

FORT ATKINSON HIGH SCHOOL



PARENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK

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LETTER FROM THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Thank you for supporting your child's choice to participate in the Fort Atkinson High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs. All organized activities in life - be they work, play or school-related - place expectations on participants. That said, this handbook is intended to give you as much information as possible regarding these expectations as they pertain to Fort Atkinson High School.

There are a couple of key items to stress in this handbook. First, if students are planning to participate in athletics, it is very important that they submit all information needed in order for your child participate **before** the start of a season or activity. This will ensure athletes will have the full benefit of early season practices and an entire season of competition. Please register on www.fortathletics.com

Second, the primary enforcement and responsibility of the code rests not only with the students, as they should be self-disciplined, but also with their parents or guardians. If the aims, opportunities, and benefits of the total educational curriculum are to be attained, close cooperation must exist between students, their parents/guardians, and the school all twelve months of the year.

Third, Fort Atkinson High School strives to provide the highest quality education. The individuals who are chosen to act in the capacity of coaches are committed to ensuring that all students pursue their athletic goals with confidence, competence, and within a framework of good sportsmanship and sound educational values.

While it is difficult to measure, the educational value of co-curricular participation is extensive. Students develop not only physical, mental and social skills, but also the positive values and attitudes they will take into their adult life. We hope that your experience in our co-curricular programs is a satisfying, fun-filled, exciting time that will leave your family with many pleasant memories for years to come. We are pleased that you have chosen to become an integral part of our school family through Fort Atkinson Athletics.

Go Blackhawks!

Steve Mahoney
Director of Athletics

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT MISSION/PHILOSOPHY

The mission of the Fort Atkinson High School Athletic Department is to guide and empower student-athletes to build character through hard work, leadership, respect, discipline, accountability, and competition. We are dedicated to providing opportunities which will enhance the lifelong development of the whole person, while conducting all activities with honesty and integrity in accordance with the principles of good sportsmanship and ethical conduct.

The athletic program is an integral part of our school district's educational program that provides our students with enriching and healthful experiences in which physical, mental and social growth shall be stimulated. Participation in athletics provides opportunities and experiences that are difficult to duplicate in other school activities. These experiences are developmental in nature and consider the age related characteristics and needs of our students as they move through the grades. The School District of Fort Atkinson believes the following to be true:

- ❖ Athletics are a **privilege** made available to students who abide by the rules and regulations. Students involved in athletics have an obligation to present a positive image to fellow students and the general public; such as abstaining from drug and alcohol use and inappropriate behavior.
- ❖ Athletics are secondary to academics and are made available only if the student meets the academic eligibility requirements.
- ❖ Athletics provide an opportunity for athletes to learn the value of sportsmanship, discipline, responsibility and teamwork.
- ❖ Athletics provide for physical development, a sense of accomplishment and pride in one's team and school.
- ❖ Athletics provide an opportunity to sharpen the intellect, improve concentration, decision-making, leadership, perseverance and dedication.
- ❖ The developmental needs of students necessitate different philosophies and practices at each level of athletic participation.

Participation in athletics is a progression from the middle school level to the high school varsity level. The emphasis at the middle school level is on skill development, teamwork, strategy, sportsmanship and participation. While skill development, teamwork, strategy and sportsmanship continue to be important and are further developed at the high school level, athletics become more competitive with more of an emphasis on winning. The skill level and developmental level of the athlete is also more important in determining how much an athlete plays and at what level (JV2, JV or varsity). While we would like to see all students that try out for a team be able to participate, the number of spots and opportunities to play may limit the number of athletes that make a team, and sometimes necessitate coaches to make cuts.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The School District of Fort Atkinson does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap, in its education programs or activities.

INTRODUCTION TO ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

All students in grades 9-12 participating in any interscholastic athletic program must comply with all procedures and rules as stated within this Parent-Athlete Handbook.

In addition, all athletes must comply with all current rules as established by the following groups:

- ❖ Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA)
- ❖ The Badger Conference
- ❖ Fort Atkinson High School and the Fort Atkinson School District
- ❖ Recognized rules of the activity
- ❖ Coach of the team

Some information regarding WIAA rules and Regulations is included in this manual. Parents/Students may access the entire WIAA Handbook on their website at www.wiaawi.org.

Conference rules pertain mainly to schedules and regulations of sports governed by the conference. Special areas such as sportsmanship may also have rules that are generated by a group of high school principals representing each school in the conference.

Coaches are responsible for establishing rules and procedures specific to the teams under their jurisdiction. While rules and safety procedures may be reiterated orally on a regular basis, information that is needed by participants on an ongoing basis will be distributed in writing to all participants.

SPONSORED ATHLETIC TEAMS AT FAHS

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Football	Boy's Basketball	Baseball
Boys' Cross Country	Girls' Basketball	Boys' Golf
Girls' Cross Country	Boys' Hockey (Co-op)	Girls' Soccer
Boys' Soccer	Boys' Swimming	Softball
Girls' Golf	Wrestling	Boys' Tennis
Girls' Swimming	Poms/Cheerleading	Boys' Track

Girls' Tennis		Girls' Track
Boys' Volleyball		
Girls' Volleyball		
Poms/Cheerleading		

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

A student 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.

