

Bowling Green Middle School Interscholastic Handbook

A Message from the Principal

Dear parents and guardians of student athletes,

On behalf of the administration, athletic director, faculty, and coaching staff of Bowling Green Middle School, I wish to welcome you to the start of another school year. We hope this year brings success to your child both in the classroom and in the competitive arena. We look forward to helping you make it a success.

The information contained in this interscholastic handbook is the result of a special effort on our part to communicate to you how to become a contributing and successful parent or guardian of a student participating in interscholastic activities. Please take time to read it carefully and use it as a reference throughout the year.

The purpose of interscholastic activities is to help students achieve success and become a productive member of a team while fostering a sense of self-worth and respect for others. By accepting and developing the responsibilities and obligations of interscholastic competition, we hope that your child will grow into a fully mature adult aware of the positive role he or she can play within society.

It is our role as educational leaders to make rules that govern the spirit of competition within our school and community. These rules need a broad basis of community support and this is best achieved through open communication with you. It is our hope to establish and accomplish this communication through this interscholastic handbook for students and parents.

Sincerely,

Eric Radabaugh
Principal

The Ohio High School Athletic Association

Bowling Green is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Northwestern District, and abides by the rules and regulations as set forth by that association to maintain high standards of conduct, competition, and relations with member schools. The object of this Association shall be to promote pure, wholesome, amateur athletics in the schools of Ohio. In carrying out this objective, the Association shall regulate, supervise, and administer interscholastic competition among its member schools to the end that the interscholastic program be an integral factor in the total educational program of the schools. This shall be accomplished by cooperating with all agencies vitally concerned with the health and educational welfare of secondary school and junior high students; determining qualifications of individual contestants, coaches and officials; and furnishing protection against exploitation of school or students.

The Northern Lakes League

Bowling Green's interscholastic teams compete in the Northern Lakes League, which is composed of the Anthony Wayne Generals (Whitehouse), Arbor Hills Roadrunners (Sylvania), Gateway Panthers (Maumee), McCord Tartans (Sylvania), Napoleon Wildcats, Perrysburg Yellow Jackets, Springfield Blue Devils, and the Timberstone Wolves (Sylvania).

The purpose of this league is to promote clean, wholesome competition; sponsor tournaments; create a spirit of friendly rivalry; and promote good will among the members. The league shall also foster the exchange and discussion of professional ideas.

Bowling Green Middle School Interscholastic Policy

The Bowling Green Middle School Interscholastic Program will provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life in a democratic and pluralistic society. The interscholastic athletic program shall be conducted in accordance with existing Board of Education policies, school rules, and team regulations. While the Board of Education takes great pride in successful programs, it does not condone "winning at any cost" and discourages any and all pressures that might tend to neglect good sportsmanship and good mental health. At all times the athletic program must be conducted in such a way so as to justify it as an educational activity.

Interscholastic Goals and Objectives

Our Goal- Our student athletes will become more effective citizens in a democratic and pluralistic society.

Our Specific Objectives - Our student athletes will learn teamwork. Working successfully with others in a democratic and pluralistic society requires that a person develop self-discipline, respect for authority, and the spirit of hard work and sacrifice. Athletes must place the team and its objectives higher than personal desires.

1. To Be Successful - Our society is very competitive and our student athletes will not always win. However, they will succeed when they continually strive to do so by developing a desire to excel and by striving to win with earnest dedication.

2. To Be a Good Sport - Our student athletes will accept success properly and defeat gracefully knowing they have done their best. They will learn to treat others as they themselves would like to be treated. Our student athletes will develop positive social traits including emotional control, honesty, cooperation, and dependability.

3. To Improve - Continual improvement is essential to good citizenship. Our student athletes will establish positive and attainable goals for in the classroom and on the playing field and will constantly try to reach those goals.

4. To Enjoy Athletics - Our student athletes will acknowledge all of the personal rewards they derive from competition and will have fun in doing so. Coaches will instill a sense of pride and a desire to promote and improve the program.

5. To Develop Desirable Personal Health Habits - To be an active, contributing citizen, it is important that our student athletes obtain a high degree of physical fitness through exercise and good health habits. Additionally, they will develop a desire to maintain this level of physical fitness even after formal competition is over.

Responsibilities of a Bobcat Athlete

Being a member of a Bobcat interscholastic team is the fulfillment of an early ambition for many students. The attainment of this goal carries with it certain traditions and responsibilities that must be maintained. A great interscholastic tradition is not built overnight. It takes the hard work of many people over many years. As a member of an interscholastic squad, you have inherited a wonderful tradition, a tradition you are challenged to uphold.

Our tradition has been to win with honor. We desire to win, but only with dignity and honor to our athletes, our school and our community. Such a tradition is worthy of the best effort of all concerned. Over many years, our squads have achieved more than their share of league and tournament championships. Many of our athletes have set records and won individual honors.

It will not be easy to contribute to such a great athletic tradition. To compete for your school may mean that you will have to say "no" to pleasures an athlete cannot afford. When you wear the Scarlet and Gray, we assume that you not only understand our traditions, but also are willing to assume the responsibilities that go along with them. However, the contributions you make should be a satisfying accomplishment to you and your family.

Responsibilities to Yourself - The most important of these responsibilities is to broaden yourself and develop strength of character. You owe it to yourself to get the greatest possible good from your school experience. Your studies and your participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities will better prepare you for your life as an adult.

