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Coaching Handbook 2026-2027

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Purpose

IAC 281—12.6(1) states that each board shall sponsor a student activity program sufficiently broad and balanced to offer opportunities for all pupils to participate. The program shall be supervised by qualified professional staff and shall be designed to meet the needs and interests and challenge the abilities of all pupils consistent with their individual stages of development; contribute to the physical, mental, athletic, civic, social, moral, and emotional growth of all pupils; offer opportunities for both individual and group activities; be integrated with the instructional program, and provide balance so a limited number of activities will not be perpetuated at the expense of others.

Coaches' Code of Conduct

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competitions. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the NFHS Board of Directors.

- The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with students, officials, activities directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
- The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.
- The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.
- The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
- The coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.
- The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct that would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
- The coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.
- The coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give students special consideration.
- The coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.

Camps and Clinics

Guidance: District-Sponsored Camps/Clinics

Camp/clinic fees should be based on actual costs anticipated and established to at least break even. Excess funds (profit), if any, are to be retained by the district in an Enterprise Fund if it is a regular event (on-going or repeated periodically), or in the General Fund if it is not a regular event (a one-time event). Excess funds should not be remitted or retained by the sports camp/clinic coaching staff.

A district's board should approve any salaries/wages along with granting approval to hold the sports camp/clinic. Revenue from fees collected should be deposited and recorded in the appropriate fund. All sports camp/clinic related expenses would require prior approval (purchase order), and payments would be processed through the normal disbursement process. Salaries for district personnel should be negotiated in advance, with the salary payments processed through the district's normal payroll process and be subject to withholdings. Wages would be reported on the district employee's W-2. Nonemployees (sports camp/clinic staff not otherwise employed by the district) would become employees for the sports camp/clinic and be paid through payroll.

General Guidance: Privately Sponsored Camps/Clinics

Using District Facilities: The contract between the sports camp/clinic facilitator and a district should address facility and equipment use and rental fees, insurance, and other costs of conducting the sports camp/clinic. The sports camp/clinic facilitator would need to rent the equipment and facility at fair rental value pursuant to sections 297.9 and 297.10 of the Code of Iowa and district policy. The sports camp/clinic facilitator would need to provide a certificate of insurance for liability coverage. If a district is collecting registration fees or paying any expenses from fees collected for a privately sponsored sports camp/clinic, it would be accounted for in an Agency Fund on behalf of the private sponsor. A district may not pay any expenses prior to having cash on hand from fees collected for the organizer. Rental fees and reimbursement of other district costs are receipted into the General Fund.

Coach Defined

“Coach” means an individual, with coaching endorsement or authorization as required by Iowa law, employed by a school district under the provisions of an extracurricular athletic contract or employed by a nonpublic school in a position responsible for an extracurricular athletic activity. “Coach” also includes an individual who instructs, diagnoses, prescribes, evaluates, assists, or directs student learning of an interscholastic athletic endeavor on a voluntary basis on behalf of a school or school district.

A volunteer coach is an unpaid person who holds a BOEE Coaching License and who is acting under the direction of an employed coach and who has the knowledge and approval of the school Board.

Student Activity Fund

A student activity fund must be established in any school district that is receiving money from student-related activities such as admissions, activity fees, student dues, student fundraising events, or other student-related co-curricular or extracurricular activities. Moneys in this fund shall be used to support only the co-curricular program defined in Department of Education rules in the Iowa Administrative Code. Iowa Code section 298A.8. Student Activity funds are public funds under the direction and control of the board of directors.

Coaching Responsibilities

Head Coach

1. Orient the staff to the direction of your program and particular coaching techniques.
2. Consult with your staff and develop or establish responsibilities in line with the policies of the department.
3. Establish practice schedules, programs of development and additional training rules within stated limits of the program.
4. Recruit and train student trainers and equipment managers.
5. See that equipment and facilities are properly used.
6. File an inventory report at the beginning of the season.
7. File a year-end report with the activities director at the session's conclusion--inventory, participation and awards list.
8. Submit to the activities director at the start of each season a complete team roster and team rules.
9. Be responsible for the conduct of your team members in locker rooms, practice sessions and game situations.
10. Continue to improve your coaching knowledge by reading articles, subscribing to current literature and attending all I.H.S.A.A. and I.G.H.S.A.U. rules meetings.
11. Develop and implement your individual coaching philosophies to your assistant coaches, your players and the public.
12. Promote and support the entire extracurricular program of the Shenandoah School system.
13. Assist the administration in development and implementation of practices and policies to improve the extracurricular activities. Each program is expected to run at least one camp/clinic to promote the growth of their program, either during the summer or during the school year.

14. Assume responsibility for academic eligibility - check on athletes.
15. Assume responsibility for the athlete's physical examination prior to the start of the season.
16. Training rules will be provided to the activities director prior to the beginning the season.
17. Complete evaluation forms for assistant and middle school coaches associated with your program.
18. Turn in your WIC All Conference list as soon as you return from the meeting. Do not hold on to these.
19. Report all scores immediately to the proper media sources. See additional sites near the appendix.

Assistant Coach

1. Carry out programs within the framework established by Board Policy, Administrative procedure, and head coach's directives.
2. Assist the head coach in the supervision of athletes, care of equipment, and development of the total program.
3. Continue to improve coaching knowledge and skills by attending rules meetings, reading current articles and subscribing to literature related to your activity.
4. Assist with all miscellaneous duties as assigned by the head coach or activities director.
5. Promote and support the entire extracurricular program of the Shenandoah System.

Pre-Season Responsibilities

Physical Examinations

All athletes must have a physical that is signed by both their physician and parent or guardian on file before they can practice or participate in any sport.

1. Physical forms are available in the office.
2. Each head coach is responsible for checking the athletes in the sport to assure that physicals have been completed.

Insurance

Shenandoah CSD school policy requires that all athletes have school insurance coverage or have a form on file in the activities director's office, signed by the athlete's parents or guardian, indicating that they do not wish to participate in a school-provided plan.

1. The regular student insurance covers all athletes except football and wrestling.
2. Head coaches assume the responsibility of assuring that the athlete has either insurance or the waiver form filed.

