

**FRANKLIN LOCAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**Student  
Athletic Policy**

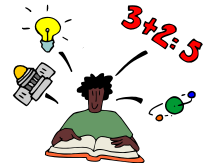
**2017-2018**

## **PHILOSOPHY**

1. The total athletic program is an integral part of the entire educational program at Franklin Local. We believe there are substantial educational advantages from a soundly conceived and executed program for the players, the student body, and the community.
2. A profitable experience can be gained through athletic participation. The values to the participants are very life adjusting. Rigorous competition provides students the opportunity to develop ideas, fair play, good health, achievement, initiative, and emotional control.
3. We, in Franklin Local, believe the game exists for the student....never the student for the game.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide a program that will be available to all boys and girls where competition can be found and skilled and interested people are sufficient.
2. To provide an interscholastic athletic program with emphasis on good and proper sportsmanship.
3. To provide an interscholastic program to develop skills, moral qualities, social development, and emotional maturity.
4. To comply with all rules and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.



## **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT**

Requirements for participation in Philo High School and Philo Junior High School athletics:

1. A physical examination completed by a doctor
2. School insurance or athletic waiver (At Risk form) signed by parent/guardian.
3. Emergency medical form on file with the athletic director, copy of which is to be carried by the coach to all away contests
4. Meet all requirements of the OHSAA, Philo High School and Philo Junior High eligibility requirements.
5. Parent/guardian and student-athlete sign agreement to abide by the Franklin Local School District Student Athletic Code
6. Parent/guardian signed agreement to abide by the student-athlete's parent pledge.
7. Parent/guardian and student-athlete signed Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet

**8. Parent/guardian and student athlete sign the sudden cardiac arrest information form.**

**9. Cheerleading: Initial Requirements for Try-Outs**

Cheerleaders will be selected in the spring to represent the school the following school year. Candidates will be given the opportunity to try out for one or both sport seasons. Candidates must meet the requirements established by the coach(s) for the clinic and tryout sessions. Requirements must include the following:

- a. Parental permission must be turned in prior to tryouts.
- b. Sports preference form must be turned in prior to tryouts.
- c. Candidate meets attendance requirements for the clinic sessions.
- d. Candidate turns in form acknowledging her acceptance of the established cheerleading policy.
- e. Upon selection as cheerleader, candidate will be required to obtain a physical examination for the following school year.
- f. Candidates must be enrolled at the time of tryouts

**10. Cheerleading Squad Membership**

Cheerleading candidates will have the option of trying out for one or both seasons (football and basketball)

- a) 8 Cheerleaders will be chosen for varsity. Grades 9-12
- b) 8 Cheerleaders will be chosen for junior varsity. Grades 9-11
- c) 6 Cheerleaders will be chosen for the freshman squad. Grade 9 only.
  - i. A freshman squad will only be formed after the JV squad has been filled.
- d) Junior High squad- 6 seventh grade members. 6 eight grade members

**Eligibility requirements for Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities**

Eligibility will be based on the policy that was established during the 1998-99 school year. At that time, a G.P.A. requirement was added. At the end of each grading period, student eligibility will be determined by the following guidelines:

1. OHSAA recruitments for passing classes leading to five credits which could lead to graduation for the grading period, and must maintain a 1.3 G.P.A. (Block scheduling students must pass 2 1/2 credits each grading period.)
2. Students receiving a letter grade of F, even though they have a G.P.A. of 1.3 or higher, will be placed on probation until the Interim date. At the end of the probationary period the student must be passing all classes at the Interim date. If not, the student will be declared ineligible and removed from competition for the remainder of the grading period.
3. Students in junior high must pass five classes to be eligible during the next grading period.
4. Eligibility will be established as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks, based on previous year's last nine weeks' grades (Freshmen will be based on junior high requirements.)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks will be based on the 1<sup>st</sup> grading period.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks will be based on 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks, and so on.

## **Transportation**

1. All transportation arrangements are to be handled by the Athletic Director.
2. Athletes are not to drive to an event in their vehicle unless preapproved by the athletic director and or principal due to special circumstances.
3. All team members must travel to and from the athletic contest with the coach. School buses will be used for most trips. No athlete will be permitted to drive or ride with others unless they have written permission from the parents and is approved by the Athletic Director and or the Principal. Under certain circumstances, and with prior approval from the Coach or Athletic Director, an athlete may return home with his/her parents. Parents/guardians or their designees must sign out their son/daughter with the coach prior to leaving the event.