Responsibilities to Your School - Another responsibility you assume as a team member is to your school. Bowling Green cannot maintain its position as an outstanding school unless you do your best in whatever activity you wish to engage. By participating in the interscholastic program to the maximum of your ability, you are contributing to the reputation of your school.

You assume a leadership role when you are on an athletic team. The student body and citizens of the community know you. You are on stage and the spotlight is on you. The student body, our community, and other communities judge our school spirit and community pride. Make Bowling Green proud of you by your faithful exemplification of these ideals.

Responsibilities to Others - As a squad member, you also bear a heavy responsibility to your home. If you are proud of yourself, measure up to all of the training rules, practice to the best of your ability every day, and have played the game "all out", you develop and strengthen your self-respect and your family can be justly proud of you. Your peers, neighbors, friends, and other students in Bowling Green are watching you. They will copy you in many ways. Do not do anything to let them down. Set good examples for them.

Responsibilities of the Parents and Guardians of Bobcat Athletes

1. Be positive with your child. Let him or her know he or she is accomplishing something positive simply by being a part of the team.
2. Encourage your child to work hard, reach his or her potential and contribute to the team's efforts. Do not offer excuses for your child if he or she is not playing or seeing only limited action.
3. Be openly supportive of the coaches rather than being openly critical of them. By openly criticizing the coaches, your child becomes trapped between the coach's authority and the parent's criticism. This situation merely erodes your child's effectiveness and lessens his or her contribution to the team effort.
4. Encourage and support your child's efforts to follow the Interscholastic Code of Conduct and the team rules. Remember, your positive role modeling is critical to your child's success and general well being.
5. Emphasize the importance of academics and understand the Ohio High School Athletic Association academic guidelines. With few exceptions, most student athletes do not receive athletic scholarships. Your child's future as an active, contributing citizen is determined by his or her academic abilities, not his or her athletic abilities.
6. Remember, a sport is a game, and games are supposed to be fun. Do not criticize or envy the failures or successes of your teammates or the children of the other team. Most children are trying their hardest on any given day and they deserve respect for their efforts. Do not live your life vicariously through your child.
7. Focus your energy toward being a supporter of the team and do not waste it tearing the team down. Remember, every team is composed of three groups: athletes, coaches, and parents. Be a positive part of the team.
8. Emphasize being a good sport with your child. Win or lose, your child must show respect for his or her opponent and demonstrate the maturity necessary to show class. In addition, encourage your child to respect the authority of the officials. Remember: Self-respect begins with self-control.
9. Emphasize that "team" must take precedence over the individual. Recognition of individual contributions happens at the end of the season. Recognition is directly affected by the success of the team and the individual's contribution to the team's success. Remember, there is no "I" in the word team.
10. The lessons learned through athletic competition are lessons for life. Keep sports in perspective.

Bowling Green Middle School Interscholastic Activities

Any student in the middle school that meets the state and district eligibility rules may try out for any interscholastic activity. The following sports/activities are offered here at the middle school:

Boys' Activities

Basketball - 7th and 8th grades have separate teams.
Cross Country - 7th and 8th grades have a combined team.
Football - 7th and 8th grades have separate teams.
Quiz Bowl - 7th and 8th grades have a combined and co-educational team.
Track and Field - 7th and 8th grades have a combined team.
Wrestling - 7th and 8th grades have a combined and co-educational team.

Girls' Activities

Basketball - 7th and 8th grades have separate teams.
Cross Country - 7th and 8th grades have a combined team.
Cheerleading - 7th and 8th grades have a combined team.
Quiz Bowl - 7th and 8th grades have a combined and co-educational team.
Track and Field - 7th and 8th grades have a combined team.
Volleyball - 7th and 8th grades have separate teams.
Wrestling - 7th and 8th grades have a combined and co-educational team.

Interscholastic Coaches and Advisors

Athletic Director – Dan DeWitt

<u>Basketball:</u>	Boys' 7th Grade: XXXXXXXXXXXX Boys' 8th Grade: XXXXXXXXXXXX Girls' 7th Grade: Lexi Marshall Girls' 8th Grade: Alexis Rogers
<u>Cross Country:</u>	Boys' Coach: Kristi Krupp Girls' Coach: Paula Williams
<u>Cheerleading:</u>	Ashley Woniewicz
<u>Football:</u>	Boys' 7th Grade: Marshal Headley and Randy Emans Boys' 8th Grade: Brian Kopp and Ben Marshall Paula Williams
<u>Quiz Bowl:</u>	
<u>Track and Field:</u>	Boys' 7th Grade: Tomas Roman Boys' 8th Grade: Brian Kopp (High School) Girls' 7th Grade: Hans Glandorff (High School) Girls' 8th Grade: Karol Kampe (High School)
<u>Volleyball:</u>	7th Grade: Jeremy Koehler 8th Grade: Natalie Carpenter
<u>Wrestling:</u>	Tomas Roman and Rob Rath

Eligibility and Requirements for Participation

As an athlete, you are not eligible to try out, practice, or participate in any interscholastic activity until the following items have been completed.

1. Physical examination completed and form on file with the athletic director (exception - Quiz Bowl).
2. OHSAA Authorization Form, signed by parent and athlete, on file with the athletic director.
3. Emergency Medical Form filled out and returned to coach.
4. Concussion Information Sheet signed by parent and on file with the athletic director.
5. Signed Acknowledgment of Interscholastic Policies Form on file with the athletic director.
6. Purchase of medical insurance or a waiver signed by the parent or guardian that such coverage is not necessary.
7. All academic eligibility requirements have been satisfied (see below).

