Baraboo Thunderbirds

"The Baraboo School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability."

AMATEUR STATUS - Athletic

Any student-athlete must be an amateur in order to be eligible for school athletics.

A. A student-athlete may not receive reimbursement in any form of cash, merchandise, jackets, watches, billfolds, gift certificates, etc. - for achievement related to athletics.
B. A student-athlete may receive awards which are symbolic in nature, such as trophies, medals, plaques, etc.
C. A student-athlete may not allow the use of his/her name, picture, personal appearance, etc. as an athlete to promote a commercial or other profit-making endeavor.

ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS

As an athlete, you **ARE NOT** eligible to participate in any sport **UNTIL** the following items have been completed and filed with the athletic department.

1. Physical examination card filled out by physician or nurse. Physical examinations taken after April 1 are good for the remainder of that year plus two more years. A tan alternate year card is required the final year of the two years (every other year; physical one year, alternate card the next, etc.)
2. Blue Emergency Card signed by parent/guardian.
3. The activities code and the assumption of risk statement must be signed by parent/guardian and athlete.
4. A student-athlete must be under nineteen (19) years of age on August 1 which precedes the start of the school year.

The $60.00 participation fee per athlete per season or a maximum of $200 per family per year will need to be paid before the first contest.

AWARDS SYSTEM – Athletic

Minimum Requirements for Earning a Varsity Letter:

An athlete who has participated for at least four seasons, and has not lettered, must meet the following stipulations:

A. Must have attended all practices unless excused.
B. Must have competed in four full seasons.
C. Must be academically eligible.

Lettering requirements will be distributed by the coach prior to each season. Ultimately, the distribution of letters will be at the coaches' discretion.

VARSITY AWARDS

First year letter award- Chenille letter, pin signifying the sport, leatherette certificate. No athlete will receive more than one chenille letter.

Second year letter award- Gold service bar, leatherette certificate.

Third year letter award- Gold service bar, leatherette certificate with gold foil.

Fourth year letter award- Gold service bar, leatherette certificate with gold foil.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC AWARDS

Captains- Each captain will receive a medal star and one point towards the "Gold B."

Tri-Sport Athlete Award- This award is earned by any athlete who participates in three different sports during the three sport seasons (fall-winter-spring). An athlete must participate in one sport each season. The athlete does not have to earn a letter to qualify for this award, he/she just has to finish each season in good standing. First time winners earn a leatherette certificate, second time winners earn the certificate plus a bronze T-Bird medal. Third time winners earn a certificate plus a silver T-Bird medal, while 4 time winners earn a certificate, plus a gold T-Bird medal. The Tri-Sport winners will receive recognition.

Gold "B" Athletic Award- **This is the highest athletic award given by the school**. The Gold "B" winner must satisfy the following criteria:

A. Earn 9 points throughout high school career. Each letter is one point, being selected captain is one point, and being selected MVP is one point.
B. Gold "B" points are only earned by being a participant in a WIAA sanctioned sport. Letters for being a cheerleader, pom-pon squad member, or being a team manager do not count towards the Gold "B."
C. The Gold "B" candidates must have earned points in at least two different sports.
D. Any Athletic Code violation will result in the deduction of 1 point. A 2nd violation will result in the athlete being ineligible to qualify.

Senior Athlete of the Year - In May of each year, the BHS coaches will select one male and one female senior athlete of the year. The winners' names will be placed on the large banner in the gymnasium plus each winner will receive a plaque.

W.I.A.A. Scholar-Athlete Award - Is awarded to a senior boy and girl. This award is given to the athletes who show academic and athletic excellence.

** Any other awards will be the responsibility of the coach or program. Other awards may be earned throughout season at invites and through the WIAA tournament. The WIAA dictates how many people will receive awards on a sport by sport basis.