Use of Dietary Supplements, Anabolic-Androgenic Steroids, and Other Performance Enhancing Substances

Coaches, teachers, district employees, and volunteers shall not recommend, promote, endorse, or encourage any specific product or performance enhancing substance to student-athletes.

Coaches, teachers, district employees, and volunteers should adhere to the position statement published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

http://www.nfhs.org/media/1018447/nfhs_position_statement_apeds_april_2017.pdf

Any coach, teacher, district employee, or volunteer who ignores the known or observed use of illegal supplements, illegal steroids, or other illegal performance enhancing substances, encourages the use of such substances, or markets or sells such substances to student athletes (including indirect distribution through a third party) shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established District procedures and policies.

Coaches may engage in conversations with students or parent(s)/guardian(s) about the safety or well-being of a student-athlete. Students with questions regarding any dietary supplement, steroid, or performance enhancing substance should be advised to speak with their parent(s) or guardian(s), or health care professional. Any product containing a dietary supplement is taken at the student-athlete's own risk.

Locker Assignments and Locks

The physical education instructors have control of the locker rooms and locks. Coaches must work through the P.E. instructors for athletic locker assignments. Much cooperation on the part of coaches is needed to make this situation operate smoothly.

Selection of Officials

The selection of game officials will be the responsibility of the activities director. Coaches are urged to make suggestions and recommendations as to the effectiveness of officials. Only registered, approved officials will be used for contests.

Scheduling

Scheduling will be done by the activities director, in cooperation with the high school and middle school principals. Coaches will have input as to recommendations for scheduling.

- Shenandoah Schools shall adhere to scheduling guidelines of the I.H.S.A.A., the I.G.H.S.A.U., the WIC Board of Control, and the Shenandoah Board of Education.

Publicity

It is important to make information readily available to the media. Please call or email contest results to newspaper, radio, and school immediately after each contest. Contact information is included on page 24 of this handbook.

Responsibilities During the Season

Facilities

Because more than one team uses the same facility, much cooperation will be needed.

1. Vacate the area at the designated time.
2. Leave the area in good order -- picked up and neat.
3. To eliminate facility conflicts all scheduling must be reported to the activities director.
4. Outside groups will be using the facilities. For your information, rental costs for the gymnasium are \$100.00 for commercial purposes and \$60.00 for non-commercial use in addition to custodial fees at \$15.00 per hour.

Equipment

1. All coaches will assume responsibility of equipment and facility use during their season by their teams.
2. All coaches will instruct athletes and managers as to proper treatment of equipment.
3. All equipment handouts must be clearly numbered and accurately recorded.
4. Any athlete responsible for losing, taking, or destroying equipment will be expected to pay for the replacement of said equipment.
5. All coaches have a responsibility to issue and check frequently the equipment in regards to safety.
6. If a student is seen wearing school equipment that he/she should not have access to, immediately pick it up, if possible. If you cannot collect the equipment, notify the activities director.

Injuries

Athletes who are injured during an athletic activity will be given immediate first aid by the coaching staff. If additional attention is required, a medical doctor or emergency personnel will be contacted.

1. Report all injuries to proper administration, and complete accident/injury report, so that insurance claims can be accurately handled.
2. Use sound judgment when allowing an athlete who may have an injury to practice or play.
3. Ensure that you are aware of and follow the doctor's recommendations.

Practice Sessions

Practice time is valuable. Plan and organize your practice sessions to obtain the maximum benefit for your team.

1. Beginning dates for most seasons have been established by the IHSA/IGHSAU. We shall strictly adhere to these dates.

2. Expect your athletes to be at all practice sessions. Once we allow an exception it will be difficult to demand 100% attendance.
3. Practice sessions held during school vacations must be scheduled and arranged for through the administration.

Wednesday & Sunday Activity Restrictions

The general rule shall be that all school sponsored activities, practices, rehearsals, contests, etc., are not to be scheduled on Wednesday evening or on Sunday.

1. Sunday practices and rehearsals may be approved if the scheduled activity is to occur on the following day, or because of special circumstances. i.e., Football playoffs, etc.)
2. Sunday practices, rehearsals, etc., are to be voluntary.
3. Approved Sunday activities are limited between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. and are not to exceed one and a half hours in length.
4. All Wednesday school activities are to be concluded by 6:30 p.m.
5. Any unusual circumstances and exceptions to these rules are to be approved by an administrator.

School Closings and Athletic Practices

Student activities are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means for developing good human relations and wholesome activities as well as knowledge and skills. The health, safety, and welfare of the students participating in student activities shall be foremost in the minds of those directing such activities and responsible for such activities. In the interest of student welfare and safety, the following procedures shall be followed during times of school closings due to inclement weather, emergency situations, etc.

- A. In the event school is canceled, all practices/meetings will be canceled. In the event, a high school team has a scheduled contest the immediate day following a school closing, a volunteer practice may be approved at the discretion of the superintendent or their designee.
- B. If school is dismissed early, there will be no after-school practice/meetings. If school is delayed, there will be no before-school practice/meetings.

Contracted Contests

1. School closed all day: The activities director shall be responsible for any postponements, cancellations and rescheduling of contracted contests. The building principal shall be responsible for decisions on postponements, cancellations, and rescheduling of other events and activities.
2. School dismissed early: The superintendent or designee shall be responsible for canceling all activities and/or events. The activities director and/or principal shall notify the contracted parties, news media, transportation director, and others as the need arises of the cancellation. In addition, the activities director shall be responsible for rescheduling the canceled events and activities.

Team Dress

Team dress will be left to the discretion of each coach. The appearance of the team is a direct reflection on the District. It will be assumed that cleanliness and neatness is always the order of the day.

Team Conduct

Coaches and athletes should understand that they carry the reputation and good name of our school to the community and beyond, and that our actions are judged. Encourage good sportsmanship. The use of profanity or physical violence is unacceptable.

Team Rosters

When the season begins a complete team roster must be submitted to the activities director's secretary. This roster should be continually updated.

Transportation

Teams will be transported to contests by school bus or school-provided transportation.

