signed an acknowledgment of and had these rules reviewed with you by a school staff member (coach/advisor/administrator) constitutes a first warning; no further warnings will be given to you. It is your responsibility to*

*familiarize yourself with these rules and consequences of violating them.*

1. All athletes will abide by all rules and regulations established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
2. As a general rule, any athlete who does not attend a full school day will not participate in a practice/game that day unless prior approval is granted by a school administrator. Exceptions will be granted for students who sign in late as long as they are in attendance by 9:30 a.m. Repeated exceptions may not be granted to students who sign out ill, regardless of how many periods they attend. Students who sign out for an appointment must receive approval from a school administrator before participation in a practice/game that day. Any exceptions to this policy regardless of the circumstances will be the decision of the school administration.
3. Before a student/athlete can participate in any initial contest, they must participate in eight (8) days of practice during a two-week period of time. If a student/athlete misses more than ten (10) consecutive days of practice/participation, then that student/athlete will be required to re-acclimate to that activity by participating in eight (8) days of practice unless released in writing by a physician. The principal/student activities director will rule on special situations at the high school and the intermediate school level.
4. All participants will be under the direct supervision of the coach/advisor/administrator to and from all activities. The only exception would be if a coach/advisor/administrator would release the participant directly to a parent/guardian of the student (see Transportation, page 18).
5. On any trip or activity, members will be informed by the coach/advisor as to the appropriate dress and conduct.
6. The athletic department will assist in training student trainers. The athletic trainer will determine the method of training student trainers.
7. A disagreement between a student/athlete and a coach/advisor that cannot be resolved by them should be brought to the immediate attention of the principal/student activities director. Any further disagreement(s) will then be subject to the principal/student activities director.
8. The length of a sports season shall be defined as the time span from

the first day of organized practice and terminate when the coach/advisor releases the participant following the last activity (per OHSAA Handbook).

9. Rules found in the current Code of Student Conduct booklet apply to all students at all school-sponsored activities. In addition, the coach/advisor, assistant principal, director of student activities, or principal may set additional penalties for unbecoming behavior which may include a verbal or written reprimand, denial of participation, removal from a team, or removal from the athletic department for one calendar year.

## 10. Behavior

Consequences for violations of the rules and regulations may result in any or all of the following consequences:

- Verbal or written reprimand
- Probation
- Denial of participation
- Removal from a team
- Removal from the athletic department for one calendar year
- Criminal charges
- Restitution

Consequences may be carried over to another season, school year, from junior high to high school, not to exceed one calendar year. These consequences will be determined by the coach/advisor, student activities director/principal.

- A. All athletes are expected to behave in a manner which reflects positively on the school and their team. Due to the broad range of potential infractions, the following offenses are examples of punishable infractions without being an exhaustive list. Behavior which reflects negatively would include such offenses as:

- Repeated truancy from school or class.

- Illegal possession or destruction of school or athletic property or equipment.

- Acts of vandalism or abuse of persons or property.

- Involvement in activities or behavior which would constitute hazing.

- Repeated infractions of school rules, team rules, or chronic incorrigible profanity.

- Abusive or disrespectful language actions, gestures, or

profanity.

Behavior, attitude, or unsportsmanlike conduct at or during athletic contests, practice sessions, or school-sponsored events.

Sexual harassment, misconduct, or exhibitionism.