CODE OF CONDUCT - All

Baraboo Public Schools expects its student-athletes/extra-curricular participants to:

1. Conduct themselves in a manner which reflects positively on themselves, their family, the team/activity, and the Baraboo Public School community.
2. Comply with all school rules as established by the administration of Baraboo Public Schools and all team/activity/sport rules as established by their coaches, advisors or the athletic director.
3. Comply with all rules as established by the Badger Conference and the WIAA.
4. Respect the rights and property of others.
5. Assume full financial responsibility for any school property which is lost, damaged, or stolen through negligence.
6. **Refrain from the use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcohol, controlled substances, including any type of performance-enhancing drugs, tobacco, drug paraphernalia or any other illegal or illicit substances of any kind at all times.**
7. **Refrain from the use or possession of any type of smoking materials. This includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and chewing tobacco.**
8. Refrain from any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school, conference and the WIAA, including, but not limited to, criminal behavior.

***Violations for points 6 and 7 begin on step #2.**

Special Conditions

1. The courts have ruled that participation in activities is a privilege, and not a right; therefore, students who participate are often held to a higher standard than other students by virtue of the fact that they are highly visible representatives of the Baraboo Public Schools whose negative behavior could adversely impact the image of our schools.
2. Ineligibility status for WIAA violations begins on the date of violation. Therefore, in the case of a violation of any of the WIAA Eligibility Regulations, any violations subsequently discovered could subject the individual and the team, in case of participation in a team sport, to forfeits for every event in which the individual participated from the date of the violation.
3. Ineligibility status for violations of school rules not specifically stated and governed under the WIAA Eligibility Regulations will take effect immediately upon verification of the violation; however, in cases where a student-athlete's behavior could affect the eligibility of an entire team and subject it to forfeits, the offender will be held out of contests until the matter is thoroughly investigated and the appropriate disciplinary action is taken.
4. The Activities Code is in effect for twelve months of the calendar year and governs the behavior of students whether school is in session or not, and at both in-school events and events not sponsored by the school.
5. Any student involved in an extra-curricular activity that is serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension will be ineligible for competition or

practice that night. If the suspension occurs on a Friday, the student will be eligible on Saturday.

6. If a student-athlete attends a gathering where any substances or items prohibited by the Activities Code are present, she/he must depart immediately or, if necessary, make arrangements to depart entirely from the premises no later than 15 minutes of his/her arrival at the gathering, and must refrain from violating the Activities Code while still at the gathering. Failure to comply with these provisions will be considered a violation of the Activities Code.
7. Any student that brings forth a false accusation with malicious intent or holds on to a violation in order to increase the violator's penalty will be suspended from school.
8. Violations of the Activities Code are cumulative during the student's entire enrollment in the Baraboo Public Schools in grades nine through 12.
9. If a student reveals an Extra-Curricular Code violation to a faculty member, a member of the Administration or a coach prior to the school initiating an investigation process, the student will receive a reduction of 50% in the penalty normally imposed for that violation.
10. Any student who holds a leadership position/office and who violates the Activity Code will be removed from the respective office/position for the remainder of the season/activity. In a situation where the student violates the Activity Code and has been named to lead a sport/activity/club that has not started at the time of the violation, the student will be replaced as the leader prior to the sport/activity/club beginning. Examples of leadership positions/offices include, but are not limited to: Team Captain, Activity/Club officer.
9. All Activity Code violations will be addressed by an administrator with the involvement of the Activities Director or the director of the activity in which the student was a participant when the violation occurred.
10. Violations of the Activities Code could lead to additional sanctions being assessed by the WIAA, the school, or law enforcement personnel as each entity sees fit.
11. Students must attend school and classes regularly in accordance with state statutes and Board policy. The student must be in school by 8:15 a.m. If the student arrives at school after that time they may watch practice, but not participate in the game/practice/performance. The 8:15 a.m. attendance rule can be ignored if the student has a prior on file, or if the student has a medical or dental appointment. The student must bring in a note from the attending dentist or physician verifying the time and date of the appointment. Other emergency or family matters that have caused the athlete to miss any part of the school day may be brought to the attention of the Activities Director for consideration; however the matter must be significant and not habitual.
12. A student not doing passing work in a minimum of five classes in the latest grading period shall become ineligible for competition. Also, a student cannot be failing more than one class or they become ineligible. A student not meeting this minimum will have 15 consecutively scheduled

school days to regain eligibility. The student is expected to attend practices during this time unless excused by the coach/advisor. If after 15 days the student has not regained eligibility he/she will be removed from the activity. Grading periods to be used will be: First Quarter, First Semester, Third Quarter, and Second Semester. Grades of "incomplete" will be viewed as an "F" until made up. A student who is enrolled in any state approved EEN program and who 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 their IEP. Table 1 below is the fall eligibility dates for the 15 days**.**

13. If an athlete should want to switch sports once a season begins, both coaches involved in the switch must give approval and the switch must occur before the first contest of either sport.