1. Athletes will ride to and from athletic contests in the assigned team vehicle.
2. Students may return from a contest with their parents if the parent signs the student out on the coach's sign-off form. Parents may also request their student ride home with a teammate's parents by contacting (either in writing or verbally) the AD prior to the contest.
3. There may be special circumstances that arise in which a participant may be granted permission to deviate from the travel regulations. These occurrences will be judged on individual merit and kept to a minimum by the administration.
4. The administration will make the decision to allow special travel arrangements. In the event that an administrator is not present the varsity head coach may allow a student only to ride home from a contest with his/her parent or parent of a teammate if proper permission has been granted.
5. All head coaches should establish bus departure times for their season and submit them to the activities director. The bus times will all be consolidated and forwarded to the Transportation Director.
6. The coach is responsible for the conduct of team members riding in team vehicles and removing any trash and recyclables prior to ending the trip. At least one coach must ride the team bus to and from all contests.
7. Cheerleaders will be transported on the team bus to out-of-town games unless prior arrangements have been made with the activities director.

Supervision

Athletes will be supervised at all times during practice sessions, game sessions, in the team vehicle, and in the locker rooms.

1. At least one coach must be present whenever athletes are in the area.
2. Coaches shall be the first to arrive and the last to leave. Board Policy 508.4 states that there shall be an employee or a person designated by the school district available to supervise the school building while students wait at the school building after a school activity.
3. Coaches must be available near the locker room to supervise.
4. The security of the facility is the coach's responsibility. Be sure you are the last to leave, lights are out and all doors are locked. You may be called to secure the building after hours if you were the last to leave and building doors are found unlocked.
5. Locker checks should be made at frequent intervals by the head coach to check on the cleanliness of equipment and gear, extra school equipment, and to see that the lockers are locked. The locks should be locked at all times.
6. By Board Policy 508.4, you are required to supervise the building while students wait at the school building after a school activity.

Training Room

Major injuries to athletes should be examined and treated by a medical doctor. Rehabilitation of injuries requires special attention and cooperation among all coaches, staff members and P.E. personnel.

School Attendance on Contest Days

Activity Participation – Students participating in school activities must be in school at least one-half day on the day of the event in order to participate in the activity. Cut-off time is considered 11:30 a.m. Only in pre-excused circumstances, may this rule be waived by the principal. If the activity is on a non-school day, attendance on the day of school preceding the activity will determine eligibility for participation.

Activity Bus Rules

Students

1. Enter and leave only by the regular front-loading door.
2. Arms and head are not to be extended out the windows.
3. Students are required to remove all trash from the bus and may be required to clean up any unusual mess on bus.

4. Students will return on same bus they rode on unless excused for special reason by chaperone.
5. Nothing is to be thrown from the windows of bus.
6. All windows of bus will be closed before disembarking on conclusion of trip.

Chaperones and/or Coaches

1. Check loading of buses to equalize the number of students on each bus.
2. Ensure all trash is removed from the bus and determine if any unusual mess has been created on the bus. If so, ask students to assist in cleaning up.
3. Enforce rules listed for students.
4. If a trip is discontinued due to weather, the chaperone or coach will be responsible for arranging accommodations for students.
5. Ensure student behavior does not interfere with the operation of the bus by the driver.
6. Consider sitting in one of the last three rows of seats for better overall management.

Request for Leave (SCSD Staff)

Anytime a substitute is needed to cover your classes while you are absent from the classroom for an activity, you are required to submit a leave in AESOP as soon as possible to ensure adequate coverage of classes.

Responsibilities at The End of Season

Awards

1. Awards and certificates will be issued to all who have earned the recognition as determined by the coaching staff.
2. Awards will be presented by coaches during sports banquets whenever possible.
3. Coaches are responsible for determining who receives awards, getting that information to the athletic director's secretary so awards can be prepared in a timely fashion, and then presenting the awards.
4. Awards are purchased by middle school and high school offices and may be obtained from these offices.
5. Head coaches need to get the WIC All Conference list to the activities director's secretary in the office as soon as they return from their WIC Coaches meeting. Please do not hold on to it. Sports involved would be volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, baseball and softball.
6. All award guidelines set by the IHSAA and IGHS AU need to be followed.
7. At the beginning of the season, head coaches are to inform participants of the requirements to earn recognition (letters, certificates, etc.)

Year End Report

At the end of the season the coach in charge will submit to the activities director a year-end report that includes:

1. Season's records and scores.
2. Opponents' game scores.
3. Team members and award winners.
4. Team and individual honors received.
5. Equipment inventory.
6. Equipment and budget requests.
7. Recommendations for next year.

These reports will be consolidated into materials used for budget planning, equipment purchases, and record keeping purposes.

Budget and Finance

At the conclusion of each sports season, the coach shall make a complete inventory of equipment in his/her custody, store the equipment that is in good repair, make arrangements for repair of equipment as needed and prepare a request for all equipment and supplies needed for the next season.

1. Equipment requests should include item description, manufacturer, cost, and preferred supplier.
2. From this inventory list and equipment request the budget for the sport will be established.
3. The total athletic budget will reflect the needs of each sport as well as the total needs of the school.

4. Each coach is expected to assist with budget formulation and to adhere to budget limitations or requirements.

Purchase Orders

Items purchased by individual members of the coaching staff for their respective sports must be approved by the activities director before ordering and you must have a signed purchase order. The purchase order number will be available through the A.D.'s office.

1. Plan your purchases in advance.
2. The activities director will approve your purchases after budget check on expenditures.
3. All equipment purchased, using a purchase order number, will greatly reduce the possibility of deficit spending.
4. Coaches must sign any sales slips from local vendors when purchasing athletic equipment and return receipt to A.D.'s Office. Students are not allowed to make purchases or sign for purchases made with district funds.
5. Vendors have been informed if you do not have a P.O., no merchandise can be taken from the store.

Eligibility Rules

The Board of Directors of the Shenandoah Community School District offers a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors. The principal and/or activities director shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule.

The following activities are covered by the board's policy and these rules:

Athletics, instrumental and vocal music performances, drama productions, speech contests, FFA, FCCLA, National Honor Society, all co-curricular clubs (e.g., Art Club), all honorary and elected offices (e.g., Homecoming King/Queen/court, class officer, student government officer or representative), state contests and performances for cheerleading and drill team, mock trial, Academic Decathlon, or any other activity where the student represents the school outside the classroom.