## **Inclement Weather Athletic Policy**

As the winter season continues, so does the chance for inclement weather. The general policy for athletic practice and/or games is as follows:

- 1) If school is cancelled, all middle school and freshman practices and/or games are cancelled for the day.
- 2) Reserve/varsity level games **may** be held following contact with proper authorities. Freshman basketball games may be played if they are played in conjunction with the reserve/varsity level games (tripleheader). The decision will be administrative and will be made as close to 12 o'clock as possible. Practices will only occur at the reserve/varsity level between the hours of 2 pm to 4 pm and, may be cancelled if weather conditions deteriorate throughout the day.
- 3) On early dismissal situations due to inclement weather, all middle school and freshman games and/or practices are cancelled.
- 4) Reserve/varsity level games and/or practices will be decided on individual team-by-team basis. All practices are not mandatory. All athletes are advised to listen to end of day announcements for future practice/game scheduled.



## **LOST OR DAMAGED EQUIPMENT**

An athlete assumes the responsibility of returning issued equipment in reasonably good condition upon request by the coach. The following procedures can be put into effect should the equipment not be returned.

1. A bill from either the coach or athletic director will be presented to the student and/or parents/guardians.
2. Athletes owing money or equipment may not be issued equipment in other sports until the obligation is paid.
3. Their name will be placed on the obligation list in the school office. Unpaid bills could prevent the athlete from receiving a diploma.
4. Athletic awards/letters earned by the athlete could be withheld until the obligation is paid.



## UNIFORM POLICY

This policy will apply to all equipment and cloth that is purchased through the athletic department for the purpose of providing team members with safe and good-looking uniforms. Equipment and cloth purchased by the athletic department becomes the property of the school district and not the individuals who wear the uniforms.

### Guidelines:

1. Equipment should be well maintained and the uniforms should be cleaned after every game.
2. Uniforms are to be worn for practice and games only! They are not to be worn in public as classroom situations such as Fitness and Physical Education.
3. Uniforms are for the players, not for members of the student body.
4. They should be returned to the coaches within two week after the last game.
5. All coaches will have a uniform sign out list, of their own design.
6. Athletes will be responsible for their uniforms. This also includes warm-ups, travel bags, shooting shirts, etc.
7. Athletes whose uniforms are stolen, lost, or damaged due to misuse, will be required to pay for the uniform at replacement cost.
8. Athletes who would like to use their uniforms for senior pictures must receive permission from the head coach and athletic director.

## ATHLETIC CODE

Participation in athletics is a privilege given to all students from grades seven through twelve in Franklin Local School District. Athletes can lose this privilege by violating a code developed to protect their health and safety. Violations of the code may be detected by any coach, school administrator, teacher or law enforcement person. The Athletic Code will be enforced twelve months a year.

All athletes, accompanied by at least one parent or guardian, must attend a school sponsored athletic meeting. This meeting, conducted by the coaches, shall review athletic policies. All parents/guardians and athletes will be asked to sign an agreement at this meeting certifying that they understand and will abide by the Franklin Local Athletic Code.

A student becomes an athlete the first day of mandatory practice as designated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for each sport. The student must meet all requirements and participate in practice to be considered an athlete. If a student does not participate in any sport for one calendar year from the date of their last participation (date of quitting/last game), they would not be considered an athlete.

**Rule A:** The use of and/or possession of alcohol and drugs in any form is prohibited.

**1st violation** - removal from any competition for 40% of regularly scheduled contests. If within the last six weeks of a sport, the removal time will carry over to the sport in which he/she next competes. If within the last six weeks of school or summer, the removal will carry over to the first six weeks of a new school year. If the student/athlete is not a squad member at time of violation, the removal will begin with the next competing sport. The athlete may practice with the team under 1st violation. If the student athlete agrees to attend an approved counseling program, the removal time will be reduced to 20% of regularly scheduled contests. The student

athlete must complete the counseling. If not completed, he/she will be removed for additional 20% of contests with a carry-over to the next sport he/she competes.

**2nd violation** - the removal from all sports for 1 calendar year from time of infraction with further counseling recommended. The student athlete may not practice under 2nd violation.

**3rd violation** - Removal from all sports for duration of high school career at Philo High School.

**Rule B:** The use of and/or possession of tobacco in any form is prohibited.

**1st violation** - removal from any competition for 20% of regularly scheduled contests.\* The removal time may be reduced to 10% of regularly scheduled contests if student athlete agrees to attend an approved counseling program. Completion and time of occurrence will be the same as Rule A.

**2nd violation** - Removal is for 40% of regularly scheduled contests with reduction to 20% with attending and completing an approved counseling program.

**3rd violation** - Removal from all sports for 1 calendar year from time of infraction with further counseling recommended. The student athlete may not practice under 3rd violation.