TABLE 1

Sport	Soccer	Volleyball	Football	Cross Country	Tennis	Swimming
Minimum Eligibility Period: 21 Days or:	8 games	5 games	3 games	4 games	5 games	5 games
Earliest Allowed Contest	Aug 17th	Aug 24th	Aug 26th	Aug 24th	Aug 14th	Aug 18th
Student Regains Eligibility on this date	Sept 3rd	Sept 11th	Sept 16th	Sept 14th	Aug 26th	Sept 8th

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS - Non-Athletic

Step 1: The penalty will be a conference with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), administrator, and advisor and/or will be a suspension from activities for 20 school days and/or the next event.

Step 2: The student will be suspended from activities for 40 school days and/or all events during the suspension (a minimum of 1 event). The violation will carry over to the next activity if it not fulfilled.

Step 3: The student will be suspended from activities for 90 school days and/or all events during the suspension (a minimum of 2 events). The violation will carry over to the next activity if it is not fulfilled.

Step 4: The student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities during his/her high school career.

****The consequence for the violation will apply to the current or next activity. If the student is also an athlete, it will apply to the current or next sport.**

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS – Athletic

****An athletic suspension can only be served in the current sport. If the suspension is not complete, the athlete will serve the violation in the next sport.**

Step 1:

The first step is for any violation outside of points 6 and 7 of the code of conduct. All other violations begin immediately with step 2. The first violation will result in a conference with the parent(s) and/or guardian(s), the student, and an administrator and/or a suspension for up to an entire career.

**** 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.

**** Any student serving a penalty during an activity must remain in the activity in order for the penalty to be valid. If a student quits, the penalty will carry over to the next activity.

Step 2:

Suspension from a sport for a period of 33% of that seasons contests. Any remaining percentage of that suspension not served shall be re-calculated and applied toward the next activity in which the athlete participates in and completes. All training rules and requirements of the sport must be followed by the suspended athlete during the suspension.

Step 3:

Suspension from sports for 50% of that seasons contests. Any remaining percentage of that suspension not served shall be re-calculated and applied toward the next activity in which the athlete participates in and completes. All training rules and requirements of the sport must be followed by the suspended athlete during the suspension.

Step 4:

Suspension from further athletic involvement. A student may be reinstated after one calendar year. To be reinstated, a rehabilitation proposal including community service and a clear plan must be submitted in writing by the student and his/her parent/guardian to the Appeal Board. The student will remain ineligible until the Appeal Board acts upon the proposal. The Appeal Board will act within 10 calendar days upon receipt of a request. The student must meet all the requirements in the written rehabilitation proposal in order to gain his/her eligibility.

****The consequence for the violation will apply to the current or next activity. If the student is also an athlete, it will apply to the current or next sport.**

****Athletic - An athlete that is found in violation of the code of conduct in season regarding the use of illegal substances or conduct that has a consequence beyond the minimum action of a conference with the athlete and parent contact and a one game or less suspension will forfeit their status to be selected as a captain or an MVP, or to remain as a designated captain. The season is defined as the first practice to the banquet.**

HAZING - All

Hazing occurs when an act is committed against a student, or a student is coerced into committing an act that creates a substantial risk of harm to the student, or to any third party, in order for the student to be initiated into, or affiliated with, any school group, club, athletic team, grade level, activity or organization. Hazing is strictly prohibited in the Baraboo Public Schools and will subject the violator to the disciplinary action explained below.

Wisconsin Anti-Hazing Law 948.51

"No person may intentionally or recklessly engage in acts which endanger the physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating in connection with a school, college or university. Under those circumstances, prohibited acts may include any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, forced confinement or any other forced activity which endangers the physical health or safety of the student. In this section "forced activity" means any activity which is a condition of initiation or admission into or affiliation with an organization, regardless of a student's willingness to participate in the activity."