Middle School will implement eligibility for those participating in extracurricular activities. Student's grading period will run biweekly from Wednesday to Wednesday. Any student receiving two or more "F's" will become ineligible for the next biweekly period. The ineligibility period will run from Monday through Sunday. Coaches will be notified, and the student will not be able to participate during that biweekly period. Students must attend practices/workouts during this ineligibility period, but they will not be able to ride the bus to out-of-town games or participate in games. The travel guideline may be waived if agreed to by the student, coach/sponsor/director, and administrator.

High School Academic Eligibility

36.15(2) Scholarship rules

- a. All contestants must be enrolled and in good standing in a school that is a member or associate member in good standing of the organization sponsoring the event.
- b. All contestants must be under 20 years of age.
- c. All contestants shall be enrolled students of the school in good standing. They shall receive credit in at least four subjects, each of one period or "hour" or the equivalent thereof, at all times. To qualify under this rule, a "subject" must meet the requirements of 281 – Chapter 12. Coursework taken from a postsecondary institution and for which a school district or accredited nonpublic school grants academic credit toward high school graduation shall be used in determining eligibility. No student shall be denied eligibility if the student's school program deviates from the traditional two-semester school year.

- 1) Each contestant shall be passing all coursework for which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period. Grading period, graduation requirements, and any interim periods of ineligibility are determined by local policy. For purposes of this subrule, "grading period" shall mean the period of time at the end of which a student in grades 9 through 12 receives a final grade and course credit is awarded for passing grades. For students in grades 7 and 8, "grading period" shall mean the period of time at the end of which a student receives a final grade.
 - 2) If at the end of any grading period a contestant is given a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded, the contestant is ineligible to dress for and compete in the next occurring interscholastic athletic contests and competitions in which the contestant is a contestant for 30 consecutive calendar days.
- d. A student with a disability who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student's individualized education program.
 - e. A student who meets all other qualifications may be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for a maximum of eight consecutive semesters upon entering the ninth grade for the first time. However, a student who engages in athletics during the summer following eighth grade is also eligible to compete during the summer following twelfth grade. Extenuating circumstances, such as health, may be the basis for an appeal to the executive board which may extend the eligibility of a student when the executive board finds that the interests of the student and interscholastic athletics will be benefited.
 - f. All member schools shall provide appropriate interventions and necessary academic supports for students who fail or who are at risk to fail; and shall report to the department regarding those interventions on the comprehensive school improvement plan.
 - g. A student is academically eligible upon entering the ninth grade.
 - h. A student is not eligible to participate in an interscholastic sport if the student has, in that same sport, participated in a contest with or against, or trained with, a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), or other collegiate governing organization's sanctioned team. A student may not participate with or against high school graduates if the graduates represent a collegiate institution or if the event is sanctioned or sponsored by a collegiate institution. Nothing in this subrule shall preclude a student from participating in a one-time tryout with or against members of a college team with permission from the member school's administration and the respective collegiate institution's athletic administration.
 - i. No student shall be eligible to participate in any given interscholastic sport if the student has engaged in that sport professionally.
 - j. The superintendent of schools, with the approval of the board of education, may give permission to a dropout student to participate in athletics upon return to school if the student is otherwise eligible under these rules.
 - k. Remediation of a failing grade by way of summer school or other means shall not affect the student's ineligibility. All failing grades shall be reported to any school to which the student transfers.

A student's eligibility to perform will be determined triweekly and by grades that students receive at the end of each semester. (The key word here is PERFORM, as students will still be able to take part in practices, workouts, and rehearsals.) This means that every student will start the year as an eligible participant in any activity, unless you have failed a class the preceding semester. When the term "preceding semester" is used, it means the semester immediately preceding the semester in which the student desires to participate in extracurricular activities. Eligibility determined at the end of the school year extends into the summer months.

Eligibility Determination

This will go into effect 15 academic days into the first quarter, Week 3. Grade reports will run every three weeks. Any student receiving a failing grade (F) or incomplete failing grade (IF) will become ineligible until the grade has become passing and approved by the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher must then inform

the Activities Director of the current grade. Students will be notified by Friday of the triweekly grading period that they will not be able to participate until the grade has become passing. Students who are ineligible may travel with team/group if an agreement is approved by students, coach and administrator.

"Good Conduct Rule" (Board Policy 503.4)

To retain eligibility for participation in Shenandoah High School/Shenandoah Middle School extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to the members of the community.

Shenandoah Schools will enforce the following policies and procedures relative to standards for participation in extracurricular activities or school social events throughout the calendar year both in and out of school.

Any student who engages in conduct which makes the student questionable may be denied the privilege to participate in extracurricular activities and/or other school social events on a temporary or permanent basis. Prohibited conduct includes activities which are illegal, immoral, or unhealthy as well as violations of school policies.

A student may lose eligibility under the Good Conduct Rule for any of the following behaviors:

- possession, use, or purchase of tobacco products, regardless of the student's age;
- possession, use, or purchase of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine (having the odor of alcohol on one's breath is evidence of "use"; "possession" has been defined by the Iowa Supreme Court as being within reach of or in "close proximity to" the contraband [e.g., alcohol or other drugs]).

Mere presence is a violation of our policy. Mere presence would include the following:

- being in attendance at a function or party where the student knows or has reason to know that alcohol or other drugs are being consumed illegally by minors and failing to leave despite having a reasonable opportunity to do so;
- possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of illegal drugs, or the unauthorized possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of otherwise lawful drugs;

Violation(s) of local, state or federal law and/or engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor offenses such as traffic or hunting/fishing, violations), regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s); exceedingly inappropriate or offensive conduct such as assaulting staff or students, gross insubordination (talking back or refusing to cooperate with authorities), serious hazing, harassment of others, inappropriate use of social media and/or other situations.

If a student transfers from another school and the student had not completed a period of ineligibility for a violation of a Good Conduct Rule or Academic Policy in the previous school, the student shall be ineligible. Violations not served would be completed based on Shenandoah's policies before the student would be declared eligible.

Suspension of a student from an extracurricular activity shall be the decision of the principal or principal's designee within the parameters of this policy. Any student who, after a hearing at which the student shall be confronted with the allegation, the basis of the allegation, and given an opportunity to tell the student's side, is found to have violated the school's Good Conduct Rule will be deemed ineligible for a period of time, as described below.