STATE AND DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

All student/athletes must meet grade eligibility requirements set by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period. Please note quarterly grades are used to determine eligibility and not semester and yearly grades. To be eligible to participate, student/athletes must have received passing grades in a minimum of five of his or her subjects in the immediately preceding grading period. If a student fails three or more subjects in a quarter, he or she is automatically ineligible for the entire next quarter. It is also required that the student/athlete maintains a minimum grade point average of 1.70 for the immediate grading period.

It is important to note that OHSAA standards do not preclude administrators or athletic directors from requiring grade checks throughout the current quarter to prevent a student from becoming ineligible the next quarter. Any such process is determined on a school-by-school basis. Bowling Green Middle School does employ a grade-check process under these OHSAA standards and it is possible that a student-athlete could lose part or all of his or her eligibility as a result. If a student/athlete is found to be failing three or more classes, then the following eligibility steps will be followed:

Academic Watch: student/athletes can practice and play with two weeks to bring grades up. If grades do not improve, the student/athlete will proceed to academic suspension.

Academic Suspension: student/athlete can practice, but not play with two weeks to bring grades up. If grades do not improve, the student/athlete will be removed from the team.

Additionally, the following guidelines apply to all students:

1. Students may participate on only one athletic team per season. For example, a student cannot run cross country and play volleyball.
2. During the sport season, the student may not participate on a non-school team in the same sport in which you are participating for the school.
3. Any student that quits or is removed from one athletic team may not go out for another during the same time period unless with the permission of the coach.
4. Any student that is suspended or expelled from school is denied participation in the interscholastic program during the same period.
5. Team managers and assistants are considered participants and therefore all provisions of this Interscholastic Handbook applies to them.

Medical Examinations

The OHSAA requires that every participant have a physical examination before he or she is allowed to practice. Coaches are responsible for seeing that every student has turned in a proper physical examination form prior to practicing. Students should turn in their physical examinations to their coach who will record the necessary information. In turn, the coach will give the physical forms to the athletic director for safekeeping. No athlete will be eligible to participate in any practice or game until the physical examination and parent authorization forms have been submitted to the coach. It is important to remember that physicals are good for one (1) calendar year. If the physical becomes outdated during the season, the student/athlete must have another physical prior to participating in that same season. All coaches shall have completed emergency medical forms for each of their team members with them at all practices, games, matches or meets.

Medical Insurance

Athletes may purchase insurance through the school program or sign a waiver indicating that they have their own coverage.

Parental Acknowledgment of Athletic Policies

At the time a student tries out for an athletic or interscholastic team, he or she will be presented with this handbook containing relevant information for participation in interscholastic activities. Each parent or guardian shall read **all** of the enclosed material and certify that they understand the rules and policies of the Bowling Green Middle School Interscholastic program. This signed document will be filed in the athletic director's office.

Selection Process for Team Membership

Philosophy

It is our desire to see as many students as possible participate in the interscholastic program. We encourage coaches to keep as many students as they can without unbalancing the integrity of their sport. Obviously constraints such as time, space, facilities, equipment, and other factors will place limitations on the most effective squad size for any particular sport. However, when developing a policy to guide the selection process, we will attempt to maximize the opportunities for our students without compromising the quality of our interscholastic program.

Cutting Policies

- A. Selection of squad members is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those squads. If cuts are necessary, squad size must be discussed with the athletic director.
- B. Prior to trying out, the coach shall provide the following information in writing to all candidates and their parents or guardians:
 - 1. The extent of the try-out period (try-outs must be a minimum of 3 days).
 - 2. The criteria for selection.
 - 3. The team practice commitment, if selected.
 - 4. The game commitment and schedule, if selected.
- C. When a squad cut becomes a necessity, the process will include two elements. Each candidate shall:
 - 1. Have completed a minimum of three team practice sessions. Try-outs will not be extended to due to absences.
 - 2. Be personally informed of the cut by the coach and the reason for the action. Therefore, cut lists are NOT to be posted.
- D. If a coach foresees difficulties arising as a result of squad cuts, he or she should discuss the situation with the athletic director.
- E. Coaches should be able to provide reasons for each student cut from the team in writing if requested and what areas of improvement the student should work to improve.

Parent and Coach Meetings

It is required by OHSAA that coaches hold an information meeting immediately after squad selection is completed to discuss costs, game routines, practices and other pertinent or related items.

Practice Times for All Sports

Due to the many demands placed upon our middle school students, the athletic director and the principal recommend that all coaches have concentrated practice time of 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Practice may be held at the discretion of the coaches but attendance to practices held during school-board-approved vacations or on inclement-weather days will NOT be mandatory. Coaches should make arrangements with the principal for the use of the gym prior to the start of the season.

Risk of Participation

All athletes and parents must realize the risk of serious injury that may be a result of interscholastic participation. Bowling Green City School District will use the following safeguards to make every effort to eliminate injury:

- 1. Maintain a continuous education program for coaches to learn the most up-to-date techniques and skills to be taught in their sport.
- 2. Instruct all athletes about the dangers of participation in the particular sport.