- ❖ A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility on the 16th scheduled school day by meeting the academic standard, following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility.
- ❖ A student regains eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within two weeks after a grade-reporting period.
- ❖ A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school, provided:
 - The student successfully completes not less than the same number of courses which caused ineligibility. Note: This section does not apply to summer baseball participants who are governed under 7)
- ❖ A student who is ineligible for a minimum of 15 scheduled school days, under the provisions of this Section, may not return to competition until the school day following the 15-day ineligibility period.
- ❖ A student who is enrolled in some courses in a university/college or technical college or some similar institution: a. Must receive high school credit which meets the academic standard or have a notation made on his/her high school transcript that he/she successfully met the equivalent of the academic standard between the two schools involved. Note: A student who has been assigned to a technical college by the school district is exempt from the provision requiring physical attendance at least one course each day, provided such a student continues being carried on the attendance rolls for purposes of state aids.
- ❖ A student who is enrolled in any state-approved EEN program and receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.

- ❖ The ineligibility status described in the introduction to this Section (A) will be adjusted as follows for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest allowed competition is before the first day students are in class and for students in summer baseball:
 - Fall Sports – The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
 - Summer Baseball – The ineligibility period shall be a minimum of three weeks (21 consecutive calendar days) as of the end of the second semester.

- ❖ A school because of computer printout of grades being delayed may use a prearranged date other than the last day of a grade-reporting period to determine eligibility, provided (a) all other provisions of this Section (A) are followed and (b) the procedure developed is the same for all students, all grade-reporting periods, and all sports.

**Fall Sports have a different reporting criteria as linked [HERE](#).

YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF:

- ❖ You reach nineteen (19) years of age prior to August 1.

- ❖ You have attended more than eight (8) semesters after entering grade 9, or if your seventh and eighth semesters do not follow consecutively

- ❖ You have participated in school sports for all, or part of, four (4) seasons.

- ❖ You and parent/guardian do not live in the school district in which you attend school, (this does not apply to open enrollment students) unless the WIAA office has approved your residence situation.

- ❖ You do not have on file, in your school office, evidence of both having passed a physical examination administered by a licensed physician and having received parental permission to participate in athletics.

- ❖ **You do not follow the code of conduct established by your school. The code of conduct is in effect twelve (12) months of the year.**

- ❖ You have violated your status as an amateur athlete by (a) accepting any amount of money or any kind of usable merchandise per WIAA guidelines (b) signing a contract for your services as an athlete, (c) permitting your name, picture or personal appearance to be used for promoting anything or (d) playing under another name.

- ❖ You, at any time, have received an award of merchandise value such as a jacket, sweater, watch, billfold, etc, in recognition of your talent or accomplishment as an athlete.

- ❖ You participate in a contest other than for your official interscholastic school team while you are a member of that school team and during the entire school season (start of practice to end of season) of that sport.

- ❖ You have played in an all-star contest.
- ❖ You let anyone besides your parent/guardian pay a fee for specialized training, like a summer camp, or if you are instructed by your school coach outside the season of a sport unless in the unlimited contact portion of the calendar year defined by the WIAA.
- ❖ **You have more than one failing grade.**

Your school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, and the rules and regulations of the WIAA govern both your participation in high school athletics and your sports activity outside of school.

WIAA/FORT ATKINSON HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY RULES

In order to promote good sportsmanship and respect for rules and authority, establish leadership, team pride, teamwork, team discipline, as well as eliminate disruptive behaviors, disturbances in the locker room, on the training field, on the playing field, on trips, and off school grounds, the following rules are established:

- ❖ All athletes must have a physical examination and have a WIAA exam card on file in the high school office.
- ❖ It is recommended that all athletes have a dental examination.
- ❖ All athletes must have paid their participation fee to the high school office. 50.00 for the first sport, 40.00 for the second and 30.00 for the third.
- ❖ All athletes must have a parent or guardian attest to parental permission and have fully registered on www.fortathletics.com
- ❖ All athletes and their parents must sign the pledge card/insurance waiver online.
- ❖ All athletes are to refrain from the use of profanity during interscholastic athletics. This pertains to practice and competition.
- ❖ **All athletes are required to use the mode of transportation provided by the school while participating in interscholastic athletics. Special requests, in writing, must be directed to the Athletic Director if an athlete will not be using the school's mode of transportation. A 'travel release' form must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian and must have approval of the Athletic Director. Failure to follow this rule may result in a 1 game suspension. Fort Atkinson High School will assume no responsibility for any athlete who uses his/her own mode of transportation to a contest and attempts to travel to the contest site on his/her own.**
- ❖ Any questions relative to off-season participation should be directed to the Athletic Director. Athletes are reminded that participation on non-school teams may be a violation of WIAA rules and result in ineligibility.

- ❖ **If an athlete is not in school during the afternoon session (Beginning of Enrichment) of classes, he/she may not practice or participate in a contest on that day, unless special permission is granted by the Athletic Director. Pre-arranged absences are the only exception to this rule.**
- ❖ Any student-athlete receiving an unexcused absence or truancy during his/her sports season will not be allowed to practice or participate in a contest on the day of the violation or on the day the unexcused absence is discovered or on the day the athlete returns to school. A single class truancy will result in the same suspension unless there are extenuating circumstances. Suspensions will increase with repeated offenses.
- ❖ Athletes are expected to be in all classes the day after a contest or competition. Non-compliance may result in a one game suspension.
- ❖ Athletes kept after school or on Saturday for disciplinary reasons shall not be allowed to participate in practice or contests during the time and date specified in the disciplinary action.
- ❖ Athletes serving an in school or out of school suspension shall not be allowed to participate in practice or contests on the date specified in the disciplinary action.

ATHLETE/PARENT/COACH EXPECTATIONS

Parenting and coaching are extremely challenging vocations. By establishing an understanding of each other's expectations, we are better able to accept the actions of both parties and provide greater benefits to the student/athlete. When a child becomes involved in a co-curricular activity, parents and coaches have a right to understand what EXPECTATIONS are going to be placed on the athlete and on each other. This begins with clear communication from the athlete, parent, coach, and the athletic department.