- B. Athletes Engaging in Criminal Activity or Violations of Civil Law – Recognizing the varying degrees of severity of violations (misdemeanors vs. felony), consequences for involvement may result in a minor reprimand to removal from the athletic department for one calendar year, depending upon the nature of the offense. *An athlete does not have to be convicted in a court of law in order for consequences to be carried out. Remember, athletics are a privilege not a right.* Consultation between the coach, student activities director, and principal will be conducted before a consequence is issued.
- C. If an athlete participating in a sport quits the team or is denied participation for a rules violation, he/she is not eligible to join or try out for another sport until all the members of his/her original team are also eligible. The athlete will also not be allowed to participate in out-of-season activities of another sport until the members of his/her original team are finished with their season. If the athlete is “cut” from a team before the regular season begins, he/she would be eligible to go out for another sport. Exceptions to this rule can be granted via approval of the two coaches involved and the student activities director.
- D. Athletes, cheerleaders, or other team members under suspension from school (in-school/out-of-school) are not allowed to participate in practice or game competition during this period of time. A student athlete may resume participation immediately following the completion of this time.
- E. These rules and regulations are minimum standards. Individual coaches may have additional rules which must be approved by the student activities director prior to implementation.
- F. All forms issued by the athletic department for participation in a given activity must be signed and returned to the coach before participation can begin.

- G. Commitment to High School or Junior High Team – When participating in interscholastic athletics, we expect student athletes to attend all practices and contests during their season. Vacations are not encouraged during a sport’s season. The head coach’s team rules will prevail in the event of such missed practices or contests.
- H. During the sports season your school team’s activities shall take precedence over all select or non-school related athletic programs.
- I. Substance Abuse  
(Violations in this area are cumulative. Junior high students start over when they enter the high school. However, if a consequence from an infraction at the junior high level has not been fully completed, the consequence will be carried over to the high school.)
- (1) The possession or use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The smoking or possession of electronic “vapor”, or other substitute forms of cigarettes is also prohibited.

Consequences: An athlete involved with a tobacco products violation will be immediately denied participation until a decision is made. The contests that may have been missed will count towards consequences.

### **1st Time Offense:**

*In Season* – An athlete found in violation of this code will be denied participation in 10% of the scheduled contests. An athlete in violation of this code will need to enroll in a tobacco or substance counseling program approved by the school. Any cost incurred will be the responsibility of the athlete and/or parents/guardians. If the athlete is not enrolled in a tobacco or substance counseling program after serving the 10% denial of participation consequence, the denial of participation will continue until the athlete is enrolled. If the athlete does not complete the program, the athlete will be denied participation immediately from all athletic programs until completion of the tobacco or substance counseling program. (Possible number of contests to be denied: **High School 10%** - for example, baseball/softball 3, basketball 2, football 1, wrestling 2 points; **Junior High**

**10%** - for example, basketball 1, football 1, volleyball 2, wrestling 1 point or next scheduled match. The consequences are consecutive not selective.)

*Out of Season* – An athlete found in violation of this code will be denied participation in 10% of the scheduled contests for the next chosen sport of the athlete. The athlete needs to complete the next chosen sports season or the denial will carry over to the next chosen sport, and so on, until the athlete completes a full sports season. The athlete in violation of this code will need to enroll in a tobacco or substance counseling program, approved by the school. Any cost incurred will be the responsibility of the athlete and/or parents/guardians. If the athlete is not enrolled in a tobacco or substance counseling program, after serving the 10% denial of participation consequence, the denial of participation will continue until the student is enrolled. If the athlete does not complete the program, the athlete will be denied participation immediately from all athletic programs until completion of the tobacco or substance counseling program. (Possible number of contests to be denied: **High School 10%** - for example, baseball/softball 3, basketball 2, football 1, wrestling 2 points; **Junior High 10%** - for example, basketball 1, football 1, volleyball 2, wrestling 1 point or next scheduled match. The consequences are consecutive not selective.)

**2nd Time Offense** (within one year [365 days] from the date of the first offense):

*In Season* – An athlete found in violation of this code will be immediately removed from the team for the remainder of the season. An athlete may try out for the next sports season provided the athlete is enrolled in a tobacco or substance counseling program, approved by the school. Any cost incurred will be the responsibility of the athlete and/or parents/guardians. If the athlete is not enrolled in a tobacco or substance counseling program, the denial of participation will continue until the athlete is enrolled. If the athlete does not complete the program, the athlete will be denied participation immediately from all athletic programs until completion of the tobacco or substance counseling program.