Injury Procedure

When a student is injured in athletic participation, the following steps or procedures are the responsibility of the coach (if a trainer is not present):

- A. If the injury is not serious, the coach will call the family.
- B. If the injury is serious or possibly life-threatening, the coach will call emergency services at 911 and then the family as soon as possible thereafter.
- C. If the family is not available, the coach will contact the family physician.
- D. If the family physician is not available, the coach will contact any physician that is available.
- E. Emergency Medical Forms must be taken to the hospital with the injured athlete.
- F. The coach will complete an injury report and notify the principal and the athletic director of the injury as soon as appropriate.
- G. The coach will contact the parents or guardians the next day to check on the student's progress.
- H. When an injured player desires to return to participation, the coach will exercise great care and be assured that the injured student is receiving competent medical care.
- I. Any athlete that has been denied participation by a physician will not be permitted to participate until a physician's release has been granted. A coach, parent, or athlete cannot override a physician's denial of participation due to an injury.

Attendance

Day of a Practice, Scrimmage, or Event

1. A student must attend at least four consecutive periods of a school day to practice or compete in an athletic event that day or night, as the case may be. Since Saturday is an extension of Friday, to be eligible to participate in a Saturday game or event, the student must observe attendance requirements on the Friday before a Saturday event. Exceptions will be made with the approval of the principal or athletic director.
2. Out-of-school suspension renders a student ineligible for that day and for the duration of the suspension. Friday suspensions make a student ineligible for Saturday events.
3. Failure to attend Friday School makes a student ineligible for Friday and Saturday events.

Day after a Practice, Scrimmage, or Event

Athletes must attend school the day after a contest unless ill. Arriving late to school because of sleeping in after a contest is not an excused tardy.

Vacation Policy

Vacations for interscholastic team members during a sport season are extremely discouraged. Parents and athletes wishing to do so should reassess their commitment to the program. In the event an absence due to a vacation is unavoidable, an athlete must:

1. Be accompanied by his/her parents while on vacation.
2. Contact the head coach prior to the vacation.
3. Practice one day for each practice or contest day missed prior to resuming competition.
4. Be willing to assume the consequences related to his or her status on that team as defined by that team's specific rules.

Failure to follow this policy may result in the student being removed from the program.

Scheduling Conflicts and Interscholastic Activities

A student who attempts to participate in too many extra-curricular and interscholastic activities will eventually experience a scheduling conflict. Bowling Green School District recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extra-curricular activities; and to this end will attempt to schedule events in a manner so as to minimize conflicts. Students and parents or guardians have the responsibility to

do everything they can to avoid scheduling conflicts and this includes being cautious about participating in too many activities. It also means notifying the faculty sponsors immediately when a conflict does arise. If it becomes obvious that a student cannot fulfill the obligations of a school activity, he or she should withdraw from that activity. The following guidelines will apply to conflicting events:

1. When the conflict involves a school-sponsored activity with a non-school sponsored activity, the school-sponsored activity takes precedence.
2. When the conflict involves a competition or performance with a practice or rehearsal, the competition or performance takes precedence.
3. When the conflict involves two competitions, or a performance and a competition, all attempts will be made by the concerned parties to find a mutually agreeable resolution.

Financial Obligations and Equipment

No student, if he or she has the desire to be a part of an activity and follow the defined rules and regulations, shall be denied the opportunity to participate for financial reasons. If a student finds it is financially impossible to participate, the parents or guardians of that student should complete a financial aid form, which may be obtained from the principal's office. The completed financial aid form will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

1. Uniforms - In several activities, the student will be required to purchase a portion of the game uniform, which will become his or her property.
2. Equipment - All students are responsible for the proper care and security of equipment issued to them. School-furnished uniforms or equipment is to be worn only for contests and practice unless authorized otherwise by the coach. All equipment issued to or checked out by a student participating in the interscholastic program should be returned clean and in good repair within one week after the end of the activity's season. If a student fails to return the equipment within the stated timeline, each coach will communicate with the athlete and his or her parents to ensure the proper return of the equipment.

Prolonged failure to return equipment may result in the following action:

1. A letter detailing the cost of the missing equipment will be sent to the student's parents or guardians.
2. School-sponsored awards will be withheld.
3. Equipment for succeeding sports will not be issued.
4. Administrative support and follow-up to the degree necessary to ensure the safe return of the equipment.

Bowling Green City Schools Pay-to-Participate Policy

The Board of Education has established criteria for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities consistent with the educational goals of the district. These criteria include a participation fee schedule for extra-curricular and selected co-curricular activities that involve regular use of district transportation and/or a district paid coach/adviser/director. Students wishing to participate in these kinds of activities will be charged the appropriate fee. Special consideration may be given in cases in which the participation fee would result in exclusion.

Participation Fee Schedule

1. High School students will pay \$100.00 for the first sport; \$75.00 for the second sport; \$50.00 for the third sport. Cheerleaders will pay \$50.00 per season.
2. Middle School students will pay \$50.00 per sport.
3. High School/Middle School students participating in co-curricular activities, including but not limited to, quiz bowl, student activities board, drama, etc., in which a paid adviser exists, will pay \$25.00 per season, year, or play/performance respectively.
4. High School students participating in co-curricular activities in which there is no paid adviser or for which a grade is assigned, including but not limited to, marching band, FFA, Model UN, etc., may be required to pay a transportation fee, amount to be determined based on number of buses, miles, and frequency.

5. The maximum dollar amount to be paid per immediate family for extra-curricular and co-curricular activities is \$350.00.