Penalties

Grades 7-12 Violations of the Good Conduct Rule will be cumulative within the student's high school career. A

student who violates the Good Conduct Code during enrollment shall be ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity in accordance with the following provisions:

First Offense: 33 1/3% loss of eligibility

The student will not be permitted to dress for, or participate in, 33 1/3% of consecutive contests or performances of the activities in which he/she participates after the violation

Second Offense: 66 2/3% loss of eligibility

The student will not be permitted to dress for, or participate in, 66 2/3% of consecutive contests or performances of the activities in which he/she participates after the violation.

Third Offense: 100% loss of eligibility

The student will not be permitted to dress for, or participate in, 100% of consecutive contests or performances of the activities in which he/she participates after the violation.

Fourth or More Offenses: 12-month loss of eligibility

The student will not be permitted to dress for, or participate in, activities for a period of 12 months after the violation.

Refer to the "Activities - Number of Contests/Performances" schedule that follows for the number of ineligible contests/performances or number of days per activity.

An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals but may not "suit up" for, nor perform/participate in, the assigned number of consecutive ineligible contests/performances. The practice/rehearsals guideline may be waived if agreed to by student, coach/sponsor/director and administrator.

Activities	Number of Contests/Performances ¹			
	1st offense 33 1/3%	2nd offense 66 2/3%	3rd offense 100%	All other 12 mos.
Academic Competition	1	3	4	12 mos.
Band ²	5	11	16	12 mos.
Baseball	8	16	24	12 mos.
Basketball	7	14	21	12 mos.
Bowling	4	8	12	12 mos.
Cheerleading ³	3-7	7-14	9-21	12 mos.
Class Officers (listed in days)	60	120	180	12 mos.
Club/Organizations	1	3	4	12 mos.
Cross Country	3	6	9	12 mos.
Drama (Plays/Musical)	1	3	4	12 mos.
Flag Team (if non-band)	3	6	9	12 mos.
FFA ²	5	11	16	12 mos.
Football	3	6	9	12 mos.
Golf	4	8	12	12 mos.
National Honor Society	(Subject to NHS Bylaws)			
Royalty	1	3	4	12 mos.
Softball	8	16	24	12 mos.
Speech	4	8	12	12 mos.
Student Council (listed in days)	60	120	180	12 mos.
Tennis	4	8	12	12 mos.
Track	4	8	12	12 mos.
Vocal ²	5	11	16	12 mos.
Volleyball	5	9	14	12 mos.
Wrestling	5	10	15	12 mos.

¹ Multiple performances on any one date constitute a single performance for purposes of this policy.

² Subject to student's total possible number of performances*. Ineligibility to equal a percentage of performances. *Club or group may have 16 events; student may be eligible for only 6 events.

³ Cheerleading ineligibility is equal to a sport cheered.

Example of activities to be missed for a student in multiple activities. Ineligible student is in vocal music and girls' basketball - penalty (with no reduction) 5 (vocal) + 7 (girls basketball) = 12 events divided by 2 activities would equal 6 activities. Student would miss the next 6 activities (could be 2 vocal events/4 basketball games).

Rounding off 0.5 to 1.49 = 1, 1.5 to 2.49 = 2, etc.

The school administrator or designee, upon making a determination that a student has violated the Good Conduct Rule, shall promptly mail or deliver to the student's parent or guardian a written "Notice of Violation of Good Conduct Rule" which shall contain the following:

- The student's name and the names and address of the student's parents or guardians.
- A statement as to the time, place and circumstances of the violation that student is alleged to have committed.
- A statement describing the sanction to be imposed upon the student for violating the Good Conduct Rule and the effective date on which such sanction shall commence.
- A statement that the school administrator or designee's determination as to the student's violation of the Good Conduct Rule and the punishment imposed therefore shall become final and effective as state above, unless an appeal is taken within two (2) days to the Superintendent of Schools.

The period of ineligibility begins immediately upon finding of a violation, if the student is eligible for and currently engaged in an extracurricular activity. If ineligibility is not completed during the current activity, it will carry over to the student's next activity/contest. The starting date to begin such carried over suspension will start on the first date competition is allowed for that sport/activity, not when practice begins.

However, if the period of time between a violation and an activity is twelve calendar months or more, the student shall not serve an ineligibility period for the violation.

An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals but may not "suit up" or perform/participate. The travel guidelines may be waived if agreed to by student, coach and administrator.

If a student drops out of an activity prior to completion of the ineligibility period, the full penalty or the remainder of the penalty, at the administration's discretion, will attach when the student next seeks to go out for an activity, subject to the 12-month limitation above.

If a student violates the Good Conduct Rule while ineligible due to an earlier violation, the penalty for the subsequent offense will attach at the completion of the earlier penalty (not to exceed the 12-month limitation)

Reduction in Penalty

A student may receive a reduction in penalty when the following conditions are met:

- there is admission prior to determination. If a student comes forward to a coach/director, administrator, or activity sponsor to admit (self-report) a violation of the extracurricular activities code of the Good Conduct Rule prior to the finding of guilt by the administration, the student's penalty may be reduced (as listed below);
- the student agrees to complete an established number of hours of "school service." The type of "school service" will be determined and agreed upon by the student and administrator of Shenandoah High School. The number of hours of "school service" are listed below;
- the student agrees to complete an educational component(s). The educational component(s) could include, (but is not limited to any of the following): an evaluation and treatment process (at student's expense),

research, reading, viewing of informational video(s) or written testing. The educational component(s) will be determined and agreed upon by the student, parent/guardian, and an administrator of the Shenandoah High School. The educational component(s) is listed below with the offenses.

A student who violates the "mere presence" provision of this policy shall serve no more than one-half of the established penalties for the first and second violations.

First Offense - 1/2 Reduction of loss of eligibility (No penalty will be less than one event.)