*Out of Season* – An athlete found in violation of this code will be denied participation in 30% of the scheduled contests for the next chosen sport of the athlete. The athlete needs to complete the next chosen sports season or the denial will carry over to the next chosen sport, and so on, until the athlete completes a full sports season. The athlete in violation of this code will need to enroll in a tobacco or substance counseling program, approved by the school. Any cost incurred will be the responsibility of the athlete and/or parents/ guardians. If the athlete is not enrolled in a tobacco or substance counseling program, after serving the 30% denial of participation consequence, the denial of participation will continue until the athlete is enrolled. If the athlete does not complete the program, the athlete will be denied participation immediately from all athletic programs until completion of the tobacco or substance counseling program. (Possible number of contests to be denied: **High School 30%** - for example, baseball/softball 8, basketball 6, football 3, wrestling 6 points - if the 6th point starts a tournament, the athlete will miss the whole tournament; **Junior High 30%** - basketball 4, football 2, volleyball 5, wrestling 4 points - if the 4th point starts a tournament, the athlete will miss the whole tournament. The consequences are consecutive not selective.)

**3rd Offense and Subsequent Infractions** (within one year [365 days] from the date of the first offense):

*In Season/Out of Season* – Any athlete violating the tobacco policy for the third time or subsequent times will be denied participation for one calendar year from the date of the violation for all activities sponsored by the athletic department.

- (2) Possession, use, misuse, or sale of any alcoholic beverage, prescription drug or illegal drug such as but not limited to narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, steroid, barbiturate, marijuana, inhalant, intoxicant, or drug paraphernalia of any kind is strictly prohibited 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Athletes hosting a party where alcohol or other controlled substances are being unlawfully consumed may also be considered in violation.

- (3) Look-Alike/Counterfeit Drugs – No athlete shall directly or indirectly represent any counterfeit controlled substance as an illegal, controlled, or prescription substance. In addition, no athlete shall possess, consume, make, sell, offer to sell, or deliver any substance known or not known to be a counterfeit drug at any time 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Consequences: An athlete involved with an alcohol/substance violation will be immediately denied participation until a decision is made. The contests that may have been missed will count towards the consequence.

**1st Time Offense:**

*In Season* – An athlete found in violation of this code will be immediately removed from the team for the remainder of the season. If less than 50% of the scheduled contests remain, the athlete will also sit out 30% of the contests at the beginning of the season in their next chosen sport. An athlete may try out for the next sports season provided an assessment, from an agency approved by the school, has been scheduled and there is follow-through of the recommendations of the assessment. Any cost incurred for the assessment and/or follow-through treatment is the responsibility of the athlete and/or parents/guardians. Any athlete not completing the recommended treatment will be immediately removed from the athletic program until treatment is completed.

*Out of Season* – An athlete found in violation of this code will be denied participation in 30% of the scheduled contests for the next chosen sport of the athlete. The athlete needs to complete the next chosen sports season or the denial will carry over to the next chosen sport, and so on, until the athlete completes a full sports season. An athlete may try out for the next sports season provided an assessment, from an agency approved by the school, has been scheduled and there is follow-through of the recommendations of the assessment. Any cost incurred from the assessment and follow-up treatment is the responsibility of the athlete and/or the parents/guardians. Any athlete not completing the recommended treatment

will be immediately removed from the athletic program until the treatment is completed. (Possible number of contests to be denied: **High School 30%** - for example, baseball/softball 8, basketball 6, football 3, wrestling 6 points - if the 6th point starts a tournament, the athlete will miss the whole tournament; **Junior High 30%** - basketball 4, football 2, volleyball 5, wrestling 4 points - if the 4th point starts a tournament, the athlete will miss the whole tournament. The consequences are consecutive not selective.)

**2nd Offense and Subsequent Infractions** (within one year [365 days] from the date of the first offense):

*In Season* – Any athlete violating the substance use policy for the second time or subsequent times will be denied participation for one calendar year from the date of the violation for all activities sponsored by the athletic department.

