

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Galion High School offers many opportunities for students with special interests or talents to participate in a variety of activities. Many clubs and organizations will enhance the development of leadership, scholarship, and social skills. Students are encouraged to get involved in honorary clubs, athletics, etc. Through the music and drama departments, students may also participate in both school and public activities throughout the year.

GALION BOOSTER CLUB

The Galion Booster Club is a very active organization whose purpose is to promote and advance the interests of all activities beneficial to Galion students. The continued hard work and fund-raising of this organization have supported numerous athletic and academic programs. Galion schools are deeply appreciative to the many parents and friends of the school who have supported our programs thorough the Booster Club.

RANDOM DRUG TESTING

All students wishing to participate in athletics, extracurricular activities, or drive/park on the Galion City School District property will be subject to urine testing for illicit or banned substances as specified in the Procedures for Random Urine Drug Testing of Galion City School District Students. This policy can be found on the Galion City Schools District Website, or a paper copy may be obtained by contacting the Galion High School Office.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT TRAINING RULES

The Galion City School System recognizes the use and abuse of chemicals among students is a serious problem. The use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol has harmful effects on students' mental, physical, and emotional health. Great demands are placed on our youngsters while influences and pressures are constantly present. Galion High School Student Athletes are expected to use good judgment and not attend activities where alcohol and other drugs are present.

The coaches and administration of the Galion City Schools believe certain standards of behavior are important in the development of a sound athletic program. Students who voluntarily participate on an athletic team are expected to accept the responsibilities that accompany this privilege. **Choosing to play is a commitment to obey the rules.**

EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

In addition to guidelines set down by individual coaches/advisors for particular sports/activities, the following are code of conduct rules for all Galion participants in effect 365 days a year:

A. NO SELLING OR DISTRIBUTION of any intoxicants, illegal drugs, or look-alike drugs.

First Offense – The student will be prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities for one calendar year from date of the offense.

Second Offense – The student will be prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities for the remainder of a student's academic career.

- B. NO ATTENDANCE AT GATHERINGS OR PARTIES** with alcohol and/or drugs. Athletes will not attend gatherings or parties with the presence of alcohol and/or drugs. The athlete must make a conscientious effort to leave the party immediately. Remaining at the gathering or party constitutes violation of this rule.
- C. NO POSSESSION, PURCHASE OR USE** of any intoxicants, tobacco, illegal drugs, or non-prescribed drugs. Athletes shall not possess, use, handle, transmit, or conceal alcohol beverages, or look-a-likes, tobacco or tobacco products, narcotics, or drugs, look-alike drugs, or substances which are thought to be drugs, or inferred to be drugs.

Violations of B or C result in the following:

First Offense –

1. A student who is in violation will be prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.
2. If the student who is in violation completes a chemical dependency education course, through a licensed professional not funded by the Galion City Schools, the penalty will be reduced to twenty percent (20%) of that season's contests or next occurring extracurricular athletic activity or season as determined by the principal or athletic director. For example, if the violation occurs the last week of a season or activity, the penalty will continue throughout the existing season and into the next season or activity. The student may participate in practice, but not compete/perform with the team during the suspension. The student will not be allowed to dress, be on the bench, or travel with the team during the suspension.
3. If the student agrees to complete a chemical dependency education course, he/she must submit to the principal or athletic director evidence of successful completion and an ongoing commitment of non-drug/alcohol use.
4. A student who is in violation will not be allowed to serve in any leadership positions for the current or next occurring extracurricular activity or season as determined by the principal or athletic director. He/she may/may not be permitted to attend an awards banquet/ceremony at the discretion of the principal.
5. In case of a self-referral the banquet, recognition and/or award consequence will be waived if the student has attended or shows evidence of plans to attend the course.

Second Offense –

1. A student who is in violation on a second occasion or in combination for a second time will be prohibited from participation in extracurricular athletic activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.
2. If the student agrees to attend a drug/alcohol evaluation and treatment program, through a licensed professional not funded by the Galion City Schools, the penalty will be reduced to a forty percent (40%) suspension from the current or next occurring extracurricular athletic activity or season. After the penalty period, the student may petition, to the principal, for a hearing to return to participation. The student may practice, but will not participate nor travel

with the team or group during the period of the suspension.

3. The student must meet with the principal or athletic director, providing evidence of successful completion (or continued participation) in a licensed professional drug/alcohol rehabilitation or counseling program. Student must re-affirm an ongoing commitment of non-drug/alcohol use.
4. The principal or athletic director will approve or disapprove the petition. The principal or athletic director may condition approval based on further requirements.
5. A student who is in violation will not be allowed to serve in any leadership positions for one year. He/she will not be permitted to attend an awards banquet/ceremony, nor will the student receive any awards, letters or recognition for his/her participation in the current season or next season if not currently participating in an extracurricular athletic activity.
6. The banquet, recognition and and/or award consequence will be waived if the student has attended or shows evidence of plans to attend the assistance program.

