

**GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

Greenfield High School Athletic Code

**Application for Try-outs for Team Sports
(with Parent/Guardian Permission)**

STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE

All students who wish to participate in the Greenfield Athletic Program should thoroughly acquaint themselves with the following regulations. Failure to abide by the following ATHLETIC CODE could result in suspension or dismissal from active participation in the athletic program.

MIAA ELIGIBILITY

All Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules will be strictly adhered to by all participants. Each Student Participant Must Be a Bona Fide Team Member

A bona fide member of the school team is a student who is consistently present for, and actively participates in, all high school team practices and competitions. Bona fide members of a school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in order to participate in a non school activity/event in any sport recognized by the MIAA. Any student who violates this standard becomes ineligible for the MIAA tournament(s) in that sport for that season. (See also Rule 45, page 38 for additional regular season consequence.)

Only One School Sport Per Season is Permitted

A student-athlete shall participate in only one MIAA interscholastic sport in any defined MIAA sport season (Fall, Winter or Spring), including tournaments and/or championships in that season.

A student-athlete officially becomes a member of his/her team for the sport season on the date of that school's first regular season contest in that sport.

PENALTIES: If a student-athlete violates this rule, he/she will be ineligible for that season, and all contests in which he/she participated in both sports must be forfeited.

ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be in attendance on the school day of the activity or the day prior to an activity on a non-school day unless granted permission by the building Principal. "Attendance" means the student is present for more than one-half of the school day (arrive before 11 a.m. or cannot be dismissed until after 11 a.m.).

All student must be present at all activity sessions unless absent from school or personally excused by the advisor.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible all students must be taking the equivalent of 5 courses per semester that meet each day (not including Physical Education).
2. A student must secure during the last marking period preceding the activity (e.g. second quarter marks and not semester grades determine third quarter eligibility) a passing grade in the equivalent of 4 major subjects. To satisfy this requirement, student must have passed sufficient courses for the marking period which carry credits totaling the equivalent of 4 one-year major English courses. Additionally a student, in order to be eligible for extra-curricular activities, must maintain a 70 average during the last marking period preceding membership in the organization. The average will be calculated using a full-time major subject for which a letter grade is awarded.

REVIEW BOARD PROCEDURES

Those student athletes not meeting the 70 average criteria for eligibility will have their cases reviewed by an Athletic Eligibility Review Board. The members of this board will be the principal, athletic director and one faculty member. A student may indicate that he/she declines to have his/her case reviewed and thereby acknowledges and accepts the ineligible status. In all cases which agree to the review, the board will take the following steps:

1. They may declare the individual ineligible due to substantial academic difficulty. The board will prescribe an action plan for remediation.
2. They may grant a one time WAIVER during any student's high school career due to extreme or extenuating circumstances. The review board, upon confirmation of academic ineligibility, may prescribe a remedial plan and allow the student to play for a probationary period. This plan should specify goals for a period of probation and also dictate requirements that will assist the student to accomplish the goals. A remedial plan might include, but not be limited to, mandatory regular extra help sessions with a specific teacher, regular attendance at peer tutoring, private tutorial sessions, attendance at "coaches study" or attendance at summer school in accordance with MIAA guidelines.

Progress will be reviewed by the board after the probationary period of 2 weeks. At this time the board may:

- A. End the probationary status and institute full eligibility;
 - B. Continue the probationary term maintaining the goals and action plan in effect while allowing the student full eligibility status;
 - C. Withdraw the eligibility status because the remediation plan was not being followed.
3. Those students who transfer into Greenfield High School will be considered eligible for the first quarter in which they are enrolled in the Greenfield Public Schools. After completion of one full quarter, the academic average of 70 will take effect.

PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

All students have the opportunity to try out for the various athletic teams available in the Greenfield School Department's Athletic Program. All potential student-athletes are responsible for completing all necessary paperwork, parent consent form, athletic code and obtaining a physical. No student will be allowed to participate until all forms are completed and in the hands of the coach.

Due to the nature of certain sports, team rosters may be limited. In these cases the coaching staff will use their discretion in final team selection.

CHEMICAL HEALTH RULE

Rule 62.1 Student Eligibility: Chemical Health/Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco

All students must observe sound health and training rules. MIAA Blue Book states: From the earliest fall practice date, to the conclusion of the academic year or final athletic event, a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy/sell or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product, marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance, including e cigarettes. This policy includes products such as “NA or near beer. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the Student’s own use by his/her doctor.”

