

**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC GUIDE FOR PARENTS**

The mission of the Portland Interscholastic League is to promote participation and sportsmanship through athletic competition. Athletics are an integral part of the educational program in Portland Public Schools. Students involved in athletics gain lifelong lessons such as teamwork and self-discipline, while developing physically and emotionally.

While extracurricular activities are an important part of a complete education, academic progress is the primary goal of our schools. Participants must meet grade requirements as set forth by the high school, school district and the OSAA. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and contingent upon satisfactory academic progress, attendance and student conduct requirements.

Portland Interscholastic League Parent Code of Conduct Agreement

Parents are critical to the success of the PPS athletic program and their positive involvement makes it possible for athletes to have the best experience possible. My role as a parent is to support my athlete, the team and the school.

- I agree to support team play and will not be overly concerned with the outcome of the game.
- I agree to understand team rules, discipline and technique corrections of players as part of the game.
- I agree to let the coaches do the coaching and will refrain from coaching any players.
- I agree to respect coaching decisions regarding playing time, positions and placement.
- I agree to display good sportsmanship by respecting opposing fans, coaches and participants.
- I agree to be a positive role model for my child. I will not engage in public displays of anger.
- I agree to accept official's decisions and understand verbal abuse or harassment of an official could be detrimental to my son/daughter, the team and the league.
- I agree to not approach players or coaches before, during, or immediately after games with anything other than congratulations. All questions and concerns regarding players or coaches should be addressed on a non-game day in an atmosphere conducive to problem solving.
- I understand that coaching decisions are based upon what is in the best interest of the entire team, not an individual.

Complaint/Concerns Procedure

It is the PIL's goal to clearly communicate and educate expectations and responsibilities for athletes, parents, coaches, fans and administrators of the nine PIL High Schools. Despite the best efforts to communicate and educate all involved, it is inevitable that concerns and disagreements will arise regarding a wide range of possible issues. In those cases, our primary goal is to correct the problem and insure that everyone involved has a clear expectation of their responsibilities.

Concerns and complaints should be handled in a timely manner and involve the people most closely involved in the issue. If you have a question or concern regarding your son or daughter, request a conference with the head coach to outline your concerns. Do not ask a coach for a meeting during or immediately after a game or practice. After the meeting, if your concerns have not been satisfactorily addressed, contact your Athletic Director for a conference.

Appropriate Issues to Discuss

- Treatment of the athlete
- Ways for the athlete to improve
- Concerns of athletes behavior
- Rules and policies that are unclear

Inappropriate Issues to Discuss

- Other students/athletes
- Playing time
- Strategy
- Play calling

Portland Interscholastic League Ejections

Any PIL coach or athlete who is ejected from an event for unsportsmanlike behavior will not be eligible for post season all-league honors. Unsportsmanlike behavior is defined as an ejection for fighting, intent to harm an opponent, threatening or foul language. Any JV or freshmen team members ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior will not be eligible for team honors such as captain or most outstanding player.

Anti-Harassment/Hazing

Portland Public Schools is committed to providing a safe, positive, and productive learning and working environment. Harassment, including intimidation or bullying, acts of cyber bullying, sexual harassment or initiations are strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the district.

- District Employees or students who witness or have reliable knowledge of harassment or retaliation against any student shall immediately report their concerns to a teacher, counselor, administrator, or other district employee.
- Anti-Harassment/Hazing applies to student behavior on school grounds, at any school sponsored activity, on school provided transportation, at any official school bus stop, and in all instances that student discipline applies as provided in Student Discipline Procedures 4.30.020-AD.
- This includes harassment/hazing by district employees that is between adults or between adults and students, when the student is the victim.

**PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL
ATHLETIC GUIDE AND POLICIES FOR STUDENTS**

Student Athletes are required to:

- Be enrolled and passing five credit classes at all times as well as making satisfactory progress toward graduation. (OSAA Rule 8.1.2.) Athletes must pass five credit classes each semester to be eligible for the next semester. (OSAA Rule 8.1.1) It is highly recommended that athletes take six classes.
- In addition to the OSAA eligibility regulations PPS athletes must maintain a G.P.A. of 2.0 with no F's or a G.P.A. of 2.5 with one F for each quarter. Athletes will be placed on academic probation if they are below these standards. No student may be on academic probation two consecutive quarters and remain eligible for athletics.
- Be in attendance at school the entire school day to be eligible for practice or competition that day, with exception of school sponsored activities or pre-arranged absence approved by the administration.
- Follow the pre-arranged absence procedure for your school. Failure to follow these procedures will result in an unexcused absence. As a result, the student will not be allowed to practice that day or compete in the next contest.
- Pay the required participation fee before the first scheduled contest.
- Follow all school rules and conduct themselves appropriately and with integrity at all times.

Other policies and guidelines:

- Suspension from school for any reason also means suspension from practices and games immediately.
- Drugs and Alcohol: Possession, selling or promotion of drug or alcohol-impaired learning, or use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco is not tolerated in the schools, on school grounds or at school activities by students, staff or other persons. Rules prohibiting participants from alcohol and drug-related activity in the district athletic programs are enforced during the entire season – seven days a week, 24 hours a day – at any location. When an athlete realizes they are in an environment where illegal activity is taking place, including consumption of alcohol by minors, they must leave immediately. This is in accordance with PPS Administrative Directive 4.30.022-AD.
- Alcohol/Drug-related activity includes but is not limited to use, sale or possession of drugs, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, drug-impaired learning, drug-influenced behavior, and any act promoting such activity. This is in accordance with PPS Administrative Directive 4.30.022-AD.
- Athletes are required to ride district transportation to and from events when provided.
- Athletes may not turn out for the next sport season until all equipment is turned in and any fines are paid from previous sport. School issued uniforms are equipment for school use only.
- Before being allowed to compete in a sport, an athlete must complete at least 9 days of practice for football and wrestling. Other sports require 4 days of practice. Except for football, this rule can be waived by the Athletic Director.
- Athletes who quit one sport may not participate in another sport during that season without consent of both coaches involved and the Athletic Director. Athletes removed from an athletic team because of disciplinary reasons may not turn out for another activity during that season.
- Athletes may not accept any prizes, money, merchandise or awards for athletic skills during the school year other than school and OSAA awards.
- Participation in extracurricular programs depends on each student's attitude and behavior as defined by coaches/leaders. Students must represent the school in a manner worthy of school and community pride. Behavior resulting in dishonor to the student, athlete, team, coach/leader, school or district will not be tolerated and disciplinary action will be taken.
- Any form of harassment, bullying, hazing or initiation is strictly forbidden in accordance with PPS Administrative Directive 4.30.061-AD.
- Any athlete who is ejected from an event for unsportsmanlike behavior will not be eligible for post season all-league honors. JV & Freshmen players will not be eligible for team honors such as captain or most outstanding player.
- Any fines that are assessed by the OSAA due to ejection are the parent and/or the player's responsibility.

By signing this document, I agree to follow all of the policies and guidelines.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parents Signature _____ Date _____