Third Offense –

A third violation will result in a permanent suspension from participation in extracurricular athletic activities for the remainder of a student's academic career.

D. SPECIAL NOTES

1. During denial of participation, students may be prohibited from school related activities such as dances, proms, bonfires, etc.
2. This code will be in effect for 365 days a year.
3. Students are under jurisdiction of the general Student Conduct Code as well as the code or regulations of the activity in which they are participating.
4. Denial of participation must be fulfilled during current season; if not, denial will be carried over to ensuing season. This ensuing season must be completed in good standing in order to participate in the next season.
5. Specifics for athletics:
 - a. The Athletic Code of Conduct and applicable OHSAA guidelines are in effect for all Galion athletes 365 days a year for their entire athletic career.
 - b. An athlete is under the jurisdiction of both the Athletic Code 46 of Conduct and the general Student Conduct Code. For example, if an athlete were found smoking in the restroom during the school day, he/she would be removed from the athletic team (per Athletic Code) and he/she would receive Thursday School(s) or Out of School Suspension (per Student Conduct Code). If the athlete were found smoking on Saturday afternoon only the Athletic Code would apply unless the violation occurred during a school sponsored event.
 - c. If an athlete is at an activity that is not in his/her best interest or the best interest of the team, Galion City Schools expects that athlete to leave that activity immediately or as quickly and safely as possible. Examples include but are not limited to attending parties where alcohol is served or present, being present when a crime is being committed, etc.
6. Specifics for band:

- a. A band member is under the jurisdiction of the Extracurricular Code and the General Student Code. Specifics for band are the same as for athletics.
- b. The band season begins with the first rehearsal and ends with last performance.

ATHLETICS

All students are encouraged to become involved in athletic endeavors. We offer sixteen different types of athletic activities. To be an athlete at Galion High School is to accept the added responsibility of representing our school and community at the highest level of honor, integrity, effort and sportsmanship. Your participation in our athletic programs indicates and acceptance of this obligation. We have tremendous PRIDE in our teams and teammates. You must never do anything that would lessen or lower the great PRIDE we have for our school and community.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Galion High School adheres to the eligibility policy established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. In order to be eligible in grades 7-12, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period. During the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent that count toward graduation. A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade meets the same criteria

The eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective. EXCEPTION: Eligibility or ineligibility for the first grading period commences with the start of the fall sports season.

NOTE: An athlete who is ineligible may practice with their team with coach and administration permission, as long as they maintain eligible grades during their period of ineligibility.

Questions regarding eligibility or ineligibility should be directed to the Athletic Director.

ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in athletics (practice/contests) you must have the following on file in the Principal's Office:

- Physical Card (OHSAA)
- Insurance/Insurance Waiver Form
- Signed Athletic Code of Conduct
- Athletic Eligibility Pamphlet (OHSAA)
- Signed Concussion Information Sheet
- Emergency Medical Authorization
- Signed Random Drug Test Form

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN SCHOOL

All athletes involved in disciplinary action in the classroom or school related activities during current sports season where out of school suspension results will be subject to denial of participation for an equal length of time. If coach's additional supplemental rules are violated, the specified penalty will be followed.

COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

An athlete who quits a sport after the official start of the respective sports season (as defined by the OHSA) or after "athletic cuts" or if removed from the team for rules violations will be unable to participate in any sports program until the sport he/she quit has completed its season, forfeit any awards for that sports, and return all issued equipment, uniforms, etc. Being unable to participate as a result of quitting or being removed from a team includes but is not limited to any conditioning, open gyms, practices, scrimmages, games, etc. that is in preparation for another athletic program and/or as a member of another in-season program. However, a variance of this rule may be granted given unusual circumstances and only with the agreement of all involved coaches and the Athletic Director.

TWO-SPORT PARTICIPATION

The demands on Varsity Athletes are very high. Athletes must be committed and dedicated to a sport in order to be successful. An athlete *may* have the opportunity to participate in two sports in the same season. The Athlete must have approval from the Athletic Director and **BOTH** head coaches of the sports of interest. The Athlete must also complete the two-sport participation agreement form. Athletes who are able to participate in two sports in the same season are the exception, not the norm.

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING RULES

Supplemental training rules are those rules that a head coach may implement for his/her program. These rules are above and beyond those set by the athletic department. These rules may be more strict than those set by the athletic department. Supplemental rules will vary from team to team and only apply to the program of the coach that implements them during the specified season. **Supplemental rules will not deal with tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.**

RIGHT TO APPEAL

All athletes have a right to appeal the denial of participation from an activity imposed by an administrator or by a coach. The appeal must be made in writing and filed with the building Principal within one (1) school day after the athlete receives notice of denial of participation.