

## Middle School ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY CODE

**This policy covers all Middle School Athletics and Activities including but not limited to the following:**

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Wrestling	Middle School Student Council	Yearbook
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Cross Country	Future Farmers of America	
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America		

The mission of middle-level athletics and activity programs is to provide enjoyable educational experiences for young adolescents based on their developmental characteristics and needs. The development of the young adolescent's self-esteem, citizenship, responsibility, and skills in cooperative and leadership behaviors are positive outcomes of appropriate middle-level athletics and activity programs.

Middle-level athletic and activity programs are an essential part of the total educational process and an excellent opportunity for the home, school, and community to work together.

Bonduel Middle School supports a "No Cut, All Play" philosophy for all of the athletic and activity programs. Membership in a club or athletic program is not based on tryouts for select number of positions, but rather on a students' desire to participate in the program. Students will not be "cut" from a program based on preset participation limits.

"All Play" means that a student in "good standing" will be provided the opportunity to participate/play in some portion of the game, event, scheduled activity, etc. Length of playing/participation time will be left to the sole discretion of the coach or advisor.

To maintain "good standing" a team member is expected to:

1. Be a positive and contributing team member as determined by the coach/advisor.
2. Attend all practices, meetings, events, etc.
3. Inform the coach/advisor of any absences prior to any practices, meeting, events, etc. missed.
4. Maintain passing grades as defined in the Athletic-Activity Code.
5. Abide by the Athletic/Activity Code.

Team members who are not in good standing may be removed or dismissed from the team or activity at the discretion of the coach/advisor. Member, parent/guardian, and principal will be notified of such action.

## Athletic and Activity Regulations-Bonduel Middle School

1. As an athlete or club member, a student represents the Bonduel Middle School. It is therefore necessary that students participate in a manner that is fair to themselves and their teammates. Failure to follow training rules/regulations can result in personal injury and can also affect the individual's performance which in turn has a negative effect on team performance and group participation. By following proper training rules the individual meets his/her responsibility to himself/herself and fellow participants.
2. The following rules are in effect at the start of the school year and remain in effect for all students planning to participate in athletics or clubs whether they are in or out of season. **This code must be reviewed by each coach or advisor with all student participants prior to the start of each activity or prior to the start of practice for the designated activities.** The attached statement (form) must be returned to school bearing a parental/guardian signature which will attest to the fact that the parent/guardian is aware of all training rules and agree that their son/daughter does subscribe to them and the penalties involved for noncompliance.

No student may participate in athletics or club activities unless said form is signed and returned to the middle school office.

3. A student may not participate in any interscholastic program at Bonduel Middle School until the school has written evidence on file in the high school office attesting to (A) parental permission and (B) physical fitness as determined by a licensed physician. The latter will permit the student to participate for two years. At the beginning of the second year a parent is required to complete a waiver card attesting to the fact that the student had not been injured and/or ill which resulted in extended doctor's care or hospitalization during the first year.

In addition, the student must provide written evidence of insurance coverage.

### A. Eligibility

All eligible students may participate in athletics and clubs at Bonduel Middle School and are encouraged to do so.

1. Eligibility requires a student to maintain passing work in all classes. Student progress will be evaluated for eligibility at mid-quarter and quarter. A minimum of one week after ineligibility begins, a student with failing grades can become eligible again after obtaining written evidence from his/her teacher. Academically ineligible students could be required to attend practices or games/events at the discretion of the coach, provided academics are part of their responsibilities during that time. No academically ineligible student will be released from school for an early departure to a game/event.

2. **The following are violations which would render a student ineligible for after school activities and the student is not to attend practice, participate in games/events, team meetings, or other team related activities.**

- a. **Truancy:** Students who are truant are ineligible to participate in activities or athletics.
- b. **Suspension:** Students are ineligible to participate in activities or athletics while serving In-School or Out-of-School suspensions.

3. **The following are violations which would render a student ineligible for after school activities; the student is not to participate in games/events but must attend practices, team meetings, or other team related activities as directed by the Coach. In cases where the following violations also include In-School or Out-of-School suspension, item #A2 above will be invoked during the suspension period.**

- a. **Alcohol and other drug abuse:** Involved in buying, selling, possessing, or using tobacco in any form, alcohol, and illegal drugs. This rule shall also apply to look-a-like-drugs (misrepresentation of an over-the-counter drug as a controlled substance). Buying, selling, possessing, or consuming tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs by Bonduel Middle School students, while participating in athletics or club programs, is incongruent with the ideals, principles, and standards of Bonduel Middle School and the School District of Bonduel.

