

BLIND BROOK-RYE SCHOOLS

EXTRACURRICULAR/INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC

Code of Conduct Student Regulations

The interscholastic and extracurricular programs are privileges provided to the students of the Blind Brook school district. The interscholastic component is an extension of the Physical Education Program for boys and girls who demonstrate special athletic interests. The extracurricular program is another program which is defined by state law as a privilege. In return for the privilege of participation, it is expected that all students will accept the necessary responsibilities with regard to the following:

Academic Responsibilities

Conduct

Training and Team Rules

Personal Discipline

Attendance at Meetings, Activities, Practices, Games, and Team Affairs

Care of Equipment and Facilities

It is expected that students will put forth an honest effort to make the best personal contributions to the team, club, or program of which they are a member. Students are responsible for their behavior and choices. Students in violation of the Code of Conduct and those who do not demonstrate good character will be held accountable for their behaviors, choices, and decisions.

Academics

The Blind Brook-Rye School District recognizes that the primary responsibility of all students is educational. Therefore, the district supports the concept that students involved in athletics and the extracurricular program should work to their potential in the classroom and be committed to achieving maximum academic success. The administration reserves the right to determine a student's eligibility to participate in the athletic and extracurricular program based on the individual student's academic status.

Conduct

1. All students, including team managers, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the behaviors outlined in the Family Guidebook – Code of Conduct. All team/club/activity participants have a particular obligation to conduct themselves as good citizens in and out of school. Misconduct will result in disciplinary action and possible suspension from the team/club/activity.
2. A student who is suspended either in or out of school for any reason will not be permitted to attend a meeting, event, practice, game, after-school, or school-related activity on the day of the suspension as a participant or a spectator.

If the suspension does not fall on a game day, club meeting day, or day of an extracurricular activity, the student will be suspended from participation on the date of the next scheduled game or extracurricular activity.

3. The administration reserves the right to suspend an individual for additional games/activities/meetings if the severity of the offense warrants such a consequence.

Meetings – Activities - Practices – Games – Team Affairs

4. Students are expected to attend all meetings, activities, practice sessions, games, or other team/club or activities unless excused. Failure to do so may result in possible exclusion from one or more of these listed activities. Blind Brook athletic/extracurricular programs must take priority over any outside program.
5. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the coach/advisor in advance of his/her anticipated absence from any activity. If a student is detained for disciplinary or academic reasons, he/she must bring a note signed by the person detaining him/her stating the time he/she was released. On non-school days, it is the obligation of the student to notify the coach/advisor, directly if possible, if he/she will be absent from a practice, contest, or extracurricular activity.
6. A student who is absent from school will not be eligible for participation in or to be a spectator at any interscholastic or extracurricular program on the day that he/she is absent. The only exception to this rule will be when such absence is with Prior consent of the school principal for reasons of family emergencies, special appointments or similar activities which are beyond the control of the student.
7. In the interscholastic athletic program, students who are absent for a period of five or more practices and/or games may be asked to get approval from the school doctor or family physician before resuming team activity, as this is a health and safety issue. Please contact the coach or the Nurse's Office to make these arrangements.
8. Any student unable to participate in Physical Education class will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Travel

9. As a general rule, all students participating in a game/extracurricular activity are to travel to and return from games/extracurricular activities which take place outside the district on the bus or in transportation provided for that purpose by the district. Students who do not travel to the off campus site with the team/club will not be allowed to participate in the scheduled event. Requests by parents for exceptions to this rule must be made in writing and approved by the Athletic Director/Advisor/or Principal.

Leaving the Team/Extracurricular Program

10. Any student who joins an interscholastic squad or extracurricular club is expected to remain a member until the season, or extracurricular program is completed.
11. If a student would like the transfer to another team or leave an extracurricular program at some point during the school year, he/she should discuss the change with his/her current coach/advisor. This conversation should take place before requesting membership on the other team/club and must have permission from both coaches/advisors before he/she may change.
12. Hazing for any sport or extracurricular program will not be tolerated.

Training Rules

13. All students are expected to observe all rules as prescribed by the coach/advisor with regard to curfew and other pertinent considerations and to refrain from the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, or any other substance that may cause impairment.

Every student must adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Blind Brook Family Guidebook. Conditions/consequences will be administered and interventions required as they pertain to the interscholastic and extracurricular programs especially, but not limited to the area of substance abuse.

“A student who is found to be under the influence of drugs, alcohol or other substances while on school grounds or at any school activity, regardless of quantity, will be suspended from school and prohibited for a specified time from participation in all extracurricular activities, including sports”. (Family Guidebook)

“A student who is found to be in possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol or other substances while on school grounds or at any school activity, regardless of the quantity involved, will be suspended from school, prohibited for a specified time from participation in all extracurricular activities, including sports, and reported to local law enforcement authorities”. (Family Guidebook)

“Any faculty or staff member observing the sale, possession or use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other substances by students shall report the incident immediately to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee (normally the building principal). The Superintendent or his/her designee shall then take immediate action. Any substances found shall be confiscated immediately, followed by notification of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student(s) involved and the appropriate disciplinary action taken, up to and including permanent suspension and referral for prosecution. In its efforts to maintain a substance free environment; the District shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with local, state and/or federal law enforcement agencies”. (Family Guidebook)

First Violation: This will result in an immediate two week suspension from all extracurricular and interscholastic meetings, activities, practices, and games. Students may not attend school functions as a participant or spectator during this two week period. Due to health and safety issues the student athlete will need to participate in five conditioning practices prior to becoming reinstated to the interscholastic team. Any student with a first violation, regardless of the activity, must attend three counseling sessions with the Project Success counselor. The first session must occur before the student rejoins the team/extracurricular activity.

Second Violation: This will result in suspension from the team or extracurricular activity for the remainder of the season or until the end of the semester. In addition, the student may not attend any extracurricular activities or after school activities as a participant or a spectator for one month. The student must attend three counseling sessions with the Project Success counselor. All three sessions must occur before the student will be permitted to try out for another sport, or participate in any after school activities.

14. If a captain/extracurricular officer is found to be in violation of the substance abuse policy (first offense), he/she will forfeit the privilege of holding any position of leadership on any team/activity for the school year.

Equipment – Uniform – Facilities – Property

15. It is the student's responsibility to care of any uniforms, equipment, or other school property during the course of the athletic season or school sponsored extracurricular activity.

It is also the responsibility of the student to return all school property at the conclusion of the season or extracurricular activity.

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