

Mary Walker School District

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION CODE

I. Reference

- A. This code pertains to all athletic participants and cheerleaders.
- B. All participants must meet appropriate W.I.A.A. guidelines.
- C. All participants must meet appropriate School District guidelines.

II. Effective Date

- A. The following minimum guidelines are effective the first day of practice.

III. Participation Requirements

- A. Does not apply to non-athletic Activities.
- B. Before participating all participants must have:
 - 1. A current physical examination on file. A physical examination lasts for two years.
 - 2. Either accident insurance offered through the school, or an insurance waiver on file documenting that the parents have adequate private insurance and assume the responsibility of insurance coverage.
 - 3. Consent for treatment form completed and on file.
 - 4. Safety Guidelines signed and on file in the high school office.
 - 5. Purchase an ASB card before participating in any contest.

IV. Responsibilities

- A. Although interscholastic activities are voluntary, those participating do represent their student bodies and communities. Therefore, standards including academic requirements, citizenship, conduct, and loyalty must be maintained at a level in accordance with Activities Code and Team Training Rules.

V. Attendance-School-Practice

- A. Activities participants must be in attendance for a full day on the day of a contest to be eligible to participate.
- B. Participation on a non-school day after the previous day's absence will be with parent approval subject to the discretion of the coach.
- C. It is strongly recommended and desired that participants attend school all day, everyday. If a student is not in school the second half of the activities day, he/she will not be eligible to attend practice that day. If a student has an unexcused absence for any portion of a non-activity day, he/she will not be eligible to practice that day.
- D. First loss of practice due to C (above) will result in ineligibility for the next scheduled contest at the appropriate level. Second loss of practice will result in being removed from the team subject to a hearing with the coach. Denial of reinstatement by the coach or a third unexcused miss would result in removal from the team.
- E. Exceptions may be made exclusively by the principal or his/her designee in emergency and prior approval situations.
- F. Participation in practice is important. Students who miss practice with an unexcused absence will not be eligible for the next contest. Students who miss a second practice with an unexcused absence will have a hearing with the coach. Denial of reinstatement by the coach or a third unexcused absence will result in removal from the team.

VI. Use of Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco

- A. Students participating in athletics will not attend peer parties where alcohol and or drugs are present or are being used. Any athlete possessing, selling, and/or using tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

First Violation:

A participant shall be immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the current interscholastic sports program for the remainder of the season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next sports season, the student athlete shall meet with the school eligibility board consisting of coaches and administrators selected by the principal, to request approval to participate. The school eligibility board will recommend to the principal appropriate action to be taken in the student athletes case. The school principal shall have the final authority as to the student athlete's participation in the interscholastic sports program. A participant who seeks and receives help for a problem with use of drugs or controlled substances and controlled substances analogs shall be given the opportunity for assistance through the school and/or community agencies. In no instance shall participation in a school and/or community approved assistance program excuse a student athlete from subsequent compliance with this regulation. However, successful utilization of such an opportunity or compliance with athletic code by the student athlete may allow him/her to have eligibility re-instated in the athletic program, pending recommendation by the school eligibility authority.

Second Violation:

A participant who again violates any provision shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

Third Violation:

- A participant who violates for a third time shall be permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.
- B. These violations are ongoing. An athlete does not start over with the first violation at the start of each year.
 - C. A participant who receives a second violation for tobacco use may appeal the violation once, if the following criteria are met; must serve fifty percent of the suspension, forty hours of community service (needs to be documented), and documentation of four counseling sessions (in-house or private)
 - D. **Violations can be reported in the following ways: self-reported, coach/faculty reported, police reported, or by parent of their own child.**

VII. Academic Eligibility

- A. In addition to the W.I.A.A. requirements, student athletes at Mary Walker High School must meet these requirements:
- B. Mary Walker student athletes are expected to conduct themselves at a higher standard; we require them to agree to the following rules and policies of the school, classroom and community.
- C. Students must be passing 6 out of 7 classes and maintain a 2.0 G.P.A.
- D. Student athletes may be classified as eligible, probationary, or ineligible. Every Monday teachers will enter each athletes grade into the Skyward program. The grades will then be reviewed by the appropriate staff members. A list of probationary and ineligible students will be distributed to the teachers and coaches Monday afternoon. The student athlete will be notified by their coach regarding their status.
- E. Students on probation (probation is a warning) can practice and compete, but students who are ineligible (ineligible is a punishment) can only practice and may not compete. Once a student works up to a passing grade in the class that they were not passing, it is their responsibility to get a note from that teacher and present it to the coach in order to be eligible.

VIII. Transportation

- A. Transportation to and from off-site extracurricular activities shall occur in the manner approved by the principal or coach supervising the activities.
- B. All participants are to be transported in the vehicles specifically provided for the travel provided only that upon personal request by the parent/guardian to the coach/advisor of the activity, this requirement may be waved to allow the participant to travel with his/her parent/guardian only in special situations.
- C. Each team member will remain with the team and under the supervision of the coach(s) or advisor(s) when attending off-site activities
- D. An exception to the above (B&C) may be granted by the principal with the approval of the parent and/or guardian.
- E. Each team member, while traveling to and from athletic contests or activities, will obey all school bus regulations.

IX. Training Rules

- A. Participants must meet requirements and abide by the training rules set by each coach. These rules will be approved by the Activities Director and the principal.

X. Lettering

- A. Criteria for lettering will be set by the coach. These criteria will be approved by the Activities Director and the principal.
- B. An athlete must finish the season in good standing to receive a letter or certificate.

XI. Transfer/Disciplinary Removal

- A. Participants may transfer from sport to sport until the 1st contest of each sport.
- B. Participants can be dismissed from participation if due process is followed.
- C. Students have a right to grieve an sanction to the Activates Board of Control.
- D. A participant dismissed from a team for disciplinary reasons will be excluded from participating in any other sports for the remainder of that sport season.
- E. A participant who is dismissed for disciplinary reasons a second time will be excluded for participation in any sport until the completion of the subsequent sport season.
- F. A participant who is dismissed for disciplinary reasons a third time shall be excluded from participation as long as the student is enrolled in the Mary Walker School District.

XII. Other/Appeals

- A. If an offense or problem occurs which is not specifically governed in this code, appropriate sanctions will be assigned by the principal.
- B. **Suspensions may be appealed to The Activities Board of Control.**

During the appeal procedures, the suspension shall remain in place until other otherwise directed.

The Activities Board of Control is responsible for hearing and ruling on appeals.

Composition of the Activities Board of Control –Principal, Athletic Director, two coaches from different sports, a community member, an ASB Representative and the School Board Member that is the representative to the WIAA.

*Parent/Guardian—Please keep the above Activities Participation Code for future reference.

Please sign and return this page to the High School Office.

Activities Participation Code
2014-2015 Sports Season

I, the Parent/Guardian of _____ have read the attached Activities Participation Code.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I, the student, have read and agree to abide by the terms of the Mary Walker Activities Participation Code.

Date: _____ Student's Signature: _____