

PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**STUDENT / ATHLETE AND PARENTS/OR GUARDIAN'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT FORM**

Your son/daughter has made an application to participate in Interscholastic Athletics

The welfare of student / athletes is the primary concern in the Passaic Valley High School Athletic Program. A student / athlete may partake in competitive sports only with the approval of a medical doctor. Good physical condition, freedom from injury and full recovery from illness shall be prerequisites to participation in athletics whether in practice or in competition. Each candidate for a place on a school athletic squad or team shall need a comprehensive physical examination by a medical doctor, which will be valid not more than 365 days prior to the first practice session. If a pupil participated in more than one sport and has not sustained any serious injuries or illnesses prior to participation in another sport, the succeeding physical assessment may be of a more general nature. Each candidate must thoroughly complete the Participation Physical Examination and the Evaluation Health History Questionnaire. **The Participation Physical Examination Form must be filed in our Health Office at least one week prior to your practice date. The Acknowledgement and Consent Form must be filed in the Student Activities Office at least one week prior to the first practice.** All student / athletes must be cleared from the school physician prior to participation in practice or competition. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROCESSING OF MEDICAL AND/OR PERMISSION FORMS IN A TIMELY FASHION, WILL DELAY YOUR PARTICIPATION IN PRACTICES AND GAMES.**

Accidental injuries may occur in any athletic pursuit. If the trainer is not available, the coach in charge will make the preliminary decision and refer it to the trainer. In case of serious injury, he/she shall notify the trainer, Assistant Principal/Student Activities and school medical doctor. The medical doctor will determine the course of action to be followed. Parents shall be notified of the need for hospitalization or special services, including but not limited to dentistry or surgery. The student / athlete may be readmitted to activity after a confirmed illness or injury only on the recommendation of the school medical doctor and the trainer. The school doctor is the final authority in determining who may or may not participate at any given time and whether or not an individual may partake in any competitive sport.

PURPOSE: The following procedures have been adopted by the Passaic Valley Athletic Department to provide uniformity and continuity in determining disciplinary action for violations of our Athletic Code.

GENERAL RULES FOR STUDENT / ATHLETES:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements of the Passaic Valley Board of Education.
2. Meet and adhere to the eligibility standards of the N.J.S.I.A.A.
3. Be in good standing from a disciplinary viewpoint and have no financial obligations to the school.
4. Return a signed parental permission sheet to the school.
5. Pass a physical examination by a physician prior to the season.
6. Return all medical forms to the Health Office at least one week prior to the start of practice.

ONCE A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, STUDENT / ATHLETE SHALL:

1. Meet the requirements of the Passaic Valley Regional High School Attendance Regulations.
2. Not smoke during the entire season or use chewing tobacco in any form.
3. Shall not be arrested, charged, or cited by law enforcement or school officials for underage drinking, or in the presence where underage drinking and/or CDS abuse occurs.
4. Refrain from using abusive language.
5. Abide by other approved guidelines established by his/her coach.
6. Take physical education as per their schedule.
7. Review the Code of Conduct expected from every student who participated in the Passaic Valley Athletic Program and take note of the additional consequences of inappropriate conduct outlined in the "eligibility" section of the Student/Parent Handbook.

POLICIES:

1. If under suspension from a team, a student / athlete may not participate on another team until the end of the season of the team from which the athlete has been suspended.
2. A student / athlete may be barred from participating in interscholastic athletic contests for violation of ethics of competition, of principles, of good sportsmanship, He/she will be prohibited from taking part in the next two athletic contests following a violation of sportsmanship or ejection from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct. In football the athlete will be prohibited from taking part in one game.
3. A student / athlete shall not be permitted to practice or participate in athletics or activities unless he/she attends school that day. A student / athlete must have checked in to school by 11:00 a.m. to be considered present on any given day. A student / athlete shall not be permitted to participate in athletics or activities on any day they are sent home ill from the Health Office.
4. Any student / athlete who is a disciplinary problem within the school may be dropped from the team. The Assistant Principal/Student Activities in consultation with the Assistant Principal/Discipline and the Principal will determine this.
5. Any student / athletes reported to the administration for vandalism on or off school property may be dropped from the team.
6. Any student / athletes reported by the administration to have been disrespectful or insubordinate to any member of the school staff will be subject to disciplinary action by the Assistant Principal/Discipline.
7. No student / athlete should be allowed to participate in any phase of the athletic program when he/she has a physical education exclusion in effect.

8. Any student / athlete suspended from school by the administration may be dropped from the activity in which he/she is currently participating.
9. **DRESS FOR AWAY CONTESTS**-If your team does not travel in uniform to away contests or events, a student / athlete will wear proper attire in accordance with Board of Education policy. Student / athletes and other traveling students are models representing our school and should exhibit good conduct while on the road.
10. Any student / athlete who is suspended from school is subject to a two game suspension (football-one game). The student / athlete is not allowed to practice during the time of suspension. Any student / athlete suspended twice during the same season will be dropped from the team.
11. Any student / athletes who are arrested, charged, or cited by law enforcement or school officials for underage drinking or violation of the substance abuse rules or are in attendance where those behaviors occur will be disciplined as follows:
 - 1st Offense Two game suspension (football - one game)
Loss of parking privileges during their high school career
Social probation for seven days
 - 2nd Offense Suspension (suspended twice during the same season will be dropped from the team)
Social probation for thirty days
 - 3rd Offense Suspension (removal from the team due to year long social probation)
Social probation for the school year
12. Sports Schedule:

FALL SPORTS	SEPTEMBER 1 – THANKSGIVING (practice begins mid August)
WINTER SPORTS	Monday AFTER THANKSGIVING – MARCH 7 (exception for Bowling/Ice Hockey-Early)
SPRING SPORTS	MARCH (First Friday) – END OF SCHOOL

FOR THE STUDENT / ATHLETE: I wish to participate in the above indicated sport. I am familiar with the eligibility code and will conduct myself at all times according to the rules and regulations of our school.

I understand that in order to participate, I must:

1. Have a permission sheet on file in the Student Activities Office signed by a parent or guardian indicating approval
2. Pass a medical examination by your physician or by the school physician.
3. Be eligible by Board of Education Policy governing co-curricular activities and rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (posted in coaches office and Student Activities Office).
4. Attend faithfully to my studies and conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
5. Be responsible for care and safe return of all school equipment issued to me. I also understand that if the equipment is not returned, it must be paid for in accordance with Board of Education policy.

NOTE: FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN EITHER SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL FROM AN ATHLETIC TEAM.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the consent form.

FOR THE PARENT: I acknowledge that the potential for injuries is inherent in all sports even with the best coaching. On occasion, these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis, or even death. Even though I have read and understand the above, I request my son/daughter be enrolled as a candidate for a place on the school athletic team. I/we, also acknowledge the fact that to the best of our knowledge, our son/daughter has no physical condition such as diabetes, seizures, or cardiac involvement or any other afflictions that would prevent him or her from any athletic participation. Parents are required to notify the school of any history of sports or related injuries to the head, spinal column, arms, hips and/or legs of their child so that the school physician can reach an intelligent decision concerning participation in the sports program.

NOTE: ANY STUDENT / ATHLETE OWING OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS WILL HAVE THEIR REPORT CARD WITHHELD UNTIL ALL OBLIGATIONS HAVE BEEN MET.

NAME OF MEDICAL, HOSPITALIZATION OR INSURANCE COVERAGE HELD BY EITHER PARENT OR GUARDIAN: