

## **Interscholastic Eligibility**

Because of the unique position of leadership accorded athletes by their participation in sports, they are expected, as representatives of the school and the community, to adhere to the following code:

- Athletes must maintain a high moral character.
- Athletes must at all times accept the responsibility for their conduct.
- Athletes failing more than one class or having a GPA of less than 2.0 during the previous quarter will be academically ineligible for the next nine-week grading period. Athletes receiving an “F” will be placed on academic probation for the next nine-week grading period, during which time weekly grade checks will be reported. To become eligible at the nine-week grading period, athletes that are ineligible or on probation must have a GPA for that quarter at or above 2.0 with no more than one “F”. However, the “F” may not be in the class the athlete was put on probation for or they will be declared ineligible. The above requirements apply uniformly to athletes and cheerleaders in grades nine through twelve.
- Athletes in Jr. High will observe the same academic eligibility requirements as high school athletes with the following exceptions: Eligibility will be determined based on the quarter grades prior to the start of each sport. Probationary status will also be determined by quarter grades.
- An athlete who is taken to court for any reason, except traffic violations, and found guilty by a judge will forfeit his/her right to participate in athletics for a period of ninety school days following his/her conviction.
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- An athlete is responsible for all school-owned equipment he/she is issued. If the equipment is not returned at the end of the sport season or when the athlete stops participating in a sport, he/she may not participate in any sport or receive athletic honors or awards until he/she has returned or paid for the equipment.

- An athlete must be in attendance all day on the day of an event and/or practice, unless he/she has the administrator and coach's approval to be absent.
- An athlete must attend practice unless excused due to doctor's orders, or he/she has permission from the coach.
- Personal grooming standards will be determined by the coaches concerned.
- Suspension from school is automatic exclusion from the team for the period of that school suspension.
- All participants of athletics are expected to observe general rules of good health.
- A sports season is defined as starting the day a coach holds his/her first organizational practice for that sport and lasts until the team returns to school following its last game of the season. This applies to athletes who do not attend the organizational meeting.
- All violations of this code will be handled by the coach on an individual basis. All incidents, not normally handled in a classroom situation, should be discussed with the principal prior to imposing punishment and/or restrictions.
- All students connected with athletics are expected to follow the above policies. This includes managers, statisticians, and cheerleaders.
- All athletes must abide by the requirements set by the Idaho High School Interscholastic Association.

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