

Sportsmanship Mission Statement

The Buhl Indians view good sportsmanship as a conscientious effort by students, parents, staff and participants to maintain a positive environment during all school activities.

Our goal is to promote positive school spirit, community involvement, and a sense of pride through mutual respect, encouragement and intelligent decisions.

Buhl Student Athletic Code of Conduct

Participating in extra-curricular activities and co-curricular activities is a privilege. As a student participating in these activities, you have the responsibility to conduct yourself according to the highest standards of behavior at all times. Students involved in school sponsored activities either on or away from the school premises are expected to obey their school officials, respect property, maintain order and decorum, and conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves and their school.

Participants who fail to follow or adhere to prescribed rules and policies will be disciplined and their opportunity to participate in extra-curricular and/or co-curricular activities may be denied or limited.

Extra-curricular activities are defined as those activities which take place outside of the regular school day and do not involve class credit. This code of conduct also applies to students participating in cheerleading and student government as well as students involved in activities for which school letters are awarded.

Co-curricular activities are defined as any activity held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class but outside of the regular school day including, but not limited to, activities such as drama, music and speech.

Sport Season extends from the first authorized day of practice (established by the I.H.S.A.A) through the final post-season competition. For those dates not established by the I.H.S.A.A., the starting and ending date will be established by the high school principal.

Academic Eligibility

Students must be academically eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities by earning SIX full credits from the previous semester in which they were enrolled. If a student is enrolled in less than seven classes, the student must pass all their classes to remain eligible for the following semester.

Students must also be full-time students in order to participate in athletics. A full-time student must be enrolled in at least 6 classes, including advisory. IDLA, IEN, CSI, or online courses from Accredited Virtual Schools all count as one of their 6 classes. For students taking college classes, they will receive 1 credit for every 2 credits of college courses. For example, if a student takes a 3 credit college course, they will be given 1.5 high school credits.

Idaho High School Activities Association Rule 8-1A states “Students participating with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 must have an academic improvement plan in place as developed by the local school district. This plan must include monitoring, additional assistance, time provided for assistance, and an appropriate timeline.” Buhl High School students with a cumulative GPA below 2.0, who wish to participate in extra-curricular activities, will be assigned to stay in during advisory with no incentive lunch until their cumulative GPA reaches above a 2.0.

Any non-public student involved in an extra-curricular activity shall be subject to all the same eligibility standards as a regular full-time student. The parents or guardians of a non-public student are responsible for obtaining testing for their child at their expense in accordance with I.C. § 33-203 and State Board of Education rules.

School Attendance Requirements

A student must be in school at least 3 class periods during the day to participate in an activity that day. An exception would be made if the student has an approved medical appointment, which would require a signed statement from the doctor. Other exceptions will only be granted by the building administration.

Suspensions

Any OSS students will not be allowed to participate in any practices or games on the day(s) of their suspension. All ISS students will be allowed to practice. Any students with continual ISS may be disallowed playing opportunities or possible suspension from games.

Activity Card

Any student participating in an extra-curricular or co-curricular activity must purchase an activity card (\$35) for the current school year.

Participation Fee

Any student participating in athletics must be required to pay the \$25 participation fee to help offset the cost of athletics.

Athletic Team Travel

All students in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities must ride to and from their destination on the bus with the team. The only two exceptions are: an injury that would make traveling on the bus very uncomfortable or if a parent makes advanced arrangements for taking their child after the game.

- 1. Prior approval must be made with the coach.**
- 2. The proper Student Activity Release form must be signed by the parent/legal guardian and returned to the activity sponsor/coach.**
- 3. Do not ask if another student participating in that activity may stay with you or ride home with you.**
- 4. Students may only be taken by their parents.**
- 5. Violation of the above procedures will result in loss of participation in that activity and possible suspension or dismissal from the team.**

Athletic Equipment

All athletic equipment will be issued by the coach of the sport in which the student participates. Equipment and supplies lost or destroyed by the player will be paid for by that individual. All equipment that is not returned

on the due date will be assumed lost and the student will be charged the replacement value of the lost item(s).

Drug Testing

Students participating in extra-curricular activities must have a completed, signed Drug Test Permission form on file.

Physical

The State Activities Association and the Buhl School District require a current physical examination form be on file for a youngster to participate in athletics. The Buhl School District requires a physical examination to be done yearly and must be dated after May 1st to participate the following school year.

Emergency Information

Students participating in athletics must provide emergency contact information to the school by completing the Participant Emergency/Consent Athletic Information form.

Insurance

Each student who participates in activities is encouraged to be insured for personal injury through private insurance or through the insurance company which has the consent of the school to provide low cost individual coverage. Each participant must indicate his/her preference for school insurance, private insurance, or no insurance for personal injury by initialing & signing the Participant Emergency/Consent form.

Practice

There will be no MANDATORY practices or games on Sunday. Attempts will be made to limit events on Wednesday for community activities. In addition, there will be no mandatory practice allowed on snow days or days when school is closed due to emergency.

Use of Facilities

No student group or group of students will use the gym or any other athletic facility unless under the immediate supervision of a coach or faculty member.