**4th violation** - Removal from all sports for duration of high school career at Philo High School.

**Rule C:** Possession, eye witness, actions and odor are methods of detection.

**Rule D:** Violations may be detected by any coach, school administrator, teacher or law enforcement person.

**Rule E:** A self-referral program is in affect with item (A). The student/athlete may self-refer himself/herself to an athletic director, principal, assistant principal, guidance counselor, or coach. The student/athlete can be referred to the guidance department of P.H.S. for the proper help. The P.H.S. guidance department has an approved abuse program. Removal will not occur, however, any further violation will carry the 1st violation penalty.

**Rule F:** A student athlete shall not cause willful damage or attempt to take into possession the public property, the equipment of any school district, the personal property of another student, teacher, visitor or employee of Franklin Local.

**Violation** - Removal follows Rule A.

**Rule G:** A student athlete removed or expelled from school for violation of the student Code of Conduct is automatically removed from all school activities. Game suspensions for violations do not start until the student returns from school suspension.

**Rule H:** Any student athlete who has been removed or quits a team he/she will not be permitted to practice or use any school facility (**weight room, practice fields or athletic equipment**) in any other sport effective with the first regularly scheduled contest through the end of regular season play.

**Rule I:** Any equipment issued to an athlete must be turned in at conclusion of the season. This equipment is due within 2 weeks.

**Violation** - will not be permitted to compete in another sport until all outstanding equipment is returned or paid for at new replacement cost. No athletic department awards will be given until all equipment is returned.

**Rule J:** You must receive permission by the administration to play or practice if you miss any part of the school day for reasons other than doctor, dentist or legal. When you arrive, discuss this with the principal, assistant principal, or athletic director, who will approve or disapprove.

**Rule K:** Code violations will not carry over from 7th and 8th grade to the 9th.

**Rule L:** All students on an athletic squad must meet all OHSAA enrollment and attendance bylaws to participate in athletics.

**Rule M:** Athletes must follow team rules established by the coach.

**Rule N:** Situations not mentioned above will be handled by the coach of the team and athletic director and could be referred to the principal. The athletic department retains the right to reprimand any athlete for attitudinal reasons or any other cause which would reflect unfavorably on the Franklin Local School District, its athletes, academics, faculty or administration. The maximum penalty that shall be imposed is exclusion from participation in co-curricular activities for one year from the date of occurrence. Due process shall be followed.

**Rule O-** For a suspension from a sport for Rule A or B violations, the athlete must complete the sport season in which the suspension occurred in good standing for the suspension requirement to be considered completed. If an athlete is removed from or quits the team before the season is complete and a suspension has been served during that season, the suspension requirement must be completed during the next sport the athlete competes.

**Rule P-** For a suspension from a sport for Rule A or B violations, the athlete must be academically eligible to participate in a sport for the suspension to occur during a sport season.

\*Regularly scheduled contests are defined as those contests or games that affect the win loss record for that sport or sports.

## **REMOVAL PROCEDURE**

- A. The recommended removal comes from the head coach, athletic director or administrator.
- B. The athlete is to be informed in writing of the reasons for the removal by the athletic director.
- C. The athlete has the right to appeal his/her removal to the athletic director.
- D. Final Appeal - The athlete has the right to appeal to the building principal, whose decision will be final.
- E. The coach has the right to temporarily remove an athlete from competition for violation of team rules.

Sample removal letter:



**PHILO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE TO PUPIL OF INTENDED REMOVAL FROM SPORTS**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

You are hereby advised that you may be removed from

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for the following reasons:

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Removal could possibly be for a period beginning:

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You will have the opportunity for an informal hearing before me to ask questions, tell me your side of this incident, question my reasons for the possible removal and explain what you did or what happened.

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Athletic Director

I have received a copy of this notice of possible removal.

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Student

**For eighteen (18) year old students ONLY.**

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Student



## **ATHLETIC TICKET POLICIES**

1. Athletic admission fees are determined by the Board of Education each spring. Admission fees will be advertised at a later date.
2. Student athlete admission rules
  - A. Varsity squad members can attend home games in his/her sport at no cost.
  - B. Freshmen team members will be given, in their sport, a pass to be honored at the gate for the varsity home games.
  - C. Junior high athletes must pay to attend a high school sport unless prior arrangements or special nights are created.
  - D. When a varsity, reserve, or freshmen athlete attends another sport, he/she must pay the prevailing rate.

