

Ball-Chatham CUSD #5

Extracurricular Code

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Philosophy

It is our belief that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not an absolute right of Ball-Chatham students. Student who elect to represent our school district by taking part in extracurricular activities must also accept the responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that exemplifies the behavior of a law-abiding citizen of the community. Students must adhere to the following extracurricular code. These rules, approved by the Ball-Chatham Board of Education, have been set forth to guide students toward a better understanding of their responsibilities as representatives of the Ball-Chatham school district, once they have decided to participate in extracurricular activities.

The extracurricular code applies to extracurricular activities that are not directly linked to an academic course. **The extracurricular code is in effect 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.** Students who are deemed in violation of the extracurricular code in the off-season should report to the Director of Athletics prior to tryouts.

Athletic Activities

GHS Sports

Baseball
Basketball – Boys
Basketball – Girls
Bass Fishing
Cheerleading – Fall
Cheerleading - Winter
Cross Country – Boys
Cross Country – Girls

Football
Golf – Boys
Golf – Girls
Poms – Fall
Poms - Winter
Soccer – Boys
Soccer – Girls
Softball

Swimming & Diving – Boys
Swimming & Diving – Girls
Tennis – Boys
Tennis – Girls
Track & Field – Boys
Track & Field – Girls
Volleyball
Wrestling

GMS Sports

7th-8th Baseball
7th Basketball – Boys
8th Basketball – Boys
7th Basketball – Girls
8th Basketball – Girls
7th-8th Cheerleading – Fall
7th-8th Cheerleading - Winter

6th-8th Cross Country – Boys
6th-8th Cross Country – Girls
7th Football
8th Football
7th-8th Poms – Fall
7th-8th Poms - Winter

7th-8th Softball
6th-8th Track & Field - Coed
6th Volleyball
7th Volleyball
8th Volleyball
5th-8th Wrestling

Registration

Registration for athletics will be available online (paper forms will also be available). Links will be provided during school registration and available through both the GHS and GMS athletic websites. Students and their parent/guardian(s) will be required to verify that they have read the required documents and submitted the required forms. A student will not be allowed to participate until registration is complete and an up-to-date physical is on file with the school nurse.

Athletic Participation Fees

All students participating in an athletic activity at Glenwood Middle or Glenwood High School (this includes any 5th or 6th graders participating in GMS athletics) will be required to pay an athletic fee. The fee will be \$100 for participating in one sport and \$150 for participating in multiple sports. If a family has multiple students participating in athletics in the district they will be charged a maximum fee of \$300. All fees (not just athletic fees) are due prior to the first contest. All checks need to be made out to GIS, GMS, or GHS respectively and are payable in the main office. There will be no refunds once the athletic fee has been paid. The fee can be waived if the student qualifies for free lunch. Any students who have financial difficulty and are unable to afford the fees can set up a payment plan with the GMS or GHS main office.

Multiple Sports

Students are encouraged to participate in multiple sports throughout their careers in the Ball-Chatham School District. If a student wishes to participate on more than one school team during the same season, he or she needs the permission of both teams' head coaches and the director of athletics. Permission will be given based on the feasibility of the individual to attend an acceptable amount of practices and games, as determined by the coaches.

Tryouts/Cuts

Every effort is made by the coaches and athletic department to develop as many athletes as possible on a given team/program. However, coaches may need to limit the number of participants through tryouts/cuts. Coaches are responsible for the selection of specific squad members for competition. If an athlete is cut from a team, he or she may be given permission to join a non-cut team in the same season. Permission will be given on an individual basis by the head coach of the non-cut team.

Athletic Awards

Students involved in Glenwood Athletics may earn a chenille letter by finishing the season in good standing and meeting certain requirements for participation. The head coach of each sport shall set these requirements. An athlete may receive only one chenille letter in Middle School and only one chenille letter in High School. A varsity letter winner will also receive a certificate and the appropriate pin. Underclassmen will receive the appropriate certificates and patches or numerals.

Athletic Academic Eligibility

Students participating in an IESA/IHSA extracurricular activity are subject to weekly eligibility requirements. Any student declared scholastically ineligible may practice with the team but will not be allowed to be in uniform for any contest during the period of ineligibility. At the coach's discretion, the student may attend contests, sit the bench or be in the player areas, and ride the team bus.