Exempted from the rule are prescription drugs prescribed directly to the user by a licensed physician and common over-the-counter medication used for common illnesses; i.e. aspirin, cold medications, etc.

Penalties will be invoked if a student is involved in any other unacceptable gatherings such as attending beer parties or other parties where alcohol and/or other drugs are being consumed.

Examples:

Student athletes/club members may be present in the following settings as non-consumers without violating the rule include weddings, family gatherings, bowling alleys, and restaurants (supper clubs). Unacceptable settings include taverns (unless as a non-consumer with parents present), student gatherings (1 or more present) where alcohol or drugs are present or being used.

- b. **Violation of the law:** If a student is convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony, their status in activities and/or athletics will be reviewed by the School Board and the administration.

- c. **Other inappropriate behaviors:** Includes but is not limited to actions such as vandalism, stealing, court sanctions, etc. This also includes any conduct determined by the Principal to be unbecoming of a Bonduel Middle School student.

**Students must be in attendance for a minimum one-half school day to participate in practices, meetings, and actual events.**

### **B. Penalty**

The following action shall be taken when violations occur under section A3(a)(b)(c) of this policy:

1. **First Violation**--Suspension from 50-100% of the sport or activity. The specific number of suspended activities will be determined by the coach/advisor and the principal.
2. **Second Violation**--Suspension from the sport(s) or activities for the duration of that sport or club season. If the student is in more than one activity at the time of a rule violation, the suspension will be for the longer season.
3. **Third Violation**--Suspension from all sport(s)/activities for the remainder of current school year. The student is ineligible for any club or athletic awards and honors for the current school year.

### **C. Procedures for Enforcement**

1. An individual reporting a violation of the athletic and activity code must submit to the middle school principal a signed statement listing the time, place and type of violation.
2. The student will be accorded due process.
3. The student and parents or guardians will be notified in writing of any policy violation(s).
4. A student suspended from athletics and/or activities must remain in good standing which means continuing to practice and attend all athletic/activity meetings (First violation only).
5. Additional violations occurring during one suspension period will not be served concurrently, but will begin as soon as the first suspension period is completed.
6. Violations will not carry over from one year to the next.

7. Any student receiving any type of penalty as a result of an Athletic and Activity Code violation will be referred to the Student Assistant Program (SAP) coordinator for possible SAP inclusion.

#### **D. Due Process and Right of Appeal**

Due process outlines the procedure in the event that a student involved feels a wrong decision has been made. The due process steps are used to appeal decisions relating to eligibility. There will be no stay of penalties during an appeal process. The provisions as outlined shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for appeal.

Step 1: After a ruling by the principal that results in suspension of the student under Section A, the student, parents or guardians may appeal the decision in writing to the principal provided the appeal is received within 5 working days from the first day of ineligibility.

Step 2: The principal within 5 working school days of receipt of such written appeal shall set a date for a hearing with the Athletic/Activity Council.

- a. The student will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present evidence at the hearing.
- b. The student's parents or guardians will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present evidence.
- c. The proceedings of the hearing, including the decision, will be put in writing, and a copy of these proceedings will be mailed to the student and his/her parents or guardians.

Step 3: If the student, parents, or guardians are not satisfied with the decision of the Athletic/Activity Council, a second hearing may be requested before the school board. The district administrator must receive, in writing, a request for such a hearing within 5 working days of the mailing of the initial hearing outcome.

- a. The provisions of Step 2 shall apply.

#### **E. Athletic/Activity Council**

The Athletic/Activity Council shall consist of an administrator, athletic director, one coach, one advisor and the guidance counselor. Members of the council shall be appointed by the district administrator prior to July 1st of the year in which they are to serve.

A coach and/or advisor may not serve on the council when the decision being made affects one of his/her participants. In such an event, the district administrator shall appoint a replacement.

The entire council will evaluate all evidence and shall arrive at a decision by majority rule. Secret ballots will be used to make all decisions.

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ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY TRAINING RULES**

**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN/STUDENT APPROVAL**

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	Cross Country	

As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's name)

who desires to participate in athletics/club programs, we have read and discussed the athletic/activity program training rules as described and agree that the above named shall comply with them or be subjected to the penalties involved.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

As a student at Bonduel Middle School who desires to participate in athletics/club programs, I have read and discussed the athletic/activity program training rules as described and agree that the I shall comply with them or be subjected to the penalties involved.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_