--for self-reporting* (And)

--satisfactory completion of 5 hours of "school service"***

Second Offense - 1/3 Reduction of loss of eligibility

--for self-reporting* (And)

--satisfactory completion of 10 hours of "school service"*** (or)

--successful completion of the educational component(s) ***

Third Offense - 1/3 Reduction of loss of eligibility

--for self-reporting* (And)

--satisfactory completion of 15 hours of "school service" ** (And)

--successful completion of the educational component(s) ***

Fourth/More Offenses - No Reduction of loss of eligibility

*Admission Prior to Determination: If a student comes forward to a coach, administrator, or activity sponsor to admit (self-report) a violation of the Good Conduct Rule prior to a finding of guilt by the administration, the student's penalty may be reduced as shown above.

**School service would be approved and monitored by school administrator or his/her designee. Service would be done within the school system and outside of the school day.

***Evaluation and Treatment: A student who has a second or third violation of the alcohol or drug provision of the Good Conduct Rule may elect to seek an evaluation and, if recommended, treatment from a recognized substance abuse facility at the student's or student's family's expense. If the student seeks the evaluation and agrees to waive confidentiality to allow the evaluating facility to report back to the superintendent or designee regarding recommendations for treatment or follow-up care, the student's penalty for the second or third violation may be reduced by percentages stated above. This reduction is not available for first or fourth violations.

Appeal Process

Level 1, The principal and/or assistant principal/activities director are the first level of the investigation for the Good Conduct Rule. If the student and/or parents/guardians are not in agreement with the decision of level 1, they have the right to appeal in writing to level 2 within 5 days.

Level 2, The superintendent will give written response to the student and/or parents/guardians within 5 school days. If the student and/or parents/guardians are not in agreement with the decision of level 2, they have the right to appeal in writing to level 3 within 5 days. The penalty will be in effect until reversed.

Level 3, The Board of Education will schedule a hearing within 5 days of the receipt of the appeal. The review by the board will be in closed session unless the student's parent (or the student, if the student is 18) requests an open session. The grounds for review by the school board are limited to the following: the student did not violate the Good Conduct Rule; the student was given inadequate due process in the investigation and determination; or the penalty is in violation of the Handbook Rule or Board Policy. The penalty will remain in effect pending the outcome of the meeting with the board. The Board of Education will give written response to the student and/or parents/guardians within 5 days of the closed session hearing.

Violations Occurring During Ineligibility

If a student is ineligible at the time of a violation of the Good Conduct Rule, the penalty for the violation will not begin until the student regains eligibility. Example: A student is academically ineligible and then has a tobacco violation (Good Conduct Rule violation). When the student regains his/her academic eligibility, the Good Conduct Rule begins. Example: A student violates the Good Conduct Rule and is ruled ineligible for a period of time or number of events. While ineligible, the student again violates the Rule. The second penalty attaches when the first penalty is completed.

Academic Consequences

There will be no academic consequences for the violation (e.g., detention, suspension, expulsion from school, or grade reduction/withholding) unless the violation of the Good Conduct Rule occurred (a) on school grounds, (b) at a school event regardless of location, or (c) the violation has a direct and immediate negative impact on the efficient operation of the school despite occurring off school grounds/time.

Letters and Awards

Students who are ineligible at the conclusion of an activity shall not receive a letter or award for that activity until the period of ineligibility is completed.

State and Conference Affiliations

Shenandoah High School and Middle School are members of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, the Iowa High School Girls' Athletic Union and the WIC Athletic Conference and by virtue of this membership agree to adhere rigidly to all rules and regulations established by these bodies.

Use of Keys

School keys are issued from the Principal/A.D. office for each particular building.

1. Never permit students to use your keys.
2. The use of school keys is a responsibility that must not be abused.

Clinic Attendance

Head coaches are allowed to attend one Professional Development opportunity in their particular sport every year. This could include a coaches' clinic or the state convention in that sport.

1. Yearly attendance will allow new innovations and trends to be absorbed.
2. Head coaches should use discretion as to use of money and staff participation.
3. Clinics must be approved prior to leave date.
4. Leaves are subject to the principal's and superintendent's approval and the availability of a substitute if the clinic is during the time school is in session.

State Tournament Attendance

Coaches will be reimbursed for attending state meets only as a participating coach, unless special arrangements are made.

1. If team plays, the team and coach attend.
2. Coaches may attend a state meet at their own expense providing leave is approved by the administration. School transportation may be used.

Students and teams qualifying for an Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU), Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA), or other state-sponsored event are recognized for a significant achievement and represent Shenandoah Community School District at the highest level of competition.

Travel and Departure

1. Students and teams qualifying for a state event may be excused from school and travel to the event site one (1) day prior to the start of competition when the schedule permits and with approval from the Activities Director and administration.

2. On school days, state qualifiers may be dismissed beginning at the start of first lunch (Approximately 12:15 PM) on the day prior to competition to allow for travel and practice opportunities at the competition site.
3. The district will not provide transportation, lodging, or meal reimbursement for travel occurring more than one day prior to the first scheduled competition unless approved by the superintendent due to extraordinary circumstances.
4. Students are expected to travel with the school-sponsored group unless prior arrangements have been approved by the Activities Director.

Lodging

1. All hotel accommodations associated with state events must be arranged through the school district.
2. Lodging arrangements shall comply with all applicable Iowa law, school district policies, and activity association regulations.
3. Student hotel rooms shall consist of up to four (4) students per room. Room assignments shall be same-gender only and determined by the coach, sponsor, and Activities Director.
4. Coaches and sponsors will be assigned lodging arrangements that allow for appropriate student supervision.
5. Students are expected to follow all school rules and behavioral expectations while staying in district-provided lodging.

Meals

1. Students and coaches attending state-sponsored events shall receive a meal allowance of ten dollars (\$10.00) per meal while traveling and competing on behalf of the school district.
2. Meal allowances will be provided only during the approved travel and competition period.
3. Additional food, snacks, beverages, or personal expenses are the responsibility of the student or family.

Transportation

1. Transportation to and from state events will be provided by the district whenever possible.
2. Students may travel with a parent or legal guardian after competition has concluded provided:
 - The parent or legal guardian signs the student out with the coach or sponsor.
 - All district transportation release procedures are followed.
 - The student has completed all competition responsibilities and team obligations.
3. Students may not leave with another adult unless approved in advance and consistent with district transportation policies.

Conduct and Expectations

1. Students represent Shenandoah Community School District and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the school, team, and community.
2. All school policies, student handbook rules, activity code provisions, and state association regulations remain in effect throughout the trip.