Rules and Regulations

1. Fees must be paid by the established due date by participant or sponsor; participation will be denied (including practice and scrimmages) if not paid by the due date.
2. Coaches/advisers/directors must provide a list of student participants to the athletic director or Principal at the Middle School and/or High School as soon as such list is determined.
3. Students must return fees and signed form to the High School main office prior to the due date or within two weeks of the start of the club, organization, rehearsal.
4. Pay to Participate does not guarantee playing time or equal playing time.
5. Designated secretaries must maintain communication to determine when maximum amount for an immediate family has been reached.
6. Designated secretaries must provide a list of students for whom the maximum family cap has been reached to each coach/adviser/director.
7. Payments resulting in nonsufficient funds will be reported to the Treasurer and handled according to district policy/process.
8. Fees will be waived for students who provide verification of qualification for free or reduced lunch prices on or before the due date for fees.
9. Fees will be waived for students who provide verification of a temporary or long-term hardship or extenuating circumstance which renders parents/guardians unable to pay on or before the due date for fees.
10. Students denied participation for disciplinary reasons will not be reimbursed their fee.
11. Participants who 'quit' will not be reimbursed their fee.
12. Participants who suffer a season-ending injury, as verified in writing by a physician and submitted to the coach/adviser/director, will be reimbursed their fee.
13. Participants who are team managers, trainers, statisticians, equipment managers and/or hold other voluntary support roles for teams are exempt from the fee.
14. These and other rules and regulations to enforce this resolution are to be provided to student participants and parents/guardians in print form.
15. Parent/guardian acknowledgement of such print material will be maintained in the main office of the Middle School and/or High School.

Travel and Transportation

All participants must travel to and from out-of-town interscholastic events or competitions in transportation provided by the school district. Students will remain with their squad and under the supervision of the coach when attending away events. Students who miss the bus will not be allowed to participate in the contest unless there are extenuating circumstances. Participants must follow all school bus rules including food, noise, remaining in seats, and care and respect for equipment. Moreover, participants must dress appropriately and in good taste. A student that fails to follow these guidelines will be referred to the Interscholastic Code of Conduct. Parents or legal guardians may request that their child ride home with them, or an adult designee. However, the request must be in writing and approved by the coach prior to leaving school for the contest. The coach reserves the right to approve or deny any request. Parents and guardians must realize that the school is not responsible for the child once he or she has been released to the parent, guardian or adult designee. Any student failing to comply with these expectations is ineligible to participate in contests or competitions for one calendar week from the date of violation. However, the student may practice with the team. A second violation will result in dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.

Visiting Teams

Common courtesy demands that the principal, athletic director, custodians, and coaches assist the visiting team in any way possible. We will provide for medical assistance and will help to arrange for hospitalization and any medical service that may be needed.

Summer and Off-Season Programs

A variety of sports camps, schools, clinics, and training programs are offered to student athletes during the off-season and summer months by individual coaches, parks and recreation, and other organizations. These programs provide opportunities for aspiring athletes to improve their skills in a chosen sport. These summer and off-season programs are strictly voluntary. Athletes shall not be required to enroll in these programs as a condition for membership or placement on an athletic team the following season.

Middle School Awards

Awards

A certificate of participation shall be awarded to all team members who complete the season. Any other awards deemed necessary or appropriate will be decided by the teams' coaches and/or participants. Any student participating as a member of a squad is eligible for an award providing the student has remained in good standing, has fulfilled the attendance requirements of the team, and has completed all obligations expected of team members.

Clayton Cook Award

The Clayton Cook Award is presented each year to a boy and girl at each grade level. Recipients must display a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, exemplary conduct both on and off the athletic field or floor, contribute to the welfare of the team, and be a member of at least two interscholastic athletic teams. All Clayton Cook Award winners will receive a certificate of merit, have their names engraved on the Clayton Cook plaque, and be presented a modest trophy or plaque.

Interscholastic Code of Conduct

The athletic department believes strongly that athletes have a very strong influence both in the community and among the student body. Other students watch them to see how they behave and how they are treated. This unique position provides student athletes with ample opportunities for demonstrating positive leadership and behavioral characteristics. Therefore, a firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of interscholastic competition. The community, administrators, and coaching staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program.

All athletes shall abide completely by the school's code of conduct and the interscholastic code of conduct, which will earn them honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct such as, but not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality or violations of law, tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic programs and will not be tolerated.

The following code of conduct is established for all participants in interscholastic activities and is in addition to any consequence under the school's general code of conduct. These rules are in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for any season during which a student may be participating. A "season" shall be defined as that period specified by OHSAA Rules including practicing, games, tournaments, and concluding after the awards assembly or banquet for that activity or sport. If the participant is involved in overlapping sport seasons, the season begins for the second sport when any athlete begins practice.

Infractions are cumulative throughout the academic year during sport seasons. This means that infractions could occur during one sport season or that a first infraction could occur during a fall sport, a second infraction during a winter sport and a third infraction during a spring sport.

Philosophy - The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas of life. It is important that your behavior be above reproach in all of the following areas:

On the field - In the area of athletic competition, a true athlete does not use profanity or illegal tactics and learns fast that losing is part of the game. You should be gracious in defeat and modest in victory. It is always courteous to congratulate the opponent on a well-played game after the contest, whether in defeat or victory.