Communications That Parents/Athletes Should Expect From Coaches:

- ❖ The expectations the coaches have for their children and all team members.
- ❖ Location and times of all practices.
- ❖ Team requirements, fees, special equipment, game dress, off-season opportunities.
- ❖ The policy dealing with excused and unexcused absences. (What will the consequence be for missing a practice/game because of vacation, etc.?)
- ❖ The FAHS and WIAA requirements for eligibility.
- ❖ Team rules beyond the F.A.H.S. Athletic Code
- ❖ The lettering requirements.
- ❖ The coach's act as a role model for good sportsmanship, use of appropriate language, promoting a healthy environment and safe teaching techniques.
- ❖ Well-planned practices.

Expectations/Communications Coaches Should Expect From the Athlete and Parents:

- ❖ Notification of any schedule conflicts that may occur, well in advance of the season (ex: vacation).

- ❖ Special concerns regarding coaching expectations. (Practice requirements, etc.)
- ❖ Support for the F.A.H.S. Athletic Code and all team rules.
- ❖ Support for all team members and coaching staff.
- ❖ Positive support at games for their son/daughter, their teammates, and the coaching staff.
- ❖ Exhibit good sportsmanship and appropriate language by the athlete and parents at games and/or practices.
- ❖ A great work ethic at practices and in games.
- ❖ If the athlete has a concern, the parents should encourage their son/daughter to speak with the coach or coaching staff.
- ❖ Parents should not expect to meet with a coach before or after a game to communicate concerns. Any meeting with the coach is to be scheduled in advance.

Appropriate Concerns Athlete/Parent May Address With Coaching Staff:

- ❖ The treatment of the athlete mentally and physically.
- ❖ Ways to help the athlete mentally and physically.
- ❖ Concerns about the athletes' behavior in school/practices/games.

Areas That Are Not Appropriate For Parents To Discuss With Coaches:

- ❖ An individual's playing time
- ❖ Team strategy
- ❖ Play selections
- ❖ The make-up of the team and the decision as to who plays on a particular team
- ❖ Other members of the team, other parents, and other coaches

The Proper Method To Address a Concern:

Step One:

The athlete speaks with the coach. (I would suggest the coaching staff be involved/present when this conference takes place.) Parents should help the child prepare to discuss his/her concerns with the coach, to empower them to take responsibility.

Step Two:

If the meeting between the athlete and the coach does not resolve the concern, the parent should schedule a conference with the coach (with the student-athlete present).

Please do not approach a coach before or after a contest. If the coach cannot be reached, the parent should contact the athletic director and he will arrange for the coach to contact the parent.

Step Three:

If the conference between the parent/athlete does not resolve the concern, there will be a meeting set up by the athletic director. The A.D. will moderate the conference.

The conference will deal with the specific issues that the parent/athlete has. Both parties will be allowed to speak in an uninterrupted manner. The conference will be in a non-threatening environment.

Step Four:

If there is no resolution, the parent must put in writing his/her concerns and submit to the District Administrator. Within ten days after receipt of the letter, the District Administrator will meet with the parent(s) in an effort to resolve the concern(s).

ATHLETIC CODE VIOLATIONS

****This code is in effect twelve (12) months a year****

The following rules, in compliance with the WIAA, exist to ensure the best interests of Fort Atkinson High School athletes.

An athlete shall be suspended from interscholastic athletics for:

1. Use or possession of tobacco (smoking and/or chewing) or smoking devices (tobacco or non-tobacco).
2. Possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances as defined by Wisconsin State law.
3. Possession, consumption, or sale of intoxicants including all fermented malt beverages, wine and intoxicating liquors as defined by Wisconsin State law.
4. Attendance at parties where there is illegal consumption of alcohol or use of other controlled substances is considered a violation and will result in a suspension whether the athlete consumed alcohol or used any other controlled substance or not.
5. Any criminally related activity (shoplifting, burglary, vandalism, etc.), or municipal ordinance violation.
6. Any behavior deemed “conduct unbecoming an athlete” including, but not limited to:
 - a. Acts of immorality or any other unacceptable conduct (fighting, harassment, insubordination, etc.), in or out of school, which makes an athlete unqualified to represent the ideals, principles, students of our school, and/or the Wisconsin Athletic Association.
 - b. Stealing
 - c. Flagrant misbehavior in class
 - d. Poor school attendance
 - e. Out of school suspension
 - f. Disorderly conduct as defined by state law in or out of school
 - g. Harassment
 - h. Hazing
 - i. Vaping/Smoking devices.
 - j. Improper use of the internet and social media.

CODE VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

A coach or advisor may make the penalty more severe. However, the penalty as stated in the Code of Conduct or that of the co-curricular board may not be lessened. #6 will be determined on a case by case basis.

For code violations 1 – 5:

First Violation:

The athlete will be suspended from a minimum of one third (33%) of the season's contests in which he/she is currently participating, or the next season in which the athlete chooses to participate.

Second Violation:

The athlete will be suspended from a minimum of two-thirds (66%) of the season's contests in which he/she is currently participating, or the next season in which the athlete chooses to participate.

Third Violation:

The athlete will be suspended from all co-curricular activities for one calendar year from the date of the incident.

If a suspension carries over into the WIAA tournament series, the athlete will miss the entire tournament series. This clause pertains to team tournaments as well as the individual tournament series.