Eligibility grades will be pulled from Skyward each week at 8:00 am on Thursday mornings. Any athlete on the ineligible list will not be able to compete in athletic contests during the following week, Monday through Saturday. Eligibility is cumulative by semester.

For fall sports, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. During the succeeding weeks of the school year, the eligibility check shall begin the week prior to the first contest in an activity.

Middle School/Intermediate School

Per IESA policy, students must be passing all subjects in order to participate.

High School

Students must pass 25 credit hours per week/5 classes. Students must also have a 1.7 GPA for the previous grading period. If a student meets the IHSA standards (pass 5 classes) but not the school standards, he/she may practice until the end of the quarter. If he/she is passing 5 classes with the required 1.7 GPA, his/her eligibility is restored. This option is not available if cuts are made.

Any student that is ineligible three consecutive weeks in a season may be dismissed from the team/activity at the discretion of the coach and director of athletics. Every effort should be made by the athlete to bring up his/her grade by obtaining the various academic assistance opportunities provided by their respective schools. Dismissal from the team is the last resort.

Attendance

When a student is absent from school any part of the day, he/she may not participate in any extracurricular activity that day with the exceptions listed below. This is done primarily as a safety factor for the student as well as the school district. The principal or director of athletics may give pre-approval.

The following exceptions will be approved.

- Scheduled doctor appointments
- Funerals
- Family emergencies
- Illness - Student must attend the last half (four class periods) of the day.
- Other reasons acceptable to the principal/director of athletics

If a student is absent part of the day, he/she must sign in at the attendance office immediately upon return.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All rules described in the school handbook and the extracurricular code govern all school events (IHSA athletics and activities, IESA athletics and activities, school sponsored events, and clubs/organizations). Violations of these rules, policies, and codes of conduct may result in a student be suspended from participation or as a spectator. All extracurricular code violations are cumulative for a student's entire period of attendance through 8th grade. Upon being promoted from 8th grade, all students will start with a clean extracurricular code of conduct record. All violations after 8th grade promotion will be cumulative for a student's entire period of attendance through high school graduation.

Expectations

Students involved in extracurricular activities are expected to to exemplify high moral character, responsibility, attitude, and dedication at all times. Students involved in extracurricular activities will:

- Display good sportsmanship
- Display a high standard of conduct at all times, not just while participating in extracurriculars
- Demonstrate respect for authorities, teachers, coaches, officials, and sponsors
- Display a spirit of cooperation, and puts the needs of the team before individual accomplishments
- Maintain an appropriate appearance when representing Glenwood
- Use appropriate language
- Be financially responsible for equipment, uniforms, etc., where applicable
- Abide by the school handbook
- Abide by all rules set by their individual coach/sponsor

Students in violation of these expectations may be suspended or dismissed from the team at the discretion of the coach or athletic director.

Specific Offenses

Any participants of extracurricular activities in violation of the following offenses will be dealt with according to the standards listed below. These rules shall be in effect 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Students are subject to the GHS, GMS, or GIS Disciplinary Code and the Extracurricular Code. In certain situations, students will be subject to discipline from both. Criminal conviction is not a prerequisite to disciplinary action. ***Extracurricular code requirements apply to all participating students, even those who have reached the age of 18 or older.***

Level I:

- Use or possession of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, personal vapors, vaporizing pens, controlled substances, alcohol, "look-alike" drugs, drugs, or paraphernalia.

- Theft, vandalism, threats, or other illegal activities
- Conduct in or out of school such as gross disobedience or misconduct.

Level 2:

- Sale or distribution of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, personal vapors, vaporizing pens, controlled substances, alcohol, “look-alike” drugs, drugs, or paraphernalia.

Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary Actions for extracurricular code of conduct violations are based on a percentage of the total number of games allowed in a season per IHSA and IESA bylaws.