Baraboo Public Schools also includes the following activities when used as a condition of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization in its definition of hazing for purposes of determining a violation of the anti-hazing policy:

- Any activity involving actions of a sexual nature or the simulation of actions of a sexual nature;
- Any activity that subjects a student to an unreasonable level of embarrassment, shame, or humiliation, or which creates a hostile, abusive, and intimidating environment for the student;
- Any activity involving any violation of federal, state or local law, or any violation of school district policies and regulations.

Any student-athlete who knowingly is a participant of, or who participates in the planning of any hazing ritual or incident will be considered in violation of the hazing policy and be treated as a **second offense** violation of the "Code of Conduct Violations." A subsequent hazing violation will be treated as a **third offense** violation of the Athletic Code.

CONFERENCE AFFILIATION

BADGER CONFERENCE

Northern Division
Baraboo (Thunderbirds)
DeForest (Norskies)
Mount Horeb (Vikings)
Portage (Warriors)
Reedsburg (Beavers)

Southern Division
Fort Atkinson (Blackhawks)
Madison Edgewood (Crusaders)
Milton (Red Hawks)
Monona Grove (Silver Eagles)
Monroe (Cheesemakers)

Sauk Prairie (Eagles)
Waunakee (Warriors)
Oregon (Panthers)
Stoughton (Vikings)

OFFERINGS –

Athletic

Girl's Sports

Cheerleading/Fall (Non-WIAA Sport)
Cross Country/Fall
Swimming/Fall
Tennis/Fall
Volleyball/Fall
Basketball/Winter
Gymnastics/Winter
Ice Hockey/Winter
Pom-Pons/Winter (Non-WIAA Sport)
Soccer/Spring
Softball/Spring
Track/Spring

Boy's Sports

Cross Country/Fall
Football/Fall
Soccer/Fall
Swimming/Winter
Basketball/Winter
Ice Hockey/Winter
Wrestling/Winter
Tennis/Spring
Track/Spring
Baseball/Spring

Baraboo is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and a member of the Badger Conference. These governing bodies determine the rules and regulations for all contests. The WIAA by enrollment classifies all schools.

Activities

Category A - Performs	Category B - Service
Pep Band	Art Club/VAC
Solo-Ensemble	Key Club
Forensics	NHS
Math Team	Student Council
Skills USA - VICA	Interact
FCCLA	SAP
Musical	SADD
Intramurals	FBLA
	FFA
	History Club
	GSA
	LC2LC

OUT OF SCHOOL SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES - Athletic

A student-athlete in a given sport may not participate in activities in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team.

A. Before and/or after the school season of a sport, a student athlete may participate in activities outside of school in that same sport with these restrictions:

1. A student athlete must not participate in out of season sport programs, activities, camps, clinics, etc., which are limited to individuals who are

likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.

B. A student athlete or his/her parents/guardians must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.

C. A student athlete may not be instructed outside of the coaches contact days except during the school season of a sport by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming, tennis and track and field are exempt from this rule BUT only (a) during the summer months, and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.

POTENTIAL DANGERS IN ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Parents and student athletes should fully understand and appreciate the risk of serious personal injury such as bruises, cuts, sprains, breaks, tears, paraplegia, quadriplegia, and death associated with participation in the educational sports program provided by Baraboo High School. Athletic activities can be hazardous and taking part in such activities is a calculated risk on the part of the student athlete and parent. It is also understandable, that to many young adults, the potential benefits exceed the potential hazards. The very element of calculated risk makes the participation a stimulating adventure and satisfies the student athletes' desires for competition, strenuous effort, and creative activity. Reducing injuries to a minimum without subtraction from this adventure is a continuous goal of our coaching and administrative staff. BHS does have a trainer on duty from approximately 2:30 to 5:30 pm daily and at several contests.

PROCEDURE FOR A CODE VIOLATION - All

- The alleged violation needs to be reported to an administrator or the alleged violation may be discovered through investigation.
- The administrator will call in the student to investigate the allegations. Parent(s) will be called and asked if they would like to participate.
- At the end of the entire investigation, the administrator will make a ruling as to whether the code of conduct was violated and what the appropriate consequence is.
- Both athlete and parent will be informed of the decision.

