

## **7000 - Athletics**

All students who plan to participate in any sport must have a physical examination prior to participating in practice.

## **7100 – Activity Policy**

### 1. Eligibility Requirements

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

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

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

1.4 Activity participants must meet all KSHSAA eligibility criteria.

### 2. Equipment

2.1 No student 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 student 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 activity participant. The coach or sponsor 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 activity participant must be in school by 10:00 to be eligible to practice. Any doctor note or funeral will exclude the 10:00 AM time. The principal may authorize an exception to this policy on a case by case basis. Only parents or guardians may negotiate such exceptions with the principal

3.4 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 Students 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 contests.

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

#### 5. Behavior

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

5.2 Team members will sit together at all contests.

5.3 Activity participants under suspension are not eligible to practice or participate in any contests.

5.4 Activity participants 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.

5.5 Activity participants 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 current Board of Education policy.

#### 6. Transportation

6.1 Activity participants are expected to provide their own means of transportation to and from home contests. If a student has no means of transportation, please inform the sponsor or coach ahead of time so arrangements can be made.

6.2 All activity participants are to ride the bus both ways for all away contests. For any exception, the parent must provide the coach, sponsor 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 or sponsor has the right to eliminate some students if the number is too great for the facilities.

## 8. Lettering

### 8.1 Lettering by each sport as follows:

- . Football – the athlete must participate in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the quarters of varsity contests
- . Volleyball – the athlete must participate in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the games of varsity contests
- . Basketball – the athlete must participate in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the quarters of varsity contests
- . Baseball – the athlete must participate in a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  the innings played of varsity contests during the regular season
- . Softball – the athlete must participate in a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  the innings played of varsity contests during the regular season
- . Golf – the athlete must have one of the top four scores in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the tournaments in which the team participates or the athlete qualify for the state tournament
- . Track – the athlete must have at least a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish or accumulate 6 points in varsity track meets having five or more teams or score in the league 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, at the coach's discretion

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.

Any of the requirements and regulations may be altered or eliminated if deemed necessary by the coaches and approved by the administration and Board of Education if valid reasons for the change are presented.