If a student in violation of this rule is unable to participate in interscholastic sports due to injury, academics, or otherwise, the penalty will not take effect until that student is able to participate again.

Penalties for violation of the above rule:

FIRST VIOLATION: Any activities/athletic member found to be in violation of the above chemical health code by involvement with these items will lose the privilege of participating in 25% of all activity. During Suspension the student must be present at all scheduled activities but not participate. Failure to fulfill the above obligation or if 25% of the activities do not remain, the suspension will carry over to the next quarter.

SECOND & SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS AND MINIMUM PENALTIES: When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contest totaling 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. For the student, these penalties will be determined by the season the violation occurs. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 60% of the season.

Any athlete/activity student suspected of being in violation of the above rule will have an opportunity to be heard before the Principal. During the season of practice or play, a student shall not, regardless of quantity, use or possess any tobacco product.

MINIMUM PENALTIES:

<i>1st Offense - 25%</i>	
<i># of Events / Season</i>	<i># of Events / Penalty</i>
<i>1-7</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>8-11</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>12-15</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>16-19</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>20 or over</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>2nd Offense - 60%</i>	
<i># of Events / Season</i>	<i># of Events / Penalty</i>
<i>1-3</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>5-6</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>7-8</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>10-11</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>12-13</i>	<i>7</i>

14	8
15-16	9
17-18	10
19	11
20 or over	12

2nd Offense w/Dependency Program - 40% if in the program throughout the penalty period.

<i># of Events / Season</i>	<i># of Events / Penalty</i>
1-4	1
5-7	2
8-9	3
10-12	4
13-14	5
15-17	6
18-19	7
20 or over	8

If after the second or subsequent violations the student of his/her own volition becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MIAA activities after a minimum of 40% of events. The director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center must issue such certification. All decimal part of event will be truncated i.e. All fractional part of an event will be dropped when calculating the 40% of the season.

HAZING

Chapter 269 of the General Laws prohibits hazing in any forms. Hazing is defined in a copy of the law that is given to every participant and your signature indicates your acceptance and understanding of the provisions of the law.

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ATHLETE NOT RETURNING HOME ON THE TEAM BUS AFTER AWAY GAME:

- A. Student brings note from parent/guardian with whom student lives to School Administrator for signed permission.
- B. School Administrator signs note and student brings note to coach.
- C. Coach brings note back to Main Office day after game.

NCAA ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

STUDENT-ATHLETES INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A COLLEGE DIVISION I OR II ATHLETIC PROGRAM MUST MAKE SURE THAT THEY FULFILL ALL NCAA ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

Each student must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse to establish core academic requirements and test scores achieved during high school. Failure to meet these standards may result in loss of eligibility. Registration forms are available in the guidance office. If further information is needed, you should contact your guidance counselor or coach.

PERMISSION TO COMPETE:

1. I realize that my son/daughter may engage in this sport only if he/she is eligible according to the Rules of Eligibility for Interscholastic Athletic Competition for Massachusetts.
2. I will not hold the School Department responsible in the event of accidental injury while he/she is engaged in this sport.

3. My son/daughter is covered under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield certificate # _____

My son/daughter is covered under certificate # _____ of _____
(Insurance Co. Name)

My son/daughter is covered under the current offered School Insurance Plan.

_____ SCHOOL TIME PLAN _____ 24 HOUR/12 MONTH PLAN

_____ has my permission to try out and compete in _____
(Sport)

My son/daughter and I hereby certify that we have read and understand the rules listed in the **STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE, CONCUSSION POLICY and HAZING POLICY.**

(Student Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

I hereby apply for the privilege of trying out for the _____ team in the _____
school year. (Name of Sport)

I realize my responsibilities if I try out for the above named sport. I will govern myself so that my association with the sport will bring honor to it and to the school, and I will withdraw from the team if I do not. I further agree to abide by all the rules and regulations established by the school administration, the MIAA, and those established by the coach.

Date

Student's Signature

The Greenfield School Departments will make arrangements yearly with an insurance company to cover all athletes. It is also recommended that all students be covered by a family insurance plan or an additional school insurance plan that can be purchased at the student's expense. Two plans will be available; one will be the "SCHOOL TIME PLAN" and one will be the "24 HOUR/12 MONTH PLAN". The cost and benefits offered under each plan will be announced at the beginning of each school year.