Athletic Injury Policy

Any student who is injured in athletics and is sent to a doctor with an injury will not be allowed to participate in any activity until he/she has presented the coach with a written statement from the doctor releasing the student to participate.

Athletic Participation Rules

The following training rules shall be followed by middle school and high school students/athletes participating in district sponsored programs.

- 1. The sale, distribution, consumption, use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or controlled substances (i.e., illegal drugs) is strictly prohibited. Violation of this policy will be considered an “offense” towards the student substance abuse administrative sanctions listed in this handbook.**
- 2. The theft or possession of clothing, equipment, or other materials from another school is strictly prohibited. Violation of this policy will result in automatic suspension or dismissal from the team.**
- 3. Students/athletes may be suspended from a team’s competition for violating school rules.**
- 4. Any student that is truant from school will not be allowed to compete in any game competition. They will be allowed to practice with the coaches permission.**
- 5. Any student accused of or cited for violating Federal or State laws may be temporarily suspended or dismissed from his/her athletic team pending a hearing with district administrators.**

Each head coach may develop training rules for their sport in addition to those listed above. Such rules shall be approved by the building principal and activities director on or before the first official day of practice.

If an investigation reveals that a student/athlete violated this policy, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall be notified of the violation and any pending disciplinary action. If requested by the student and his/her parent/guardian, a meeting will be scheduled with school officials to discuss pending disciplinary action. The student's due process rights will be honored at all times.

Parents and Community Involvement

- 1. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support all school activities.**
- 2. Everyone is expected to be positive role models by demonstrating good sportsmanship and personal leadership.**
- 3. Complaints will be addressed individually and never as a group**
- 4. Protocol must be followed correctly:**
 - a. Take the concern to the assistant/head coach of the specific sport at the appropriate level. It is the goal of the district to resolve every concern at this level.**
 - b. If there is still a concern, it will be taken to the athletic director along with the coach or coaches.**
 - c. If the concern persists, it will be taken to the building principal.**
 - d. If the concern still has not been resolved, then it will be taken to the superintendent.**
 - e. The last step in the protocol if nothing has been resolved by the previous four steps, then he/she may appeal to the local school board of trustees by getting their concern placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

Hazing Prohibition Policy

This school district seeks to promote a safe environment where students may participate in a variety of extracurricular activities without compromising their health, safety, or welfare. Membership is intended to provide students with athletic, social, intellectual, leadership, and service opportunities to complement the academic program. Hazing is defined as any act by person, whether individually or in concert with others, against a student as a condition

of attaining membership, or any office or status, in connection with any district-sponsored group or organization, when such act is intended or is reasonably expected to have the effect of humiliating, embarrassing, or demeaning a student.

No student or staff member shall ever require, encourage, authorize, or permit a student to be subjected to any of the following:

- Total or substantial nudity
- Compelled ingestion of any substance
- Physical assaults or offensive physical contact
- Abandonment
- Confinement of a student to an unreasonably small, unventilated, unsanitary, or unlit areas
- Sleep deprivation
- Assignment of pranks to be performed by a student
- Any activity undertaken for the purpose of causing ridicule or humiliation

Student Substance Abuse Policy

Athletics: Voluntary/Random

Intent: The central goal of the Buhl High School athletic department drug policy is to prevent drug use in athletics and, where detected, to eliminate it, preferably through medical treatment and education rather than in discipline.

First Offense

1. Six (6) week substance education class.
2. Communications will be established among school counselor, drug counselor, and parent(s).
3. Suspended from all IHSAA competitive athletics for two (2) weeks from date of infraction during the (sport) season they are competing in or the next season if the offense happens out of season; the coach has the option to allow the student to attend practice sessions.
4. Mandatory random drug testing for three (3) months at parent's cost.

Second Offense

1. Suspended from all IHSAA athletics for four (4) weeks from the date of infraction during the (sport) season they were scheduled to participate in or from the next season that they will compete if the offense occurs out of season; the coach has the option to allow the student to attend practice.
2. Continued communications among school counselor, drug counselor, and parent(s).

3. **Mandatory random drug testing for six (6) months at parent's cost.**
4. **Out-of-school suspension TBD by the administration.**

Third Offense

1. **Suspended from all IHSAA activities for the current and subsequent (sport) season they were scheduled to participate.**
2. **Continued communications among school counselor, drug counselor, and parent(s).**
3. **Mandatory random drug testing for six (6) months at parent's cost.**
4. **Out-of-school suspension TBD by the administration.**

Fourth Offense

1. **Suspended from all the IHSAA activities for the remainder of their high school eligibility.**
2. **No attendance at school activities for a minimum of 90 school days from date of infraction.**
3. **Out-of-school suspension TBD by the administration.**

Note: References to a first, second, and third offense is defined as during the time the student is continuously enrolled in the Buhl School District. The countdown does not start anew if the student re-enrolls after withdrawing from the district (i.e., withdrawal for any reason.) Furthermore, a first offense Reasonable Suspicion or Voluntary Disclosure incident equals a first offense Voluntary/Random incident, etc. The administration reserves the right to modify the policy.