ATHLETIC DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

- ❖ Suspensions that overlap two (2) different sports seasons shall be prorated to the number of contests in each season.
- ❖ Suspensions are interpreted to mean one athletic contest. In the sports where doubleheaders, quads, and multi-duals exist, the athletic department will prorate the games or matches played on that day and apply the appropriate game suspension.
- ❖ **Suspensions may not be served while a student is academically ineligible.**
- ❖ Athletes with suspensions to serve, or who are academically ineligible, **may** be allowed to participate in scrimmages (playing time will be at the discretion of the head coach).
- ❖ An athlete who has been suspended indefinitely for code of conduct violations may request a co-curricular board meeting to review the suspension after one calendar year of ineligibility from the date of the third violation. The board may reinstate a suspended athlete if he/she demonstrates the desire and attitude to return to the program.
- ❖ **Athletes suspended for first or second violations are expected to practice during their suspension and must complete the season in good standing, or the suspension will be reassigned.**
- ❖ Disciplinary action due to code of conduct violations will carry over from one sport season to the next and from one year to the next.
- ❖ An athlete suspended for any code of conduct violation will be ineligible for captain, MVP, and all end of the year awards during the sport season(s) in which the suspension is served.

ATHLETIC CODE APPEAL PROCEDURE

- ❖ After a ruling of ineligibility results in suspension from an athletic activity, the athlete and his/her parents/guardians may appeal the decision in writing to the high school Athletic Director, provided the appeal is made within five (5) school days of receipt of the ineligibility notice.
- ❖ After an appeal has been received, a date for a co-curricular board hearing shall be scheduled by the high school Athletic Director. The hearing will be held within five (5) school days of receipt of the appeal. The athlete and his/her parents/guardians may appear before the board and will be provided the opportunity to testify and present other evidence to the board. The purpose of the board is to judge whether a code of conduct violation occurred. The board will consist of five members, including: the athletic director, the high school principal, a non-coaching teacher, one coach, and one community member. The decision of the co-curricular board shall be delivered to the athlete and his/her parents, in writing, within five (5) school days.
- ❖ If an athlete and his/her parents/guardians wish to appeal the decision of the co-curricular board, they shall submit their appeal to the Principal, in writing, within five (5) school days of the receipt of the board's decision. The Principal shall inform the athlete and his/her parents/guardians of his/her decision, in writing, within five (5) school days.
- ❖ If the athlete and his/her parents/guardians wish to appeal the decision of the Principal, they shall submit their appeal to the Superintendent, in writing, within five (5) school days of receipt of the principal's decision. The Superintendent shall inform the athlete and his/her parents/guardians of his/her decision, in writing, within five (5) school days.
- ❖ If the athlete and his/her parents/guardians wish to appeal the decision of the Superintendent they shall submit their appeal to the Board of Education, in writing, within five (5) school days of receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The Board of Education shall hear the appeal at a reasonable time thereafter and shall provide a written decision to the student and his/her parents/guardians. The decision of the Board of Education shall be final.

If the student-athlete and his/her parents/guardians file an appeal, the records will not be a part of the student-athlete's other records.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF FORT ATKINSON ATHLETES

The **privilege** of participating in our athletic program is extended to all students, provided they are willing to assume certain responsibilities. Therefore, it is required that each athlete:

- ❖ Displays a high standard of social behavior, and follows the code of conduct
- ❖ Displays appropriate sportsmanship

- ❖ Displays respect for those in authority

Care of Equipment

One of the values of athletics is to teach responsibility. This should apply to the care of athletic equipment as well as other school property. The school attempts to provide the best and safest equipment. We expect each athlete to take excellent care of this equipment.

- ❖ The original equipment issued to an athlete must be returned at the close of the season. Substitution of equipment among athletes cannot be permitted.
- ❖ Athletes are not allowed to wear clothes or use equipment belonging to another school.
- ❖ Athletes are not allowed to wear school practice or game equipment to physical education class, at home or around town.
- ❖ Athletes will be held financially responsible for all equipment that is issued to them and not returned at the conclusion of the season for whatever reason.

ATHLETIC INJURIES

- ❖ All injuries should be reported to the supervising coach or advisor immediately. Unreported injuries can lead to serious complications and increased time lost from competition.
- ❖ Our team doctor and trainer are specifically trained in the care of athletic injuries. However, we urge use of your family physician. Very often, a complete history of an athlete's health plays an important part in the care of athletic injuries.
- ❖ Please inform the coaching staff of any special medical problems or medical history your son/daughter may have that may be important in the handling of an athletic injury.
- ❖ Should an injury be discovered after a participant has returned home, the coach of the sport should be contacted as soon as possible.
- ❖ Return to play policy – Injured athletes should be seen by the athletic trainer and/or doctor. It should be the decision of the athletic trainer and/or doctor when the athlete is able to return to practice and competition. If an athlete is seen by a doctor the athlete must obtain a release from the doctor to return to practice and competition and must give the release to the coach. If an injured athlete does not see the trainer or a doctor, the decision to return to play should be made by the athlete and his/her parents. If parents and/or coaches overrule or ignore the athletic trainer's and/or doctor's decision regarding the case and return to play date of an injured athlete, they will assume any legal responsibility.

CHANGING SPORTS

No athlete may withdraw from one sport and begin another sport during the same season, except by permission of the Athletic Director. An athlete cut from one sport may try out for another sport during the same season.

POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Whenever school is not held because of inclement weather, the following procedures will be followed:

- ❖ If school is completely canceled in the morning because of snow, ice, cold, or other dangerous conditions, athletic teams may practice only if it can be determined that the dangerous conditions are no longer threatening. This decision shall be made jointly by the athletic director and principal. The practice time shall be similarly determined. Whether to play a contest on such days shall be determined in the same way but also in conjunction with the scheduled opposing school.
- ❖ If the start of school is delayed, there would be no effect on after school meetings, practices or contests. However, no morning practices or meetings may be held on days with delayed starts.
- ❖ If weather conditions necessitate sending students home before the regularly scheduled end of the school day, **NO ATHLETIC PRACTICES OR OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SHALL BE HELD.**
- ❖ The Badger Conference policy concerning postponements and/or cancellations will be adhered to. It shall be the responsibility of the home school athletic director and/or principal to initiate all negotiations for postponement or cancellation and supervise the notification of all concerned personnel. It is the home school's responsibility to re-contract with officials. In case of postponement, the contest will be played on the next available date, including Saturdays. www.badgerconference.org will reflect all updates.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

- ❖ **Numerals:** An athlete in ninth grade who completes the season in good standing will receive numerals (one set per athlete).
- ❖ **Sport patch:** An athlete in tenth grade who completes the season in good standing will receive a sport patch.
- ❖ **Chenille Varsity "F":** An athlete who completes the requirements for a varsity "F" for the first time and completes the season in good standing shall be awarded a varsity letter "F" and a letter certificate. See each individual coach's handbook for specific lettering requirements.

- ❖ **Chenille Varsity “FA”:** An athlete who earns a second varsity “F” in the same sport shall be awarded a varsity “FA” and a letter certificate.
- ❖ **Letter certificate:** An athlete who earns additional varsity letters shall be awarded a letter certificate only.
- ❖ **End of the year awards:** Each year these awards are presented at the Spring Athletic Banquet:
 - *WIAA Scholar Athlete Award* – awarded to a senior male and female who show academic and athletic excellence.
 - *Badger Conference Scholar Athlete* – awarded to a senior male and female, based on athletic achievement, leadership and academics.
 - *Blackhawk Scholar Athlete* – awarded to a senior male and female, based on athletic achievement, leadership and academics.
 - *American Legion/American Legion Auxiliary Award* – awarded to a senior male and female who demonstrate citizenship, character, sportsmanship and athletics.
 - *Blackhawk Distinguished Athlete Award* – awarded to a junior or senior, male and female, based on citizenship, athletic leadership and character. Also known as the ‘unsung varsity athlete’ award.
 - *Blackhawk Sportsmanship Award* – given to one male and one female based on leadership, sportsmanship and team spirit.
 - *Athlete of the Year Award* – awarded to one male and one female’s athletic achievement for that year only.

BADGER CONFERENCE

- ❖ Badger Conference rules prohibit a senior from competing in junior varsity level competition in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling. Freshmen are eligible to play on JV, JV2 and varsity teams.
- ❖ Badger Conference prohibits athletes from participating in more than one sport per season.

BADGER CONFERENCE SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDE

The Badger Conference believes that good sportsmanship is essential to a successful high school athletic program. With this in mind, the Badger Conference strongly supports the following fundamentals of sportsmanship.

- ❖ Respect is to be shown opponents at all times. The opponent should be treated as a guest, greeted cordially on arriving, given the best accommodations, and accorded the tolerance, honesty and generosity, which all human beings deserve.
- ❖ **Officials are to be accorded respect at all times. Officials should be recognized as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job and who can be expected to do it to the best of their ability. Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials.**

- ❖ The rules of the contest are to be known, understood, and appreciated. A familiarity with the current rules of the game and the recognition of their necessity for a fair contest is essential. Good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
- ❖ **Self-control must always be maintained. A prerequisite of good sportsmanship requires one to understand his/her own bias or prejudice and the ability to prevent the desire to win from overcoming rational behavior. A proper perspective must be maintained if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized. Good sportsmanship is concerned with the behavior of all involved in the game.**
- ❖ Skill in performance regardless of affiliation is to be recognized and appreciated. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good will that should not be looked upon as treason. The ability to recognize quality in performance is one of the most highly commendable gestures of good sportsmanship.

This sportsmanship guide has been developed in an attempt to foster appropriate conduct and good sportsmanship among all of the conference schools. The primary objective of this guide is to develop a positive atmosphere at all events sponsored by the Badger Conference.

Good sportsmanship is exemplified by:

- ❖ Cheering with the cheerleaders
- ❖ Standing for school songs of both schools
- ❖ Standing and being attentive when the National Anthem is being played.
- ❖ Coaches, athletes and spectators showing respect for the officials
- ❖ Showing respect for your opponent (example: during team introductions)
- ❖ Being attentive and courteous to visiting cheerleaders

Examples of poor sportsmanship are:

- ❖ Stomping on bleachers
- ❖ Throwing objects onto playing area
- ❖ Use of noisemakers of any kind
- ❖ Use of cheers that taunt or ridicule the opponent
- ❖ Booming

Badger Conference rules governing conduct at athletic contests:

- ❖ No banners or posters are to be brought by visiting schools to any athletic event for display. Banners and posters may be displayed only by the host school.
- ❖ Manufactured noise makers are not allowed at athletic events. This includes any and all types of noisemakers or articles that could be used to increase volume, specifically megaphones.
- ❖ Stomping and kicking of bleachers is prohibited.
- ❖ The first cheer during a time-out of a basketball game will be the privilege of a visiting school and that thereafter the cheerleaders alternate in leading cheers.

- ❖ The Badger Conference will follow the W.I.A.A. tournament rule pertaining to stereos and other radio or audio equipment. This rule shall be applied to all contests.
- ❖ Megaphones shall not be used by cheerleaders or spectators at indoor events.
- ❖ Pep bands, and parts thereof, or any use of audio facilities are not allowed to play while the game is in progress.

COACHES

- ❖ Treats own players and opponents with respect.
- ❖ Inspires in the athletes a love for the game and the desire to compete fairly.
- ❖ Is expected to serve as a good role model of sportsmanship and positive leadership.
- ❖ Disciplines those on the team who display unsportsmanlike behavior.
- ❖ Respects the judgment and interpretation of the rules by the officials.
- ❖ Knows he/she is a teacher and understands the athletic arena is a classroom.
- ❖ Is responsible for the supervision of their athletes before, during and after games.