Coaches and sponsors retain authority to establish reasonable expectations regarding curfews, dress, attendance at team functions, and other matters necessary for supervision and team success.

Method of Reimbursement

Expenses incurred by coaches will be reimbursed by the Activity Account upon approval of the Activities Director, and confirmation with Central Office.

1. Registration for clinics will be prepaid by district purchase order or P Card.
2. Travel expenses for the coaches will be paid. Coaches are to use a district P Card. Reimbursement will be made on a limited basis.
 - Use a school vehicle when available.
 - Arrange lodging through the district and have it billed directly to the high school or pay using a P Card.
 - Obtain an itemized receipt for a meal expense. Alcohol is an unacceptable expense.

Extra Duty Assignments

School personnel including coaches will have the opportunity to assume extra duty assignments such as running the clock, keeping score and taking tickets at extracurricular events. Pay for extracurricular assignments will be \$22.00 per event.

Safety Obligations

The coach has an obligation to insure that practice facilities and school equipment are as clean and safe as possible.

1. Remove possible hazards on the practice sites or see that the situation is rectified.
2. We must protect the athlete from injury due to hazards that could be eliminated.

Conflict of Seasons - Use of Athletes

A total effort must be made to avoid conflicts between sports and other extracurricular activities in regard to participation by students.

1. The start and conclusion of each season is clearly indicated in the athletic regulations.
2. Do not infringe upon another coach's season.
3. Do not try to influence a participant to drop out of other sports to concentrate on one sport or activity.
4. Avoid recruitment battles - the participant loses - the coach loses - the school loses.
5. The sport in season has priority on practice time, facility use and transportation requests.
6. No athlete may quit a sport in season to participate in another sport or to participate in a pre-season program to prepare for an upcoming sport unless allowed by the in-season coach.
7. Every attempt has been made to eliminate schedule conflicts during the established season; however, conflicts will occur, and these conflicts must be resolved on the concept of what is the best for all involved.

Non-School Team Participation Rule 36.15(7) (For Reference Only)

Any student (grades 7-12) in the Shenandoah School District who participates in school sponsored sport programs may participate in non-school sport programs during the same season.

A student (and his/her parent/guardian) who plans to participate in a non-school sport program needs to arrange a pre-season meeting with his/her coach, school administrator and parent/guardian. The purpose of the meeting would be to work out an agreeable schedule for both the school and non-school program. The approved schedule will be included on the Non-School Participation Form which will be signed by all parties.

A student who chooses to give non-school participation priority over the school sponsored sport program may jeopardize his/her program status or standing as a member of the school sponsored sport program.

Coaching Endorsement and Authorization Requirements

Only individuals with a teaching certificate may secure a coaching endorsement. With a coaching endorsement, you may serve as a varsity head coach or assistant coach in all sports.

Individuals who do not have a teaching certificate may be issued an authorization. The coaching authorization is basically for individuals who are not licensed teachers; however licensed teachers may still choose to be issued the authorization. Any individual who holds an authorization is authorized to be a head or assistant coach at the varsity, junior varsity or junior high school level.

Renewals

1. Coaching endorsement: Renewed when teaching certificate is renewed.
2. Coaching authorization: Valid for 5 years; renewal by attending 5 IHSA/IGHSU sport rules meetings, clinics, or workshops; or 2-4-year institution courses.

Summer Camps & Clinics and Coaching Contacts Out of Season

This rule is in chapter 36, as are all rules governing eligibility of secondary students for competition in interscholastic athletics. The chapter 36 rules are adopted by the State Board of Education, and may be found on-line at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/IAC/LINC/12-10-2014.Rule.281.36.15.pdf>. 36.15(6)

- a. School personnel, whether employed or volunteers, of a member or associate member school shall not coach that school's student athletes during the school year in a sport for which the school personnel are currently under contract or are volunteers, outside the period from the official first day of practice through the finals of tournament play. Nor shall volunteer or compensated coaching personnel require students to participate in any activities outside the season of that coach's sport as a condition of participation in the coach's sport during its season.
- b. A summer team or individual camp or clinic held at a member or associate member school facility shall not conflict with sports in season. Summertime coaching activities shall not conflict with sports in season.
- c. Penalty. A school whose volunteer or compensated coaching personnel violate this rule is ineligible to participate in a governing organization-sponsored event in that sport for one year with the violator(s) coaching.

Out-of-Season Contact

Meetings outside of the season: Per 281 IAC 36.14(5), this is a determination made by the governing association. The determination of the associations is that each coaching staff is allowed one preseason team meeting during the school year, outside of the season.

During the summer (June 1 through the 1st day of fall practices):

Contact between coaches and students is permitted at any time with two restrictions:

- (1) An out-of-season coach may not have contact with a student who is participating in softball or baseball if the contact results in the student missing a softball or baseball practice or game;
- (2) A coach may not require students to participate in any activity during the summertime. Participation will not be considered voluntary in the following examples:
 - a. Attendance is taken at the activity (for example, weightlifting);
 - b. Participation is a condition of lettering, making the varsity team, etc.
 - c. Participation is otherwise rewarded by means such as having one's name printed on the back of one's jersey.

A coach may conduct his/her own camp or clinic, but the following restrictions apply:

- (1) If the coach uses the facilities of his/her employer, the school MUST charge actual costs to the coach, and the charge must be in accordance with local board policies for school facility rental.
- (2) Attendance/admission costs paid by the attendees must be paid to the coach, NOT to the school. The camp or clinic is NOT a school-sponsored activity!

School transportation may be used for summertime activities as long as the transportation is properly leased and the school does not absorb any of the actual costs of the transportation.

School uniforms and equipment may not be used for non-school activities. A former school jersey purchased by a student may be worn.

During the school year: High school coaches (grades 9 - 12) may not have any contact with high school students outside the season. High school coaches may have contact with students in grades 7 - 8 at any time and middle school coaches may have contact with high school students.

If a high school coach is present in a facility in which his/her students are participating out-of-season (camps, non-school team practice, Sunday or nighttime open gyms, etc.), the coach violates the contact rule regardless of whether the coach is directly working with his/her students in this setting. Nothing prevents a coach from

being a spectator at a regularly scheduled competition which is open to the general public.

