
Melrose-Mindoro
Junior/Senior High School

Athletic Handbook



2023-2024

Melrose-Mindoro Athletic Policy

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Melrose-Mindoro School District is committed to equal opportunity for all students in the district.

The Melrose-Mindoro School District, pursuant to s.118.13, Wisconsin Stats., and PI9, that no person, on the basis of sex, religion, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, may be denied admission to any school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, pupil services, recreational, or any other program.

This policy also prohibits discrimination under related federal statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap). The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. However, a formal complaint resolution procedure is available High School or Middle School offices.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to:

Junior/Senior High School Principal
Melrose-Mindoro High School
N181 State Rd 108
Melrose, WI 54642

PHILOSOPHY

The Melrose-Mindoro School District believes that athletics are an integral part of the total educational program. The administration and the school board feel that participation in athletics will be an enriching and healthful experience in which physical, mental and social growth will be stimulated through participation. Thus to participate in athletics is not a right, but a privilege which carries certain responsibilities for the student, the school and the community.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In order to participate in athletics, either practice or compete in a game, match, tournament, etc. a student must be in attendance for a minimum of 4 periods on the day of the respective practice or competition. Also, the reason for the absence must be considered excused by one of the following: the absence is accompanied by a physician's, dentist's, or judge's approval. Any unexcused absence will deem the student ineligible to practice or compete on that respective day. Exceptions may be made with the administration's approval under the guidelines of the State Attendance Policy.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY—JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1. A student with a single "F" for the quarter grading period will be allowed to participate providing that the student is passing all subjects after 15 scheduled school days and after 30 scheduled school days of the new grading period. If a student receives a failing grade at the 15 day mark, they can still practice and have a chance to regain game eligibility at the 30 day grade check. If ineligible at the 30 day grade check, the athlete is ineligible for practice and competition for the remainder of that quarter. An exception may occur for the spring season: If the student received a single "F" at the previous quarter grading period but was not subject to grade checks during the previous quarter a student must complete a grade check and be passing all subjects prior to starting practice.
2. If a student receives two or more failing grades for a quarter, the student will be ineligible during the following quarter. Two or more "F's" means no more practice. A student may erase ineligibility status following the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses at Melrose-Mindoro or some other school, provided the course(s) made up are equivalent to the one(s) that caused the ineligibility. A student will still be on academic probation and subject to 15 & 30 scheduled school day grade checks in the following fall semester.

**To encourage incoming Freshmen to become involved and participate in athletics, students who fail two or more classes during the fourth quarter of junior high will be allowed to start fall sports, but will sit out the first three contests and be subject to grade checks after 15 scheduled school days and after 30 scheduled school days of the new grading period.

3. A student with a single “Incomplete” for the quarter grading period will be allowed to participate providing the “Incomplete” is made up within 10 school days. A student with 2 or more “Incompletes” may not participate. A student regains eligibility if “Incompletes” are made up within 10 school days after a grade-reporting period.
4. This policy covers full-time students involved in athletics and cheerleading. A full-time student is a student where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student’s school day and the student is eligible for like or similar awards and privileges of the other students without exception.
 - The school day is defined as 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.
 - A junior/senior student will be allowed to participate in the School-to-Work Program one class period a day.

All other clubs, organizations, and groups will have the freedom to set their own standards for membership. These standards may be brought to the school board to become official board policy.

ATHLETIC TRAINING POLICY

The following policy was put into effect by the Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education on November 22, 1982, and was effective on December 3, 1982. Revised on August 29, 1983, September 26, 1988, May 22, 1989, July 23, 2001, and August 22, 2005 the revised policy went into effect on August 22, 2005.

- I. A student athlete shall be suspended from athletics for acts at any time:
 - A. Involving the (a) use or personal possession of alcohol, (b) use or personal possession of tobacco products, including chewing of tobacco and/or, (c) use, possession, buying, or selling of controlled substances.
 - B. For any other immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to ideals, principles, and standards of the school and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association , including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- II. All athletes will be considered to be in training on a year-round basis as mandated by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. Any suspension, which results in the student missing a WIAA tournament contest, results in that athlete being ineligible for the remainder of the WIAA tournament series in that sport.
- III. The coach and/or principal will handle all training violations and report violations in writing to the parents, the athletic director, and, in the coach’s case, to the principal.
- IV. An athlete is not eligible for Athlete of the Year, Athletic Scholarship, or Jeff Tranberg Award if guilty of any athletic training code violation beginning with the spring season of the preceding school year and ending with the winter season of the current school year.
- V. An athlete who feels he/she has been unfairly treated may appeal (in writing and/or verbally) the decision to the superintendent of schools within three (3) days. If the superintendent’s decision is unacceptable, the athlete has three (3) days to notify the superintendent that he/she would like to appeal the decision to the Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education. The parents are encouraged to attend any or all of these meetings. If a student appeals a suspension the student is ineligible during the appeal process (WIAA ruling).
- VI. The administration has 45 calendar days from the date of the infraction to pursue possible suspensions. Once apprised of a possible violation the administration has 15 business days (excluding weekends and holidays) in which to issue suspensions. Suspensions shall commence upon notification to the athlete that he/she is in violation of the athletic policy.
- VII. Allegations can be reported by anyone. The person reporting the violations must make a written report or face the person he/she is accusing.
- VIII. In order for the suspension period to be satisfied, the athlete must complete the season.