PLAYERS

- ❖ All players will be in serviced on their school's Athletic Code of Conduct and on sportsmanship expectations during a mandatory rules interpretation session prior to each athletic season.
- ❖ Badger Conference players involved in any unsportsmanlike conduct, which results in ejection from an athletic contest, will be suspended from the next contest. The intent of this rule is that any player ejected will sit out the next contest whether it is a conference game, a non-conference game, or a tournament game.
- ❖ Vandalism and/or theft to or from the host school facilities may result in referral to local law enforcement agencies for prosecution under local ordinances, and will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's student handbook.
- ❖ Expectations of players:
 - Treats opponents with respect.
 - Plays hard, but plays within the rules.
 - Exercises self-control at all times, setting the examples for others to follow.
 - Respects officials and accepts their decisions without gestures or argument.
 - Wins without boasting, lose without excuses, and never quits.
 - Always remembers that it a **privilege** to represent the school and community.

SPECTATORS

- ❖ Attempts to understand and be informed of the playing rules.
- ❖ Appreciates a good play no matter who makes it.
- ❖ Cooperates with and responds enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
- ❖ Shows compassion for an injured player; applauds positive performances; does not heckle, jeer or distract players; and avoids use of profane and obnoxious language and behavior.
- ❖ Respects the judgment and strategy of the coach and does not criticize players or coaches for loss of a game.
- ❖ Respects property of others and authority of those who administer the competition.

- ❖ Censures those whose behavior is unsportsmanlike.
- ❖ The host school will notify the administration of the visiting school about any students who may have had to be removed from the event. Cooperation is expected. Failure to follow these expectations will result in removal from the gymnasium.
- ❖ The principals will work through the student councils to foster sportsmanship and inter-school respect and cooperation.

WIAA RULES AT A GLANCE

The WIAA Rules at a Glance offers a brief synopsis of WIAA Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility, to address in general some of the most common questions of the membership.

WIAA Bylaws, which outline the provisions of membership in the Association and the Rules of Eligibility, appear in the WIAA Handbook.

The reader should refer to that publication, or confer with your school athletic director, for more complete information. Your AD should always be your first contact for questions or concerns about school sports. WIAA rules and regulations are established by membership vote. The Annual Meeting is held in the spring of the year, at which time amendments are presented. The interpretation and enforcement of the rules and regulations are the responsibility of the WIAA executive office and Board of Control.

It is the responsibility of member schools to abide by the rules of the Association, to educate students, coaches, parents and others regarding the provisions of membership and Rules of Eligibility and to report to the WIAA all violations of Association provisions.

I. COACHES AND COACHES CONTACT

Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children). There is no distinction between varsity and J.V. coaches, i.e., J.V. coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times, and vice versa, nor any distinction between paid and nonpaid (volunteer) coaches. An exception is that varsity and J.V. coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until these 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year.

Coaching restrictions apply to all sports during the school year, except during the respective sport season. All sport coaches have five days of unrestricted coaching contact opportunity in the summer, between the end of school and July 31; the days do not need to be consecutive. The 5 contact days must be the same for all levels within a sport program. Football must follow WIAA Fall Football Acclimatization rules and contact ends July 22, 2017. In 2018, July 21 will be the last day for football coaches contact. In addition, coaching restrictions do not apply in the summer beyond the 5 unrestricted days in all sports except football, the summer being defined as when school is not in normal session, provided such nonschool programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation. Other than during the actual school season and as specifically approved in the summer, coaches may not have coaching contact with their athletes other than as listed above; including practicing or competing with athletes, driving athletes to non-school competition, driving athletes to camps, clinics, etc., or having basically anything to do with the athletes' non-school participation. Further, coaches may not:

1. Mandate athletes participate in nonschool competition, or determine who may or may not participate in nonschool activity.
2. Require involvement in out-of-season activities as part of the requirements for making a school team, earning a school letter award, etc.
3. Provide incentives such as T-shirts, etc., for participation in the off-season

A school coach must always be present when an athlete is participating in interscholastic competition. It is not acceptable for parents, or others, to take the place of the coach at school-sponsored competition, unless they meet WIAA coaching requirements and have the approval of the school administration. (RE – Art. I, Sect. 7 and Art. VI, Sect. 2)

II. SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL TEAMS

- A. **COMPETITION AND PRACTICES:** Schools may conduct sport competition and practice only during the defined respective sport season as specified in Season Regulations and during Board of Control approved unrestricted contact days in the summer (up to 5 days in all WIAA sports), between the end of school and July 31. Season Regulations spell out, among other things, when practice starts, how many contests may be played, how many contests individuals may participate in, how many practice days are required before the first competition, and when the season ends. This means schools and school

organizations, such as the letterwinners club, the senior class, etc., cannot be involved in running any competition or practice in WIAA recognized sports outside the defined school season for that sport and those 5 days in the summer identified as unrestricted contact days.