Coaches may supervise, but not instruct or participate at open facilities. FAQ:

Practice or competing with students: During the school year, outside the sport season, can a coach practice or compete with or against his/her students in the sport(s) s/he coaches? No. Practicing or competing with or against students on a coach's team constitutes coaching.

Students working clinics: Pursuant to rules, during the school year, outside the sport season, each student may work at a one-time, one-day clinic for elementary/middle school students run by his/her coach without the coach violating the coaching contact rule.

Directing other individuals: If a coach is "directing" student-athlete learning through another person, "prescribing" who should play at what position, and/or "evaluating" and determining who needs to work on certain skills, then the person is coaching.

***** Statement of Intent *****

It is the intent and purpose of the rules limiting coach-athlete contact in the summer months to eliminate direct or indirect coercion on students to participate in a camp or clinic of a sport not in season, or on a non-school team in that sport; to eliminate summer conflicts for students between attending a camp or clinic in a sport not in season and participating on a school team of a sport in season; and to ensure, to the extent possible, that all student athletic competition is on a level playing field.

A coach's intent (or lack of intent) to violate the spirit of the rules is as important as a "letter of the law" violation.

Open Gym Policy

A member or associate member school may open its gym or athletic facilities for the purpose of making recreational activities available for all students or the community. SCHOOL PERSONNEL shall be assigned to supervise when students are participating in open gym in the hours immediately before or after school. Times other than what is mentioned will be supervised by a school employee or someone 21 years or older and approved by the activities director. Open gyms are subject to the following restrictions:

1. Open gym on Sunday will be from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
2. The supervisor shall not engage in any type of coaching or participation during supervision.
3. Attendance by students is voluntary.
4. Volunteer or paid coaches may not directly or indirectly require the attendance of students or require the performance of activities by students prior to the legal practice period for that coach's sport.
5. Open gym shall not be called or posted for specific sports.
6. An open gym notice shall be posted on the general student information bulletin board and shall be signed or initialed by a school administrator other than the coach supervising the open gym.

Sexual Abuse and Harassment

The school district does not tolerate harassment or sexual abuse. Anyone who is physically or sexually abused or harassed should notify parents, teacher, principal, or another employee. The district is required by Iowa Code to report allegations of physical or sexual abuse to the DHS for investigation and place the staff member on administrative leave until the investigation is complete. Bullying and harassment complaints are investigated according to district policy. Chris Chamberlian, the district's bullying prevention coordinator, has been appointed to complete these investigations.

Shenandoah Team Travel Guidelines

Prior to leaving for an activity, the following information will be submitted to the Activities Director when requested:

1. A complete list of those traveling with the team to the activity.
2. Complete details of transportation arrangement, to include a detailed itinerary.

During the trip the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Students will be supervised at all times during the trip.
2. All reading and listening materials and personal clothing will be appropriate for Shenandoah High School students on a school sponsored activity.
3. Language and behavior during the trip will be appropriate.

If the trip requires an overnight stay, the following will be included with the above guidelines:

1. Room assignments will be made, posted, followed, and presented to the Activities Director prior to the trip.
2. Outgoing long-distance phone availability and access to the adult or movie channels will be eliminated by the hotel/motel office prior to the check-in.
3. An evening curfew and bedtime will be set and announced, and at least one bed check will be made each evening.
4. All students will be sponsored at all times. The students will not be unsupervised in the place of lodging at any time.
5. At checkout, all rooms will be checked by a sponsor for damage or articles left behind.
6. If the team or individual is eliminated from competition and travel back to Shenandoah can be completed by 12:00 midnight; we will not pay for lodging for that evening. Dangerous road conditions would offer an exception.
7. Only coaches or assigned sponsors are permitted to drive a school vehicle.
8. All school vehicles should be returned to the school transportation center as soon as possible.

At no time will a student be released to a parent to travel from an event unless the parent personally signs the release form found on page 27. These forms need to be available at all away events.

Fundraising Request Form

1. Fundraisers need prior approval of the principal/activities director and Board of Education.
2. Fundraisers should be placed on the Master Calendar through the Activities Director.
3. When money is collected, receipts are mandatory.
4. As soon as money is collected, it should be immediately turned into the building secretary and receipted.
5. Door to door sales is the least preferred type of activity.
6. Clarify with a salesman your profit percentage, who handles shipping costs, if prizes/incentives are offered who pays for them, etc.

Athletic Coaches Evaluation Information

The primary purpose of an evaluation program is to improve the teaching-learning process. By observation of practice sessions, game situations and coaching techniques used, the administrator can offer the guidance and help that permits a coach to examine his/her own progress and work toward greater coaching effectiveness.

The Evaluation Process Should Reflect the Following Points

1. The evaluation process should provide an opportunity for the coach and administrator to emphasize, review and clarify responsibilities and expectations.
2. The evaluation process should provide for the opportunity to promote the exchange of ideas and concepts.
3. The evaluation process should provide for the encouragement of positive professional growth.
4. The evaluation process requires a cooperative effort between the evaluator and coach.
5. The evaluation process should not be an end product but should be continuous throughout the school year.
6. The evaluation process should encourage and promote continuous self-evaluation by the staff being evaluated.
7. The evaluation process should assist in determining weak areas and in follow-up activities to strengthen these areas.

The Stages of The Evaluation Process Shall Include

1. Observation of the coach in, but not limited to, practice sessions, game situations, athlete interaction and responsibilities as outlined above.
2. Completion of the evaluation form by the coach.

3. Completion of the evaluation form by the evaluator.
4. An informal conference between evaluator and coach to discuss evaluation and any needed recommendations.
5. Opportunity for coach to file, in writing, any disagreements with evaluation.
6. Follow-up as needed according to the evaluation recommendations.
7. The evaluation will be filed in the coach's permanent record.

In addition to the formal evaluation, frequent conferences of an informal nature will be held concerning the improvement of the coach's techniques and overall coaching effectiveness.

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Parent-Athlete Release Form

I, the undersigned parent (or parent of a teammate with approval from the AD), accept the responsibility for transporting my child home from the following contest.

CONTEST _____ DATE _____

ATHLETE

PARENT SIGNATURE

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