In the classroom - In the academic area, a good athlete strives to be a good student. As an athlete, you must plan your schedule so that you give sufficient time and energy to your studies to ensure acceptable grades.

In addition to maintaining good scholarship, an athlete should give respectful attention to classroom activities and show respect for other students and faculty at all times. Horseplay and unnecessary boisterousness are not approved habits of behavior. Moreover, a student athlete should have a good attendance record and never cut classes.

The community of Bowling Green is concerned with the health habits of student athletes and is convinced that athletes and the use of harmful drugs are not compatible. When students have a strong interest to participate in athletics, their desire to use harmful drugs, tobacco, or alcohol is greatly reduced. Students have to decide if they want to be athletes. If you wish to be an athlete, you must make the commitment to be a competitor. A big part of this price is following a simple set of training rules, which the athletic department believes to be fair.

Specific Infractions

A. Use and/or Possession of Tobacco (smoking, chewing, or dipping).

1. First Offense:

The team member shall be suspended for a total of 20% of the regularly scheduled games, meets, matches and all team activities (i.e. practices, meetings, etc...) Where a fraction results, the number will be rounded off to the nearest whole number. If the infraction occurs near the end of the season, the number shall be calculated as above and applied to remaining games including tournament games up to the appropriate number.

2. Second Offense:

The team member shall be suspended for the remainder of the current school season.

3. Third Offense:

The team member shall be suspended for the remainder of the school year in all sports.

B. Use, Sale, Purchase and/or Possession of Alcohol (including, but not limited to: beer, wine, wine coolers, and liquor), and Drugs (including illegal drugs, misuse or prescription or over-the-counter medications)

1. First Offense:

The team member shall be suspended from the team for a total of 20% of the regularly scheduled games, meets, matches and all team activities (i.e. practices, meetings, etc...)

2. Second Offense:

The team member shall be suspended for the remainder of the current school season.

3. Third Offense:

The team member shall be suspended for the remainder of the school year in all sports and be put on probation for the remainder of their career at Bowling Green City Schools.

C. Hazing

No student shall plan, encourage or engage in any hazing activity. Hazing is defined as committing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. Students who fail to abide by this policy will be subject to disciplinary action and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law.

D. Conduct inappropriate for an athlete or representative of Bowling Green City Schools

Any action (including but not limited to) arrests or citations by police that cause discredit to the team, school, or community (as determined by athletic director or principal) may result in a suspension or removal from the team. The length of suspension shall be determined by a joint decision of the coach, athletic director, and principal.

E. School discipline referral

Any student referred to the office for a violation of school or interscholastic rules may be denied the privilege of participation in any or all interscholastic activities by the principal, assistant principal or athletic director for a period of time following the guidelines provided in the School's Code of Conduct and/or the Interscholastic Code of Conduct (ORC 3313.64).

F. Due process and parental procedures for registering a concern about anything that may have occurred involving an athletic program

The due process rights of students are recognized and protected by this policy. Due process is exercised by concerned parents or guardians and not by students alone. Bowling Green School District believes most concerns can be resolved between the parent, the student, and the coach. In addition, the district believes the coach deserves the courtesy of attempting to resolve the problem first. However, the district also believes a parent or guardian has the right to pursue a concern beyond the coach if proper procedure is followed.

First, contact the coach, express your concern, and attempt to find a resolution to the concern. If the coach's response is unacceptable or the issue cannot be resolved, you have the right to pursue it further.

Level 1: A parent or legal guardian may appeal a coach's decision to the athletic director. The athletic director will call a hearing involving the coach, the student, and the parents or guardians. At that time and given the individual facts of the case, the athletic director will render a decision.

Level 2: (If Level I fails to resolve the issue)

Either party may appeal the decision to the school principal. All parties mentioned above must be called together for a hearing. At that time and given the individual facts of the case, the principal will render a decision.

Level 3: (If Level 2 fails to resolve the issue)

Appeal may be made to the Superintendent. All parties to the dispute or issue must be present at a hearing held for resolution of the matter. Parties may be represented by persons of their choosing.

Level 4: (If Level 3 fails to resolve the issue):

Appeal may be made to the Board of Education. Hearing to be held in Executive Session. All parties to the dispute or issue must be present at a hearing held for resolution of the matter. Parties may be represented by persons of their choosing.

G. Supplemental Team Rules

Coaches may create supplemental team rules covering areas unique to their activity or sport. These rules will generally define expectations relating to participant attitude and cooperation. Students will receive these supplemental team rules from the coach in writing at the start of the season. These rules have been pre-approved by the principal and athletic director. A student's failure to comply with these rules will lead to disciplinary action as outlined therein.

Bowling Green School District Athletic Board

The Bowling Green School District Athletic Board is officially designated as the district's policy-making group for the regulation of interscholastic competition. The membership of this board includes the superintendent of schools, the principals of the senior and middle schools, a member of the Board of Education, the senior and middle school athletic directors, the senior high assistant athletic director, the president of the Bobcat Booster Club and one head coach each of a male and female sport selected by the athletic director. The superintendent and the member of the Board of Education are non-voting members.

The senior high school athletic director will serve as chair. Meetings are subject to call by the senior high principal or athletic director on demand. All coaches are invited to place items on the agenda for discussion and action. Non-voting members of the senior and middle school coaching staff may be invited to attend board meetings. Motions passed by the Athletic Board shall become recommendations to the Board of Education. Recommendations shall be placed on the next regular Board of Education meeting agenda. The athletic director shall be present to answer questions when necessary. General coaches meetings will be held at the call of the athletic director or principal.

“THE ROAD TO VICTORY!”

Routes of Support for Parents of Bowling Green Middle School Students

*Please contact your son or daughter’s coach for any directions that may not be included.

Northern Lakes League Middle and Junior High Schools

Anthony Wayne Junior High - 6035 Finzel Road, Whitehouse

Take Route 64 north through Haskins and Waterville. At the first road past the car dealership (Finzel Road) turn right. Follow Finzel Road to the school which will be on the right.

Arbor Hills Middle School - 5334 Whiteford Road, Sylvania

Take I-475 toward Sylvania. At the I-475 Route 23 split, go right (east) to Corey Road. Turn left on Corey Road. Cross Sylvania Avenue (Corey Road becomes Whiteford Road). Cross Monroe Street. The school is located about 1/4 mile on the right.

Gateway Middle School - 900 Gibbs Street, Maumee

Take Highway 25 north to the Anthony Wayne Trail in Maumee and turn right. Go to the first light (Gibbs Street) and turn left. The school is about three blocks on the right side.

McCord Middle School - 4304 McCord Road, Sylvania

Take I-475 toward Sylvania to Central Avenue and turn left. Go to McCord Road and turn right. Go past Sylvania Avenue and the school will be on the right.

Napoleon Middle School – 701 Briarheath Drive, Napoleon

Take Route 6 west towards Napoleon. Route 6 joins US Route 24. Continue west and take exit 39 Route 6 toward Chicago. At that exit, stay left and be sure to go to stop sign. Do not take Route 6 west. At stop sign, turn left and then soon after turn right onto Westmoreland Avenue. Napoleon Junior High will be approx.. ½ mile down on the right hand side.

Perrysburg Junior High School – 550 E. South Boundary , Perrysburg

Take I-75 north to Perrysburg exit, Rt. 20/ Freemont Pike. Turn left off of the exit and then turn left again at the first road, Boundary Street. The school is down the street on the left.

Springfield Middle School - 7001 Madison, Holland

Take I-475 west, exit at Airport Highway and turn left. Turn right on McCord Road. Turn left at the high school on Hall Street. Follow Hall Street to the end which will bend to the left and dead end at the middle school.

Timberstone Middle School - 9000 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania

Take I-475 toward Sylvania to Central Avenue and turn left. Go to McCord Road and turn right. Turn left on Sylvania Avenue. Go past Sylvania Southview High School and then go one more mile. The school will be on the right.

Northern Lakes League High Schools

Anthony Wayne High School - 5967 Finzel Road, Whitehouse

Take Route 64 to Waterville and turn right on US 24 towards Maumee. Turn left on Dutch Road and follow Dutch Road until the dead end. Turn right on Finzel Road. The school is on the right.

Maumee High School - 1147 Saco, Maumee

Take Highway 25 north to the Anthony Wayne Trail in Maumee and turn right. Go to Key Street and turn left. Go to Sackett Street and turn right. The high school is at the end of Sackett Street.

Napoleon High School - 701 Briarheath Drive, Napoleon

Take Rt. 6 West. Take exit 36 for US-6 West toward Chicago. Keep left at the fork towards Napoleon. Turn left onto US-6 East. Continue on Woodlawn Ave. Turn right onto Glenwood Ave. Take the 2nd right onto Clairmont Ave. School will be on the left

Northview High School - 5403 Silica Drive, Sylvania

Take I-75 north to the I-475 split and take towards Ann Arbor. Stay on US 23 and keep heading north. Take the exit at Sylvania on Route 51 (Monroe St.) Turn left off of the exit and cross the railroad tracks to Silica Drive. Turn left on Silica and the school is on the right.

Perrysburg High School -13385 Roachton Rd., Perrysburg

Take Highway 25 north to Perrysburg Heights and turn left. Go about ½ mile and the school is on the left.

Southview High School - 7225 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania

Take I-475 toward Sylvania to Central Avenue and turn left. Go to McCord Road and turn right. Turn left on Sylvania Avenue. The school will be on the left.

Springfield High School - 1470 S. McCord Road

Take I-475 west, exit at Airport Highway and turn left. Turn right on McCord Road. The school will be on the left.

Other Junior High, Middle and High Schools

Clay High School - 5665 Seaman Road, Oregon

Take I-75 north to Route 795. Take 795 to I-280. Take I-280 north toward Toledo. Exit at Route 2 in Oregon. Follow Route 2 east (turning at St. Charles' Hospital) through Oregon. Go past Pearson Park to the traffic light at Stadium Drive. Turn left on Stadium and follow it to the school which is on the left.

Glenwood Middle School – 1715 N. Main Street, Findlay

Take I-75 south to the Rout 224 exit. Turn left to Main Street. Turn left and the school is on the right.

Donnell Middle School – 301 Baldwin Avenue, Findlay

Take I-75 south to the Route 15/23 exit. Turn right (east) onto Lima Avenue and go to Main Street. Turn right to Baldwin Avenue and turn right.

Eastwood Middle School - 4800 Sugar Ridge Road, Pemberville

Take Highway 25 north to Sugar Ridge Road. Turn right and go six miles. The school will be on the left.

