

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC POLICY

2008-2009

1. Eligibility Requirements

1.1. Athletes must have passed at least five subjects of unit weight the previous semester.

1.2. Athletes must have on file a physical examination by a licensed physician before attending or participating in any practice.

1.3. Athletes must have written approval from their parents or legal guardian.

1.4. Athletes must meet all KSHSAA eligibility criteria.

2. Equipment

2.1. No athlete will be able to check out equipment or attend practice until all equipment from the last sporting activity is checked in to the head coaches.

2.2. The athlete must reimburse the school for any equipment that is not returned.

2.3. Any equipment not issued by the school must be furnished by the athlete. The head coach will provide a list of what is to be obtained.

2.4. Equipment is to be taken care of properly. Abuse of the equipment or facilities will mean suspension or dismissal from the team.

3. School Attendance

3.1. Students suspended from school, "in school" or "out of school" cannot participate in practice or contest until they are eligible to return to school.

3.2. Athletes must attend the entire school day to be eligible to participate in a contest that day unless previously excused by the principal. Only parents or guardians can arrange such excuses.

3.3. An athlete must be in class by 10:00am to be eligible for practice. Any doctor note or funeral will exclude the 10:00am time. An athlete may not participate in any events the day following an unexcused absence from practice. Coaches will require additional work for missed practices.

3.4. No athlete can take part in practice if absent from school that day unless previously excused by the principal or the head coach.

3.5. No activity participant can compete in Saturday competition unless they are in school the day prior to the event unless they are previously excused by the principal.

4. Appearance

4.1. Athletes are school representatives and should dress appropriately for home and away contests. Appropriate dress will be determined by each head coach for their individual sport.

4.2. Jewelry or head bands are not worn during practice or contest.

4.3. Hair should be neat, clean, and well groomed. Coaches have the right to set additional appearance policies.

5. Behavior

5.1. Athletes will abide by Board of Education and KSHSAA rules and policies.

5.2. Team members will sit together at all contests

5.3. Athletes using or possessing tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs on school grounds or at school activities will be disciplined according to current Board of Education policy.

5.4. Athletes who are convicted of, or who admit guilt to possession of illegal substances away from school grounds or school activities will be disciplined according to coaches set rules.

5.5. Coaches maintain the right to add additional drug, alcohol, and tobacco procedures to their specific team rules.

6. Transportation

6.1. Athletes are expected to provide their own means of transportation to and from home contests. If an athlete has no means of transportation, please inform the head coach ahead of time so arrangements can be made.

6.2. All athletes are to ride the team bus both ways for all away contests. For any exception, the parent must provide the coach or administration a written note prior to the contest.

6.3. An activity bus will be provided after practice.

7. Size of Team

7.1. Any student at Northeast High School may go out for athletics if the student meets the eligibility requirements.

7.2. The head coach has the right to eliminate some athletes if the number is too great for the facilities.

7.3 The head coach has the right to eliminate athletes for violation of team rules and/or conduct as stated in the head coach's team rules.

8. Lettering

8.1. Lettering by each sport as follows:

- A. Football – the athlete must participate in a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the quarters of varsity contests.
- B. Volleyball – the athlete must participate in a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the games of varsity contests.
- C. Basketball – the athlete must participate in a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ of the quarters of varsity contests.
- D. Baseball – the athlete must participate in a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ the innings played of varsity contest during the regular season.
- E. Softball – the athlete must participate in a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ the innings played of varsity contests during the regular season.
- F. Golf – the athletes must have one of the top four scores in $\frac{1}{4}$ of the tournaments in which the team participates or the athlete qualifies for the state tournament.
- G. Track and Field – the athlete must have at least a 3rd place finish or accumulate 6 points in varsity track meets having five or more teams or score in the league meet.
- H. Cross Country – the athlete must medal in a varsity meet.

8.2. The head coach will award a letter to a senior providing he/she has not received a letter previously and has participated in two complete seasons of that sport.

8.3. An athlete who was injured during the season may receive a letter if the athlete would have met the criteria for lettering.

8.4. Any athlete who quits the team or is dismissed from the team before the completion of the season forfeits his/her rights to a letter. The season is completed after the team's last game and the equipment is turned in to the head coach.

8.5. Managers will letter after completing two seasons as a manager. The seasons need not be in the same sport.

9. Additional Procedures

9.1. Coaches reserve the right to add additional team rules (approved by school administration) for their specific sport which will be followed as athletic policy.

9.2. Any of the above requirements may be altered or eliminated if deemed necessary with approval by the administration and Board of Education if valid reasons for the change are presented.