PROCEDURE FOR CODE VIOLATION APPEALS - All

- The appeal must be in writing and submitted to an administrator within 5 school days.
- Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) can appeal the procedure for a code violation.
- The appeal board will be assembled within the next 3 school days and will consist of a coach, non-coaching teacher, and a community member.

- The AD will present the case to the board, the student will be offered a time to speak. The students' coach/advisor will be offered an opportunity to speak as well.
- The 3 board members will vote to uphold the decision or change the decision if the process was not followed correctly.

The Appeals Board will contain five members consisting of the following:

1. Activities Director - chairperson
2. Associate Principal
3. Non-coaching teacher – voting member
4. Coach/Advisor – voting member
5. Community member (serves one-year term) – voting member

SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS – "Without sportsmanship there is no sport"

Athlete – Compete in honor of the game. Respect yourself, teammates, coach, opponents, rules, and officials.
Coach – Teach athletes how to compete with honor and respect the officials' decisions.
Fan/Parent – Cheer for your team and honor coaches' and officials' decisions.
Official – Officiate the game fairly while upholding the rules set forth by the NFHS.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

Students are responsible for all equipment issued to them. Athletic uniforms, both practice and game, are supplied for the sole purpose of athletic participation. This equipment is not to be used for any other purpose. When the season is completed, all equipment is to be returned to the school within 3 school days. Students will not be eligible to participate in the next season until the equipment is returned or the monetary equivalent is paid. If the student is a senior, they will not be able to participate in the commencement ceremony for BHS until the equipment is returned or the monetary equivalent is paid.

SCHOOL SONG

Always onward Baraboo High
Sing out her praises up to the sky
Ever onward praise her name
Fight for her Glory speed her fame
U-rah-rah

Cherish her banner
Fling it sky high
Shout from the hilltops
Never say die
We will prove we are true blue
to good old Baraboo

STAFF

Dr. Crystal Ritzenthaler	Superintendent	355-3950
William Loss	Principal	355-3940
Dan Halberg	Associate Principal	355-3940
Melissa Hanson	Associate Principal	355-3940
Aaron Andres	Activities Director	355-3945
Renee Teasdale	Activities Assistant	355-3940
Molly Holzem, LAT	Athletic Trainer	356-1478
Chuck Walker, LAT	Athletic Trainer	356-1478

TRANSPORTATION TO ACTIVITIES

BHS is responsible for transporting students to and from activities. The school is aware that unusual circumstances do arise in which a parent desires to transport their son/daughter either to or from an activity. If this occasion does arise, it is the responsibility of the student to obtain a transportation waiver form from their advisor, the activity office or the main office prior to the contest. Students may be released to be transported by another parent provided the office and/or the coach/advisor have the transportation waiver form signed by the parent or legal guardian noting the parent to be responsible for transportation.

Appendix A

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Baraboo Activities – Transportation Waiver Form

All students must travel to and from activities in a vehicle supervised by their coach/advisor or a designated chaperone if a contracted vendor is providing the transportation to the meet. "To and from" is defined as travel from Baraboo to the opponent's school site and back. Students may return HOME from an away contest with parents/guardians providing approval has been obtained from the Activities Director or the coach/advisor and the appropriate waiver form has been

signed. In such cases, the coach/advisor is responsible for ensuring that the student leaves the contest with his/her parent/guardian.

If parents/guardians or another adult designated by the parents/guardians provide transportation home from the activity, or allow their son/daughter to provide transportation to local practices, the following policies are in effect:

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

TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY WAIVER

I have read the Activity Transportation Policy and agree that I shall assume all liability for any injuries, whether negligently caused or not, resulting from the following situations:

- ***Where I transport my son/daughter home from a scheduled event;***
- ***Where I transport other students to or from a scheduled event, or I, as a parent/guardian, give permission to another adult to transport my son/daughter home from a scheduled event;***
- ***Where my son/daughter transports himself/herself to or from a local practice or local event.***

I also agree that Baraboo Public Schools shall assume no liability whatsoever for any injuries, whether negligently caused or not, resulting from the above situations, or any other situation where a contracted transportation vendor is not being used to transport athletes.