*Out of Season* – Any athlete violating the substance use policy for the second time or subsequent times will be denied participation for one calendar year from the date of the violation for all activities sponsored by the athletic department.

- J. Denial of Involvement – If any athlete denies his/her involvement in a tobacco, alcohol, substance, or behavior related situation and is later found to have been involved, the athlete will lose his/her athletic eligibility for one calendar year, regardless of which offense this might be.

*Note:* If an athlete is denied participation for any reason (academics, discipline, etc.), he/she may continue to practice only with the approval of the head coach, student activities director, and building principal. He/she may not dress for competition during this period of denial of participation.

## **DISCIPLINARY DIVERSION PROGRAM**

All violations to the Athletic Code are to be submitted in writing to the student activities director by school personnel, coach/advisor, or police official. The student activities director will hold a conference with the coach and athlete and initiate any disciplinary action. At this time, it is necessary to give to the athlete a written notice of the disciplinary action and the reason(s) therefore. The athlete has the right to appeal the

discipline decision to an appeal board. This appeal board shall consist of an administrator, another coach, and a teacher who is not a coach. The building principal shall appoint this standing appeal board.

1. The student may, within the timelines and guidelines established by this code, apply/petition for reinstatement of his/her athletic eligibility.
2. The appeal board, upon receipt of a student's and/or parent's valid written request for reinstatement, shall convene a meeting to consider the application for reinstatement.
  - A. Such meeting shall take place within a reasonable amount of time after the appeal board's receipt of the written request.
  - B. The student and parents are permitted to have a representative of their choice at the meeting.
  - C. The appeal board is permitted to have representation and may invite other relevant persons to the meeting.
  - D. The appeal board may order follow-up meetings.
  - E. A student who has been denied participation for an athletic season or percentage of the season may apply for reinstatement to the appeal board not earlier than one calendar week after initial removal.
  - F. A student who has been denied participation for a calendar year may apply to the appeal board for reinstatement not earlier than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of their removal from eligibility.

The findings of the appeal board will be in the form of a recommendation to the building principal. The decision of the coaches and recommendation of the appeal board are subject to the final decision of the building principal. Only the building principal has the authority to deny a student the right to participate. The building principal's decision is final and binding. There shall be no appeal to the district board of education.

## **PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

The Brookville Local School Board of Education assumes no legal or financial responsibility in providing student accident insurance. Students shall have proof of medical insurance coverage before being permitted to participate in athletics/activities.

All student athletes must have a valid Brookville extracurricular agreement card on file each school year in the student activities director's office prior to participation in any contest or event. Only one valid card signed and dated by student/athlete and the parent/ guardian is necessary for any activity and all activities for the school year.

### **CONFLICTING ACTIVITIES**

If an athlete/cheerleader wishes to participate in two potentially conflicting activities during the same season, written approval must be secured by both coaches and submitted to the student activities director. The written notification must be signed by the parent and indicate which activity takes precedence should a conflict arise.

### **MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS**

Every student/athlete must have a medical release form (physical card) on file with the student activities director or coach/advisor prior to participating in any extracurricular activity. All such forms are effective for one calendar year. It is the responsibility of the student/athlete and their parent/guardian to insure that such information is current and released to the school.

NOTE: Section 3313.73 of the Ohio Revised Code reads, in part, as follows: "This section does not require any school child to receive a medical examination or receive a medical treatment whose parent or guardian objects thereof." A form certifying this objection shall be signed by the parent or guardian and attached to the parental approval form and kept on file at the student activities director's office.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Students participating in interscholastic athletic activities associated with the team are required to ride district transportation to and from events. In the event that no bus or driver is available, alternative transportation may be arranged by the student activities director. There may also be alternate transportation assigned if a participation level is low, or if the playing site is within close proximity of the school.

If a student must ride from a contest with parents because of family commitments, the student must have a form signed by the parent with written confirmation by the student activities director/administrator. This form must be presented to the coach prior to leaving for the contest.