## **ATHLETIC AWARD SYSTEM**

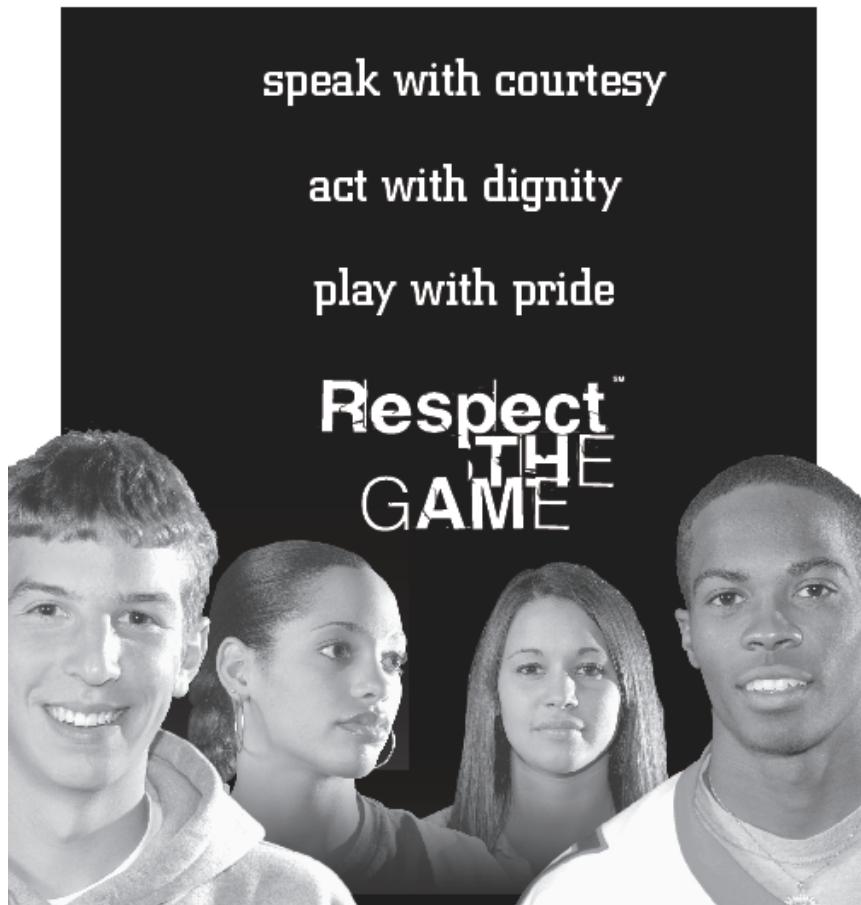
1. Minimum requirements for earning a Varsity letter:
  - Baseball - 50% of innings played, Pitchers - 25% of total innings
  - Basketball - 1/2 of total quarters
  - Cross Country - 1/2 the meets, plus accumulate 16 pts. or score in district meet
  - Football - 1/2 quarter
  - Golf - 1/2 of total matches plus 8 team points
  - Soccer - 1/2 of total halves
  - Softball - 1/2 of total innings played, Pitchers - 25% of total innings
  - Track - 1/2 of total plus 16 pts. (2 miles - 8 pts.) or score in District meet
  - Volleyball - 1/2 of total
  - Wrestling - Participate in 1/2 of total meets or win in the sectional tournament
  - Cheerleading- To receive a varsity letter, the varsity cheerleader must cheer at 90% of the varsity games. Varsity home football games are mandatory for Junior Varsity cheerleaders, but do not count toward a Varsity letter.
2. Seniors are awarded a letter if they participate in a sport for 3 successive years.
3. Managers and trainers are awarded a letter if they manage or train for one season of a varsity sport.
4. Statisticians are awarded a letter if they keep statistics for two successive years in a varsity sport.
5. Method of Awarding
  - a. Freshmen team member - Certificate
  - b. Reserve team member - Certificate
  - c. First year - Varsity "P" - Swiss emblem
  - d. Second year - 2nd year certificate - Swiss emblem
  - e. Third year - Plaque - Swiss emblem
  - f. Fourth year - Plaque - Swiss emblemAll awards are based on high school participation.
6. Cheerleading awards will be awarded at the conclusion of fall and winter sports seasons. Cheerleaders may participate in other varsity sports with both coaches' consent.
7. Special Awards - 6" plaques

8. Head coach will select special awards that must be approved by the athletic director.

If an athlete fails to meet the minimum participation requirements, the head coach has the right to recommend a letter. The coach and the athletic director must review the recommendation.

Prior to awards night the athlete may be excused by the principal or athletic director.

# Every Moment is a Chance for Greatness



  OHSAA and Waste Management Ask That You Respect the Game