Sport/Activity	Offense	Level 1 Violation	Level 2 Violation			
Baseball	1st Offense	40% of IHSA/IESA season	50% of IHSA/IESA season			
Basketball						
Bass Fishing	2nd Offense	Suspension for a calendar year (365 days) from all IHSA/IESA athletics and activities	Suspended for high school career. If violation occurs during middle school career, suspension will be for a calendar year (365 days) from IHSA/IESA athletics and activities.			
Cheer - Fall						
Cheer - Winter						
Cross Country						
Football						
Golf						
Poms - Fall						
Poms - Winter						
Soccer						
Softball						
Swim & Dive	3rd Offense	Suspended for remaining athletic/activities career at high school and middle school.	Suspended for remaining athletic/activities career at high school and middle school.			
Tennis						
Track & Field						
Volleyball						
Wrestling						
Scholastic Bowl						
*If the percentage applied is equal to a partial game/contest/performance, the suspension is rounded up to include that entire game/contest/performance.						
For all other extracurricular activities, 1st offense disciplinary action % will be applied to the season schedule for that particular activity.						

Disciplinary actions are applied to the student’s current athletic season. Suspensions will roll over into the following season of participation if necessary depending on the amount of contests remaining on the schedule (including post-season) at the time of the violation.

Any student that begins a sport or activity under suspension is expected to finish the season in good standing. If that student quits or is removed from the team before completing the season, the suspension will reset and begin anew in the next season in which that student participates.

Dependency Provision

A student who informs a school official of a dependency (not a specific violation) prior to the school being aware of any specific violation of the code **may do so one time** without consequences. The student must undergo professional counseling (paid for by the student and relevant to the dependency). Should the student not comply, then the first offense consequences will be in effect.

Truth Clause

Any student that is deemed honest and forthcoming about committing a violation (discretion of school administration) is allowed the opportunity to reduce their suspension. In order to reduce their suspension, the student will have to enter into relevant counseling (paid for by the student). **This option is available only one time in a career, and only the student's first violation.**

Truth Clause Consequences Reduction

	Level 1 Violation	Level 2 Violation
1st Offense	20% of IHSA/IESA season	25% of IHSA/IESA season

School Related Disciplinary Actions

Whenever a student is subject to disciplinary actions through school, additional consequences may be applied by that individual's coach/sponsor. In addition, the follow will apply:

1. Detentions - Detentions are held before and after school. If a student misses any type of extracurricular activity due to a detention, it is considered an unexcused absence for that activity.
2. Withdrawal of Privileges - Consequences will be at coach's discretion.
3. In-House Detentions/Suspensions - Any student that is serving an in-house detention/suspension will be required to attend practices. However they will not be allowed to compete in or perform at any contests. They will be allowed to attend with the team, but not dress, nor participate. Coaches/sponsors may assign managerial duties as they see fit.
4. Out-of-school Suspensions - Any student that is serving an out-of-school suspension will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity until the suspension period is over.

Extracurricular Advisory Board

This Board is responsible for reviewing appeals of violations of the extracurricular policies. It shall meet at the request of the student and/or parent/guardian(s). Such requests must be made within five school days of the disciplinary ruling. The request must be made with the coach, advisor, director of athletics or principal.

The Board will be composed of the principal or designee, director of athletics, and staff members selected by the administration (excluding the student's coach/advisor). The appeal meeting shall occur at the earliest opportunity.

The process will occur as follows:

1. The Board will verify that the student has been made aware of the rules.
2. The Board will review the nature of the violation and the consequences.
3. The Board may:
 - a. Confirm or dismiss the charges
 - b. Review and/or revise the penalties for a first or second offense
 - c. Recommend outside relevant counseling or rehabilitation (paid for by the student)

SEX EQUITY

No student shall, based on sex, be denied equal access to programs, activities, or services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities.

Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using the Uniform Grievance Procedure. A student may appeal the School Board's resolution of the complaint to the Regional Superintendent of Schools (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/3-10 of The School Code) and, thereafter, to the State Superintendent of Education (pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.8 of The School Code).

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Student-athletes desiring to participate in NCAA Division I or Division II athletics must prove academic eligibility through the NCAA Eligibility Center. Requirements include core course completion; minimum core course grade point average, and minimum ACT and SAT score. More information is available from the Guidance Office.