## EQUIPMENT

All school-issued equipment must be returned to the coach/student activities director prior to the awards program. If equipment is not returned, any and all awards earned by a student will be withheld until such equipment is returned or restitution has been made. Students participating in athletics will be charged the replacement cost for any unreturned or damaged items.

## STANDARDS FOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

To be eligible to receive an end-of-the-season award, a student participating in extracurricular activities must meet all the following criteria:

Must have maintained their eligibility by both local and OHSAA standards.

Must attend the year-end program unless excused by the head coach or advisor.

3. Must have returned all equipment/uniforms and made restitution for loss/damage to such equipment.

**Varsity Awards:** The first varsity award in each sport will be an 8" block letter with subsequent varsity awards being a gold insert for inclusion with the varsity letter.

**BASEBALL:** Play in one-half (1/2) of the total innings of all games.

**BASKETBALL:** Play in one-half (1/2) of the total quarters of all games.

**CHEERLEADING:** Participate in one-half (1/2) of the scheduled events.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** Must accomplish the level of points set up by the coach for that season. Point system will be approved by the student activities director.

**FOOTBALL:** Play in one-half (1/2) of the total quarters of all regular season varsity games. A player will be given credit for a quarter of play by playing in a minimum of one play for each quarter. Participation on special teams is included.

**GOLF:** Participate in one-half (1/2) of the scheduled events.

**SOCCER (boys):** Participate in one-half (1/2) of the varsity games

(scrimmages not included).

**SOCCKER (girls):** Must play in at least fifty percent (50%) of the total halves of all varsity games. Must end the season in good standing as stated in the team rules.

**SOFTBALL:** Play in one-half (1/2) of the total innings of all games.

**TENNIS:** To receive a varsity letter a player must participate in a quarter of the varsity schedule.

**TRACK:** Must accomplish the level of points set up by the coach for the season. Point system will be approved by the student activities director.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Play in one-half (1/2) of the total quarters of all games.

**WRESTLING:** Wrestle a minimum of five (5) matches and have three (3) wins, a winning record (forfeits do not count), place in the SWBL with any record, place in a sectional with any record, wrestle for three years in high school.

**EXCEPTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS CRITERIA:** The coach shall have the opportunity to make exceptions from the normal standards when special conditions justify the award. All exceptions to the minimum standards must have the approval of the student activities director.

**SENIOR AWARD:** Seniors who have participated in a sport two years shall be presented the varsity award whether they attain the normal requirements or not.

**PARTICIPATION AWARD:** All sophomores or juniors who have previously earned a reserve letter but have not participated enough to earn a varsity letter will receive a participation award.

**MANAGER, STATISTICIAN, AND STUDENT TRAINER AWARD:** Managers, statisticians, and student trainers will be awarded a varsity letter when they have completed their second season with a varsity team.

**RESERVE AWARD:** Will be awarded on the same basis as varsity awards. All athletes who participate on a reserve athletic team and qualify for an award will receive a certificate.

**NUMERAL AWARD:** Will be presented to athletes who participate on freshmen, reserve, or varsity teams. The award will be numerals depicting

the year of the student's graduation. Athletes may win only one set of numerals in their career.

**EXCEPTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS CRITERIA:** The coach shall have the opportunity to make exceptions from the normal standards when special conditions justify the award. All exceptions to the minimum standards must have the approval of the student activities director.

## **PARENTAL PROCEDURES FOR REGISTERING A CONCERN**

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in an athletic program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's team.

1. Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach
  - A. Philosophy of the coach.
  - B. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all members on the squad including all team rules.
  - C. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
  - D. Team requirements; i.e., fees, special equipment.
  - E. Procedure should your child be injured during participation.
  - F. Coaches off-season conditioning program.
  - G. Teaching sportsmanship, ethics, good behavior, and drug prevention.
2. Communication Coaches Should Expect From Parents
  - A. Concern expressed directly to the coach. Encourage your child to make this step first.
  - B. Notification of any schedule conflict well in advance.
  - C. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

- D. To be a positive role model at contests and practices.