PENALTIES AND SUSPENSIONS

- I. **First Offense:** Find the number of scheduled contests (refer to penalty chart) of present sport and determine penalty from one of the first offense columns. The athletic suspension will begin with the next contest and continue until the prescribed number of contests has been completed. If necessary, the suspension will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete intends to participate. The athlete will be required to practice during the suspension. A student must follow the honesty clause in order to be considered for a suspension reduction. A scrimmage is not considered a contest; a contest is defined as one of the maximum allowed events set by the W.I.A.A.
- II. **Second Offense:** Find the number of scheduled contests (refer to penalty chart) of present sport and determine penalty from one of the second offense columns. The athletic suspension will begin with the next contest and continue until the prescribed number of contests has been completed. If necessary, the suspension will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete intends to participate. The athlete will be required to practice during the suspension. A student must follow the honesty clause in order to be considered for a suspension reduction. A scrimmage is not considered a contest; a contest is defined as one of the maximum allowed events set by the W.I.A.A.
- III. **Third Offense:** The athlete will be suspended for one (1) full calendar year from date of notification of violation. If the athlete abides by the honesty clause he/she will be suspended for one-half calendar year in recognition of telling the truth. If the athlete lies or tells less than the full truth, he/she will be suspended for one (1) calendar year.
- IV. **Fourth Offense:** If an athlete reaches fourth offense status he/she is suspended from athletics. After one calendar year from date of notification of suspension a student and parent/guardian may petition the Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education for review of reinstatement. If an athlete lies the suspension will be permanent with no review.
- V. **Honesty Clause:** (This clause is in effect for athletes if it is their first, second, or third violation.) If a violation takes place and the athlete involved reports that violation within 2 days (excluding holidays & weekends) to a school administrator, the athletic director, or a coach their suspension will be reduced by the amount indicated on the chart or as stated in the offense.
- VI. The penalty for an athlete, if charged and/or convicted of any offense which would be considered a misdemeanor shall be that of I, First Offense, outlined above. The penalty of an athlete who is charged and/or convicted of any offense which may be considered a felony shall be that of III, Third offense, outlined above. The athlete will be suspended for one (1) full year after which he/she must petition the Board of Education for review and a determination of whether their participation will be allowed.
- VII. Any violation which occurs while the athlete is part of a school sponsored group will result in the athlete being suspended for one (1) full calendar year for the first offense.
- VIII. In the case of a third athletic policy violation by a student athlete, if more than one full calendar year has passed since the completion of the second violation suspension, the penalty will be the same as the suspension for a second offense. In the case of a fourth athletic policy violation by a student athlete, if more than one full calendar year has passed since the completion of the third violation suspension, the penalty will be the same as the suspension for a third offense.

Note: The above stated penalties are a minimum required suspension. The individual coach can establish a policy which makes the penalty more severe for the violations which occur during the season they are coaching. All such penalties must be clearly explained in writing to the athletes and their parents prior to the sport's season. All individual sport policies must be signed and returned to the school in order to be enforced by the administration and supported by the school board.

CHART FOR CODE VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT

Maximum contests Allowed by WIAA	1 st offense	1 ST Honesty	2 nd offense	2 nd honesty
6	2	1	3	2
7	2	1	4	2
8	2	1	4	2
9	2	1	5	3
10	2	1	5	3
11	2	1	6	3
12	3	1	6	3
13	3	1	7	4
14	3	1	7	4
15	3	1	8	4
16	4	2	8	4
17	4	2	9	5
18	4	2	9	5
19	4	2	10	5
20	5	2	10	5
21	5	2	11	6
22	5	2	11	6
23	5	2	12	6
24	6	3	12	6
25	6	3	13	7

The number of contests does not include any WIAA tournament contests: the above refers to regular contests only.

A regular season tournament that involves 4 or more teams may count as 2 contests in the total if the WIAA considers it one contact. Maximum contest for each sport are determined by the WIAA. Administration will determine the number of offenses for any sports with more than 25 contests.

As of 8-22-11



2023-2024 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents
From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Melrose-Mindoro School District

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing. Reading and signing this form is a condition of participating in interscholastic athletics at WIAA member schools. It does not guarantee a student-athlete's athletic eligibility nor does it give rise to any contractual rights, direct or indirect, to student-athletes or their parents.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2023-2024 school year**:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances, the school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year. Mid-year graduation ends athletic eligibility on the last day of attendance.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school will be subject to the transfer rules for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- B. Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Students entering 11th and 12th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th, 11th or 12th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. A student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education Note: A student who does not serve a penalty for violation by leaving the state and competing in another state, will be ineligible for the balance of the suspension upon return to the state.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
- D. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- E. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- F. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- G. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- H. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced (except for felony charges). If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- I. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash (including gift cards) or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete.
- D. A student-athlete may not receive free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- E. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- F. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with prior school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including "banditing") in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
 - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

5/2023

Detach and Return to Athletic Director

MELROSE-MINDORO AREA SCHOOLS

PARENT-ATHLETE SIGN-OFF FORM

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in the Melrose-Mindoro Athletic Policy and the WIAA Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement. In signing below, I further acknowledge and understand that no contractual relationship, direct or indirect, is created between the student-athlete or their parents and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. We as parent(s)/guardian and athlete, understand that by our signature we agree to uphold these rules and follow them year-round as long as the undersigned athlete is in the program. We also understand that, although it is a requirement to sign each year, this code is in effect through the athlete's senior year.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student-Athlete's Signature

Date

This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.