WIAA rules also specify a school may not assemble athletes, or prospective athletes, in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of that particular sport and summertime, unrestricted days. Further, schools may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of that sport. Nor may a school conduct intramural programs, which involve athletes with past status on a school team, at any level, except during the established school season of a sport. (BL – Art. II)

Interstate Competition: WIAA Bylaws prohibit member schools from competing against school teams that are post secondary schools and/or academies and schools that are not members of their respective state associations. They also limit the number of events member schools may schedule in non-bordering states to one competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season. Schools may schedule any number of events in bordering states within season game maximum limitations. Bylaws also provide that competition which involves out-of-state teams may require additional WIAA and/or National Federation sanctioning. Additional requirements exist relative to school teams participating in competition sponsored by non-school providers, e.g. Professional sport teams, American Legion, YMCA, (BL – Art. II)

- B. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT:** Schools may not issue wearing apparel and protective equipment prior to the first allowable day of practice, unless specifically allowed in Season Regulations for that sport. One exception is that with approval of its governing body schools may issue school uniform or other wearing apparel and protective equipment for use by athletes in training or competition, in the summertime. For school protective equipment, summertime shall be from the Friday before Memorial Day to the first day of school. Reminder: Coaching contact is not allowed prior to the last day of school. During the school year, with approval of its governing body, a school may issue its baseball and softball equipment at its own discretion. It is acceptable to issue implements at anytime if the school wishes, such as vaulting poles, shot puts, hurdles, baseball bats, basketballs, volleyballs, etc. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2)
- C. CLINICS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES:** Schools may not be involved in conducting clinics outside the season, with the following exceptions. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students: 1. There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for 1 2017-18 WIAA HIGH SCHOOL RULES AT A GLANCE up to 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31 for all sports except football. Unrestricted contact for football must conclude by July 22, 2017 and July 21, 2018. 2. A school may conduct a clinic for students in grades 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their high school athletes as clinicians. This may be done for a maximum of six days during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than July 31. Clinics not utilizing athletes as clinicians may be conducted throughout the summer up to the start of school. 3. School facilities may be used for non-school programs, according to board of education policy, which can result in clinics being conducted, outside the season, by nonschool groups. The nonschool group must request the facilities from the board of education or governing board, through normal procedures and are encouraged to provide their own insurance protection. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2)
- D. OPEN GYMS:** Coaches and schools cannot be involved in out-of-season practice for athletes. However open gyms do not violate WIAA rules if they are conducted according to the following guidelines:
1. The open gym is made known and available to all students in the designated population of that school that are interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct “open gyms” in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.
 2. There is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else.
 3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in

nature, i.e., there is no instruction, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc. "Open Gym" is not a code word for out-of-season practice. The philosophy of the open gym is students from that school may attend, for wholesome recreation, or for purposes of improving their skills, but it's something they do on their own. It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms, or to provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms, or to limit participation based on athletic status, or to allow athletes from other schools to come and work out or compete against the host school's athletes. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2)
- E. SCRIMMAGES:** WIAA rules limit the number of interscholastic (another high school, tech school, college, etc.) scrimmages/practices teams may have. Teams may practice/scrimmage with or against nonschool groups (alumni, city team, etc.) at their discretion. Note (1): An alumni contest counts toward season maximums. (BL – Art. II and SR) Note (2): If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools and/or teams.
- F. WHO MAY PARTICIPATE INTERSCHOLASTICALLY:** A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership. Note (1): 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.

A bona fide home school student may be eligible at their public school of residence on the same basis and to the same extent as all other full-time students of the member school.

Full-time students enrolled in member charter schools are eligible only at the school of residence.

The administration of the school is responsible for the eligibility of all its athletes. School administration must verify the eligibility of each participating student prior to their first competition each school year. A student must meet school and WIAA definition of a full-time student (as identified by school policy), be carried on a school's attendance roles and be meeting the minimum academic requirement in credits accepted by the school in order to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic competition.

1. Students that are academically ineligible, ineligible due to code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate in scrimmages against other schools according to local school policy. Students ineligible for other reasons may not participate in scrimmages against other schools.
2. For varsity eligibility, public school students are basically eligible to participate in the district in which their parents reside in their primary residence. A transfer of guardianship, or reaching 18 years of age, does not set aside this rule. Parents may not establish a secondary residence, in a second district, and gain athletic eligibility. Nonpublic school students, with the exception of boarding schools, must reside full-time with parents in their primary residence. Note: For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of class and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year."
3. Students entering 9th or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year as open enrollment students are eligible starting with the fall season, from a residence standpoint. If this student transfers back to the school of residence or to a nonpublic school, after attending one day of school or one athletic practice, he/she is ineligible for varsity competition for one calendar year. Additional transfer restrictions may apply to students following entry into their third consecutive semester.
4. Students entering 9th or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year as 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. Additional transfer restrictions may apply to students following entry into their third consecutive semester.

5. Students not meeting residence requirements and who are within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9 will be eligible for non-varsity competition only, unless a waiver is provided.
 6. All transfer students should initially be treated as ineligible athletes until the athletic director at the receiving school has had the opportunity to completely check all aspects of athletic eligibility. A student who transfers with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons or academics, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. Students transferring more than once in any school year are not eligible for any level of competition unless a WIAA waiver is provided. (RE – Art. II Sect. 3-A-3)
 7. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade. First-time 9th grade students will be permitted one transfer upon appropriate petition to the WIAA Board of Control if the student has attended no more than three days of practice and/or no more than three days of school. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school). Transfer students entering 11th grade or transferring after the beginning of 11th grade are restricted to non-varsity for one calendar year. 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. Students transferring at the beginning or during 11th grade will be restricted to non-varsity for one calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
 8. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s), or a waiver is provided.
 9. Foreign exchange students may be granted one year of varsity eligibility if they come to a school through a CSJET approved exchange program with full listing status and are placed randomly. These students are not eligible until the appropriate form has been submitted to the WIAA and eligibility has been granted. Foreign exchange students who transfer from one school to another should be regarded as ineligible for varsity competition, the same as any other transfer student. (RE – Art. I and Art. II)
- G. CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF COMPETITION/PRACTICE:** A team must take one day off, from all physical activity, after six consecutive days of practice/competition. Teams may schedule nonphysical activity, such as film review, scouting reports, rehab, etc., during this off day. (SR)
- H. PROTESTS:** A protest is possible relative to a game official's misapplication of a rule. Such protests are not allowed in WIAA tournament competition. During the regular season, a protest will not result in replaying or repeating any game, meet, match, event, or race, or any portion of any game, meet, match, event, or race. The purpose of the protest is to correct an official if an official was in error. It is not possible to recreate the game situation that existed. (BL – Art. VI) With the exception of the tournament series, a school may appeal a ruling of forfeiture based on an ineligible student's contribution to victory, in a team sport, with the understanding the school must satisfy to a clear and convincing standard the student in question did not contribute in any way to the victory. (RE – Art. I)