Fassett Middle School - 3025 Starr Avenue, Oregon

Take I-75 north to Route 795. Take 795 to I-280. Take I-280 north to exit 7 (Oregon). Turn right on Wheeling. At the second light, turn right onto Starr Avenue. The school is 1/4 mile on the left.

Fremont Middle School – 1250 North St., Fremont

Take Route 6 east. When Route 6 turns left at the lights, go straight. Go to Croghan Street and turn left. The school is on the right.

Lake Junior High School – 28100 Lemoyne Road, Millbury

Take I-75 north to the Route 795 exit. Turn right at the light. Continue nine miles. Turn left at the light on the corner of 795 and Lemoyne Road. The school is on the right. Lake High School and Lake Junior High School are attached.

Patrick Henry High and Junior High School – E-050 Road 7, Hamler

Take Route 6 west to Route 65 in McClure. Turn left at Route 65 and follow it to Route 18 (about 11-12 miles). Turn right at route 18. The school is in the third mile west.

Rossford Junior High School - 651 Superior Street, Rossford

Take I-75 north to the Miami Street exit and turn left heading into town. At the second light (Mid-Am Bank) turn left. At the first stop sign, turn right into the parking lot at the back of the high school. The high school and junior high school are on the same campus.

Swanton Junior High School – 206 Cherry Street, Swanton

Follow Route 64 through Haskins, Waterville, and Whitehouse to Airport Highway (Route 2). Turn left and go into Swanton. At the BP gas station (Route 64), turn right. After going over a set of railroad tracks, turn left at the stop light and proceed to the school.

Cross Country Locations

Lake Junior High School – 28100 Lemoyne Road, Millbury

Take I-75 north to the Route 795 exit. Turn right at the light. Continue nine miles. Turn left at the light on the corner of 795 and Lemoyne Road. The school is on the right. Lake High School and Lake Junior High School are attached.

Mary Jane Thurston Park - Otsego (travel time - 25 minutes)

Take Haskins Road to Kellogg Road. Turn left and follow Kellogg Road to Grand Rapids. Turn left on Route 65 into Grand Rapids. Go thru Grand Rapids and turn right off of Route 65 into the park.

Maumee Bay State Park - Stritch Invitational (travel time - 65 minutes)

Take I 75 north to Route 795. Go east on Route 795 to I-280. Go north on I-280 and exit at Navarre (St. Charles Hospital Exit). Go east on Navarre (Route 2) to North Curtice Road. Turn left on to Curtice and it runs into the entrance of Maumee Bay State Park.

Oakwood Park - Napoleon (travel time - 55 minutes)

Take Route 6 to Napoleon where it combines with Route 24. Take 6/24 west to Co. Road 13 (Oakwood Avenue) and turn left. Oakwood Park is on the left side of the road.

Secor MetroPark – McCord, Arbor Hills & Timberstone (travel time – 30 minutes)

Take I-475 N/ US-23 N. Take exit 13, Central Ave./US 20. Turn left onto OH-120 E/US-20 E/ W Central Ave. Continue for approximately 5 miles, entrance will be on the left.

Archbold Reservoir – Archbold (travel time – 65 minutes)

Take Route 6 west. Take a slight right onto OH-34 W. Turn right onto OH-66 N. Turn right onto E Mechanic St. (E Mechanic St turn right and becomes S Lincoln St.) Turn left onto North St.

Ft. Meigs – Perrysburg, Rossford and NLL Championships (travel time – 15 minutes)

Take route 25 North through Perrysburg. Turn left onto W. Indiana Ave. Park will be on the right.

BOWLING GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL **INTERSCHOLASTIC FORM**

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND PARENTAL PERMISSION

This does not release the school from any negligence. However, this form with your signature verifies that you are aware that various injuries (including paralysis or death) do occur with participation in interscholastic athletics. Furthermore, you give permission for your child to participate.

“WE DO UNDERSTAND AND ASSUME THAT THERE IS ALWAYS THE RISK OF A
POSSIBLE INJURY TO THE ATHLETE WITH PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS.
WE GIVE PERMISSION FOR OUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE”

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK, POLICIES, AND RULES

“I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE BOWLING GREEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
INTERSCHOLASTICS HANDBOOK, INTERSCHOLASTIC CODE OF CONDUCT, AS WELL AS ANY
ADDITIONAL RULES GIVEN BY THE COACH. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT
THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT VIOLATIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS CAN RESULT IN DENIAL
OF INTERSCHOLASTIC PARTICIPATION AS SPECIFIED IN THOSE REGULATIONS.”

EQUIPMENT CONTRACT

“I DO AGREE TO PAY THE COST OF REPLACING THE EQUIPMENT THAT WAS ISSUED
TO MY CHILD IF IT IS NOT RETURNED OR IS RETURNED DAMAGED.”

INSURANCE WAIVER

As a parent or legal guardian of a child participating in the Bowling Green Junior High School Interscholastics Program, I understand that I need to have insurance coverage for my child. The Bowling Green City School District does not carry insurance for students participating in interscholastics. The Ohio High School Athletic

Association does cover member schools with a catastrophic insurance policy that would cover costs that exceeded \$25,000.00 if and when your insurance would no longer pick up these expenses.

“I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SCHOOL ASSUMES NO FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY IN CASE OF ANY INJURY.”

“WE DO UNDERSTAND AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT REGULATIONS
AND THE LIABILITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE.”

PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE

“WE UNDERSTAND AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PAY TO PARTICIPATE POLICY AS
WRITTEN”

Student Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Date