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature ***Date***

REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION

Activity:_____ Student's Name:_____

My child, named above, has permission for alternate transportation as checked below on _____ or for the entire season of _____.

_____ 1. Riding home with his/her parent/guardian.

_____ 2. Driving to and from practice or a scheduled event.

_____ 3. Riding with a designated adult other than his/her parent guardian.

Indicate name of designated adult: _____

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

_____ _____

AD/Coach Date

2011-12 WIAA High School 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 COACHING 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. In addition, coaching restrictions do not apply in the summer beyond the 5 unrestricted days in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer (must conclude by July 31 for fall soccer), softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, 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 nonschool competition, driving athletes to camps, clinics, etc., or having basically anything to do with the athletes' nonschool 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 PRACTICE

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 letter winners 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 nonbordering 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. 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 up to 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
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 nonschool 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, ie., 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.
Full-time students enrolled in member charter schools are eligible only at the school of residence.
Note: 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.
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 also apply to students who have completed four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9.
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 also apply to students who have completed four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9.

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5. Students not meeting residence requirements and who are within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into Grade 9 will be eligible for nonvarsity 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 then 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 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 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).
In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete for one calendar year.
8. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition for one calendar year unless the transfer is made necessary by a total 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 CSIET approved exchange program with full listing status. 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 spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or intentionally and aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar 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 EXAMINATION

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. AMATEUR STATUS

A student may not accept, receive and/or direct to another, any cash or merchandise awards for achievement in athletics. This means athletes may not accept items such as shoes, jackets, gift certificates, etc., 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. They may receive an award which is symbolic in nature, such as trophies, medals, ribbons, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls or other items of no intrinsic value. 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. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants. 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. NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Rules indicate athletes may not participate in nonschool competition during the school season, in the same respective sport. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate in any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages, against other teams. This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, etc.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point), fun runs (including "banditing"), etc. 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

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.
2. A student may be reimbursed actual and necessary costs associated with competing. This may include transportation, food, lodging and entry fees.
3. A school may not become involved financially, through transportation or any other way in a student's nonschool 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 nonschool 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)

Reference Key BL – Bylaws RE – Rules of Eligibility SR – Season Regulations 5/11 (revised)

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The Baraboo School District Activities Code can be found at:

http://baraboo.k12.wi.us/athletics/BarabooActivitiesCode.pdf

PARENT-STUDENT AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THIS CODE

I. I agree to abide by the Activities Code and realize that any violation on my part will result in the restrictions set forth in the code. I will also have the integrity to inform my coach and activities director if I ever violate this code in the future.

II. As a parent(s)/guardians(s) of a student participating in the BHS athletic/activity program, I/we support our child's agreement to abide by all of the rules as stated in the Activities Code.

III. We understand all information in the activities code and if we did not understand any information we asked questions until it was clear.

TO DEMONSTRATE MY/OUR SUPPORT, I/WE PLEDGE TO:

1. Be aware of our child's academic status, behavior, and social habits.

2. ***Not cover up or provide alibis if rules are broken.*** ***We will hold our child responsible and accountable for his/her actions and will inform the Activities Director if he/she violates the Activity Code. We will communicate our intentions to our son/daughter at the beginning of the season so he/she will be aware of what the consequences will be should a violation occur.***

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ELIGIBILITY RULES

I understand the WIAA Rules of Eligibility and have clarification for any information in the WIAA Rules of Eligibility that I did not understand. Appendix A.

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL HEALTH CARE AND RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

I understand and give my consent for _____
Name of Student

to have medical care which may include assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, and /or prevention of injuries and illnesses will be provided to my son and/or daughter by a licensed athletic trainer. This care will be given under protocols established by the athletic trainer and the medical director (a licensed physician) of Rehabilitation Services at St. Clare Hospital and Health Services.

All medical information will be kept in strict confidence and only communicated through the licensed athletic trainer to the sports medicine team; the parent, coach and athletic director. The only medical information to be released is medical information that is related to a specific injury or illness that has occurred while participating in a sport. No medical information will be communicated to the media or scouting services without written permission from a parent or guardian.

Our signatures below indicate that we have read the above statements. We understand it completely, and we agree to be bound by these terms.

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature_____

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