- I. CODE OF CONDUCT:** WIAA rules require that all schools have a code of conduct, which they enforce on a year-round basis. WIAA rules do not indicate specific penalties, other than stating in-season violations involving possession and/or use of alcohol, possession and/or use of tobacco products and/or the possession, use, buying or selling of controlled substances must result in at least a one-game (not scrimmage) suspension. Any suspension, which results in a student missing any portion of WIAA tournament competition, results in that athlete being ineligible for the remainder of the WIAA tournament series in that sport. A student that transfers from one school to another, with a suspension due to athletic code violation(s) from the previous school, must serve that mandated suspension at the new school. The school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process. A student ejected from a contest is suspended for the rest of that competition and the next scheduled competition. If it happens the next competition is a multischool meet, which counts as one meet on the schedule, the student misses the entire competition. (RE – Art. VII) A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- J. PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** It is necessary the school have a current physical examination on file for every athlete before the athlete is allowed to start practice. This physical examination must bear the signature or signature stamp of a physician, or the stamp of the clinic the physician is associated with or the signature of a Physician's Assistant (PA) or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP). A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; a physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year. (RE – Art. VII)

III. STUDENTS

- A. AGE REQUIREMENT:** A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year. (RE – Art. III)
- B. CONSECUTIVE SEMESTER RULE:** A student has eight consecutive semesters of potential athletic eligibility, starting with the first semester of his/her 9th grade year. A fifth year senior is not eligible to participate, unless a waiver is granted by the WIAA. (RE – Art. V)
- C. AMATUER STATUS:** A student may not accept, receive and/or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash, or share of game or season proceeds 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, etc. A student may receive: school mementos valued not more than \$200, an award valued no more than \$100 retail, and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform. Rules further prevent athletes from receiving compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture and/or personal appearance as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students. A student 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. Also, an athlete violates this rule if he/she plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own. (RE – Art. IV)
- D. NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION:** WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with non-school teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. Rules indicate athletes may not participate in more than two non-school competitions during the school season, in the same respective sport with school approval. Nonschool competitions include: races, scrimmages against other teams, normal nonschool games, "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, etc.), fun runs (including "banditing"), etc. During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill

contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply. Additionally, 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 or competition. (RE – Art. VI)

- E. ALL-STAR CONTESTS:** Athletes with remaining high school eligibility may not participate in all-star contests. During the school year, a school, including its administrators, athletic director and coaches shall not become involved directly or indirectly with any kind of all-star or similar contest that involves students with remaining eligibility. An all-star team is one where participants are chosen on the basis of individual accomplishment or reputation. An underclassmen becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from the date of last offense for participation in an all-star game or similar activity. A senior who violates this rule forfeits all remaining high school eligibility in the same specific sport as the all-star event. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season. (BL — Art. IV, Sect. 1 & RE – Art. VI, Sect. 3)
- F. EXPENSES - TRAINING AND COMPETING:**
- a. 1. The WIAA recognizes a distinction between training and competing. Students must pay their own expenses, including transportation, to any nonschool (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during unrestricted contact days in the summer.
 - b. 2. A student may be reimbursed actual and necessary costs associated with competing. This may include transportation, food, lodging and entry fees.
 - c. 3. A school may not become involved financially, through transportation or any other way in a student's non-school participation outside the sport season and the five Board of Control approved unrestricted contact days in the summer. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and Art. VI) Note: Funds kept in school activity accounts are considered school funds.
- G. OUT OF SEASON:** Athletes may participate in non-school competition, outside the school season; however, certain restrictions apply. Amateur status rules are still in effect and must be observed. Schools cannot be involved, and coaches are restricted as indicated in Number 1, page 1. Team makeup may not be restricted based on school or team status. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and VI)
- H. FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION:** If a student or a student's parents or guardian falsify any information submitted to a school, and a student participates resulting in an order of forfeiture, the student becomes ineligible in all sports for one calendar year from the date of the last game or meet in which the student participated. (RE – Art. I, Sect. 5)

IV. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

It should be noted most rules do not have a specific penalty associated with them. The WIAA has the authority, however, to impose penalties relative to rules violations such as, suspension of membership for not more than one year; probation for not more than one year; denial of participation in Association tournament program; denial of any area of Association services and benefits; monetary fine equal to Association expense incurred in any investigation and actual reimbursement of costs resulting from the violation; forfeiture (team sports) of contests won by school or (individual sports) of points/places won by individuals; loss of conference affiliation; loss of eligibility for athletes involved. (WIAA Constitution, Art. VI, RE – Art. 1)

FORT ATKINSON SCHOOL SONG

“FORT LOYALTY”

*We're loyal to you, Fort High
We're loyal to you, Fort High*

*We back you to stand
'Gainst the best in the land*

*For we know you can stand, Fort High
U Rah Rah!*

*Pick up that ball, Fort High
We're backing you all, Fort High*

*Our team is a fame protector
On teams, for we expect a*

Victory from you, Fort High