As your child becomes involved in the program at Brookville High School, he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way you or your child wish. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

#### Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With Coaches

- A. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
- B. Ways to help your child improve.
- C. Concerns about your child's behavior.
- D. College options and recruiting.

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all student athletes involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed next, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

#### 4. Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches

- A. Team strategy.
- B. Play calling.
- C. Other student athletes.

Communication with a coach is important. There are situations that may require a conference between coach and parent. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences become necessary, please call the coach to make the necessary arrangements for an appointment.

- 5. What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?
  - A. Call and set up an appointment with the student activities director to discuss the situation.
  - B. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Since research indicates a student involved in athletic activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this handbook makes both your child's experience and your experience with Brookville High School's interscholastic athletic program less stressful and more enjoyable.

### **TEN PRINCIPLES FOR PARENTING AN ATHLETE**

1. Be positive with your student athlete. Let them know they are accomplishing something positive simply by being a part of the team.
2. Avoid offering excuses for the student athlete if they are not playing or seeing only limited action. Encourage them to work hard, reach their potential, and contribute to the team's efforts.
3. Open criticism of the coach is detrimental to your child's experience. By openly criticizing the coaches, your student athlete becomes trapped between the coach's authority and the parent's criticism. This situation merely erodes the athlete's effectiveness and affects their contributions to the team effort.
4. Encourage and support your student athlete's efforts to follow the team rules and athletic code. Remember that you sign a parent athletic pledge stating your support of the athletic code, its enforcement, and penalties. This is a year-round responsibility and not limited to the athletic season.
5. Emphasize the importance of academics and understand the academic requirements necessary for participation in interscholastic athletic activities. With few exceptions, most student athletes do not receive athletic scholarships. Their future as an active, contributing citizen is determined by their academic abilities, not their high school athletic abilities.
6. Criticizing or showing envy in relation to the failures or successes of other student athletes displays inappropriate behavior to others. Most are trying their hardest on any given day and they deserve respect for their efforts. Living your life vicariously through your student athlete puts undo pressure on all concerned. Remember, a sport is a game and it is supposed to be fun.
7. The coaches work with the athletes on a regular basis and they have had the opportunity to evaluate the athlete's strengths and weaknesses

objectively. Focus your energy toward being a supporter of the team and do not waste it tearing the team down. Remember, every team is composed of three groups; athletes, coaches, and parents. Be a positive part of the team.

8. Emphasize good sportsmanship with your student athlete. Win or lose, they must show respect for their opponent and demonstrate the maturity necessary to show class. In addition, encourage your student athlete to respect the authority of the officials. Remember, self-respect begins with self-control.
9. Emphasize that “team” must take precedence over the individual. Recognition of individuals' contributions happens at the end of the season. Recognition is directly affected by the success of the team and the individual's contribution to the team's success. Remember, there is no “I” in the word team.
10. The lessons learned through athletic competition are lessons for life. The skills learned are for leisure in the future. Keep sports in perspective.

# *10 Commandments*

1. **“Golden Rule” - Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.**
2. **Enjoy yourself and promote enjoyment for others.**
3. **Be responsible for your actions.**
4. **Have an open mind to others’ weaknesses and have a forgiving attitude.**
5. **Have pride in one’s performance and one’s school.**
6. **Be a friend, not an enemy, and create a positive environment.**
7. **Encourage others to do or be their best.**
8. **Sportsmanship should be contagious.**
9. **Remember it is a privilege to participate.**

**Practice sportsmanship in all situations at all costs.**

***Sportsmanship Takes Teamwork!***

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I have read, am aware of, and understand the rules and regulations that govern the conduct of participants in the athletic programs of Brookville Local Schools. The receipt of this code is my first warning, and it is in effect from August 1 of the year received until my graduation from high school.

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Athlete's Signature

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Grade

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Athlete's Printed Name

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date