

Northshore School District

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

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INSTRUCTION

Interscholastic Athletics and Activities

The following procedures shall be used to carry out the district's policy regarding WIAA interscholastic athletics and activities. This includes WIAA sanctioned athletics and activities, KingCo athletics, and non-WIAA sports. The principal shall be responsible for administering the interscholastic athletic and activity program in the school. All ASB procedures and guidelines must be followed.

Safety guidelines shall be established for each sport (see Director of Athletics for guidelines) in order to protect the student and others from injury and/or illness as a result of participation in the sport. Each participant will be expected to acknowledge understanding of the risk of injury arising from participation in the sport and of these guidelines and give assurance that the instruction and directions/standards of the coach will be followed.

Annually, the schools will distribute a head injury and concussion information sheet to all parents and guardians of student participants in competitive sport activities. The parent/guardian and student must return a signed acknowledgement indicating that they have reviewed and understand the information provided before the student participates in any sport activity. Until this acknowledgement form is returned and on file with the school, the student may not practice or compete.

WIAA Sanctioned Interscholastic Athletics and Activities

The interscholastic athletic and activities program shall adhere to the rules and regulations outlined in the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Handbook.

The Athletic Eligibility Card (District Form 2151 F-1) and Physical Status Report (District Form 2151 F-2) will provide assurance that the student is eligible for participation in interscholastic sports.

The Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association Coaching Standards provide the requirements for appropriate preparation for a coaching assignment. Section 23.0 of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Handbook outlines the progressive levels of coaching standards. Qualifications and responsibilities for a coaching position are described in Addendum A-10 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Northshore School District and Northshore Education Association in the "Perspectives on Coaching Positions."

Parents will complete the online athletic emergency information form to authorize procedures in case of the need for emergency treatment.

Students participating in interscholastic athletics and activities shall follow the conduct rules of the Student Athletic Code. The student and parent will provide assurance and acknowledgement of their understanding of these regulations.

Rules and procedures for out-of-school and/or out-of-season student sports participation shall conform to WIAA rules outlined in the *Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Handbook*.

Non-WIAA Sports

Students who participate in approved non-WIAA sports must be residents of the Northshore School District and must participate in their home school.

Non-WIAA sports must designate a season for participation and competition.

In order to be approved by the district, non-WIAA sports must meet the following conditions:

1. Parents and/or participants provide the funds to pay for coaches' salaries, equipment (including helmets, helmet inspections and reconditioning, if needed for such sport), mouthpieces, uniforms, pool fees (if applicable), officials' fees, transportation (if necessary), licensed athletic trainers (where required for safety and/or insurance requirements), and site supervision for practice(s) and contests. Funds must be sufficient to cover any pre and post- season costs. Students will not be required to pay the athletic participation fee but will be required to purchase their school's ASB card.
2. Each year the district will provide the groups with a calculation of anticipated costs. Student participation fees will be calculated based on the prior year's participation numbers. Funds for the rental of the pool use must be deposited with the district prior to the payment of each pool invoice. Salaries for coaching staff must be deposited with the district prior to the beginning of the season.
3. Parents/guardians are responsible for securing medical insurance coverage for their student and for any costs of medical treatment that may be incurred as a result of the student's athletic participation. Student insurance coverage will be made available for purchase to parents/guardians through the district's insurance provider.
4. Coaches will be employees of the district, will meet district standards and requirements, and will be paid in accordance with district practices.
5. Athletic directors and principals will oversee and approve the selection, hiring, continuation with district programs and/or recommendation of termination of coaches. All personnel associated with non-WIAA sports must adhere to and conform to the rules that the district has for all of its personnel.
6. Participants on these teams must conform to the rules and regulations for any student who participates in a school sport/activity. This includes, but is not limited to, eligibility for participation and standards for behavior.
7. Athletic Directors will monitor, oversee and approve the operation of these non-WIAA sports programs to ensure that they conform to school and district policy and procedures.
8. WIAA sanctioned interscholastic sports will be given first priority for use of fields and other school facilities. Non-WIAA sports will be given second priority for use of fields and other school facilities during the designated season.
9. Parents will complete the online athletic emergency information form to authorize procedures in case of the need for emergency treatment.

10. Students participating in interscholastic athletics and activities shall follow the conduct rules of the Student Athletic Code. The student and parent will provide assurance and acknowledgement of their understanding of these regulations.

Procedures for summer or out-of-season clinics or sports camps are outlined in the Summer Camp Program Guidelines available from the Support Services Department or the Director of Student Services, Athletics/Activities.

For non-district-sponsored activities, a school staff member who sponsors, promotes, or directs activities during a vacation period or during the summer shall clearly indicate that he/she is operating independently of the school district. As such, the school district shall be free of liability associated with the activity.

For non-district-sponsored activities, school facilities to be used for summer activity and/or sports camps may be rented consistent with the rates, rules and regulations applicable for district facility use. A facility user shall hold the district free and without harm from any loss or damage, liability or expense that may arise during or be caused in any way from such use of school facilities. Authorization for the use of school facilities shall not be considered an endorsement of or approval of the activity, group or organization nor for the purpose it represents.

The district will comply with RCW 28A.640 concerning the prevention of sex discrimination by conducting a survey once every three years to assess the needs and desires of both boys' and girls' interscholastic athletics and activities programs.

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