

## **District Athletics and Activities Program Eligibility**

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### **Athletics Program Eligibility**

To be eligible as Madras High School interscholastic athletes, students must meet each of the following requirements:

1. Be on track for graduation
  - a. Being on track for graduation means the student has time available to pass all required courses within a total of four years;
  - b. This requirement does not apply to home schooled students.

2. Conform to all OSAA rules and regulations

Students have only eight consecutive semesters or the equivalent of athletics eligibility.

3. Attend school regularly

Students will be ruled ineligible when they accumulate six or more days of unexcused absences in a semester. This does not include absences for approved school activities.

4. Pass six subjects

- a. To be eligible for competition, students must have passed six credit bearing subjects while maintaining a 2.0 grade point average the preceding semester and maintain the 2.0 grade point average throughout the current sport season.
- b. Eligibility checks will also be done at the halfway point of each sport season and at the end of each semester. Students who are not passing six credit bearing subjects and maintaining a 2.0 grade point average will be placed on academic probation for six consecutive school days from the point of notification. During the probation period the student is expected to:

- (1) Raise failing grades to meet eligibility criteria (passing six credit bearing classes);
- (2) Attend all practices unless he/she is working with a teacher;
- (3) The students will not be permitted to travel to any away contests;
- (4) The student must sit on the bench in street clothes during home contests;
- (5) In the event the student athlete is not passing six subjects at the end of the probation period, he/she will be ruled ineligible for the remainder of the semester.

5. Be a student enrolled at Madras High School or be a registered home school student.

6. Complete a medical emergency card, a parent information sheet, an eligibility information sheet and a drug test release form.

7. Not reached age 19 prior to August 15.

To be eligible as Jefferson County Middle School interscholastic athletes students must be passing all their classes. The following procedures will be used in determining middle school eligibility:

1. Eligibility checks will be done formally during the first, third and sixth weeks of the sport season.
2. Students who are not passing all seven classes will be placed on academic probation from 5 to 10 school days. During the time of probation, it is expected:
  - a. The student raise any failing grades to a passing grade;
  - b. The student attend any assigned “study tables” after school;
  - c. Attend all practices unless he/she is participating in a “study table”;
  - d. The student will not be permitted to travel to any away contests;
  - e. The student must be on the bench in street clothes during home contests;
  - f. In the event the student athlete is found to be ineligible on the third week check, the probation may be extended by 5 to 10 more school days, as determined appropriate by the athletics coordinator. The student must attend any assigned study tables available until the student is passing all classes;
  - g. Any further incidences of ineligibility will result in the student athlete’s suspension from the team for the remainder of the season.

### **Student-Athlete Conduct**

Students in school athletics are admonished to conduct their lives and their participation in activities or athletics in accordance with the ideals of good sportsmanship, team and school loyalty, achievement through effort and sacrifice, and development of team and school morale. Because it is a privilege to participate in activities or athletics, student participants must assume certain obligations and responsibilities beyond those set for students in general. The following rules and regulations pertain to students participating in the activities or athletics programs at Madras High School and Jefferson County Middle School.

1. During the O.S.A.A. school year (fall through spring sports), the coaches and administration, upon learning of a suspected violation, will investigate within five school days. The coach, athletics coordinator, and principal, when possible, will meet to determine the disciplinary action. Parents and students will be notified if the investigation may result in disciplinary action.
2. Drug or Substance Abuse

Interscholastic athletes are prohibited from any form of possession, use, consumption or involvement with alcohol, tobacco, controlled or other intoxicating substances, substances which may be chemically addictive, or steroids or growth /performance enhancement substances.

- a. First Violation

Following investigation and upon determination of the first violation of drug or substance abuse, a student athlete shall be removed from participation in team and individual athletics for the duration of the season. Reinstatement of participation in athletics may be made upon

successful appeal to the Board or modified to a 10-day suspension subject to enrollment in an alcohol/drug intervention program as follows:

A 10 calendar day suspension from active contest participation will be allowed upon meeting with the principal or the principal's designee if, within 10 calendar days of the meeting, the student athlete has enrolled in and/or is successfully participating in an alcohol/drug intervention program pursuant to Policy JFCI and JFCI-AR of this District. During the 10 calendar-day suspension, the student athlete must practice with the team and sit on the bench, out of uniform, at all contests. Full participation may resume after the 10-day period if proof of enrollment in an intervention program has been provided. Continued participation on the team is contingent upon successful participation and completion of the program.

Violations occurring during the last two weeks of the season will result in loss of individual and/or team recognition awarded by the school and the student will be ineligible to participate in contests during the first two contest weeks of the next season in which the party is involved.

b. Second Violation

Athletics participation for the student will be suspended for one calendar year.

c. Third Violation in a Student's High School Career

The student will be suspended from all extra-curricular program from the remainder of their high school career.

3. Behavior

During the O.S.A.A. school year, regardless of the time or place, interscholastic athletes shall demonstrate the ideals of good sportsmanship, team loyalty, school loyalty, and achievement through effort and sacrifice. Behaviors that violate these ideals or create a negative influence or image on school programs may be punishable by suspension from athletics in addition to normal school discipline. Examples of such behavior include major violations of Board policy or student handbooks, accumulations of minor violations, and violations that occur on school trips.

a. School Related

All behavioral issues which result in an athlete being suspended from school for conduct not directly related to athletics will result in a suspension from participation in athletics for a number of days not less than the number of days suspended from school. The principal may determine that a single serious violation or a pattern of improper behavior warrants more severe discipline up to and including exclusion from athletics participation.

b. Nonschool Behavior.

Behavior that takes place outside of school which creates a negative impression about the school or school programs may result in suspension and/or exclusion from the athletics program.

The principal may determine that a single serious violation or a pattern of improper behavior warrants discipline up to and including exclusion from athletics participation.

c. Athletics Behavioral Expectations. The following rules pertain specifically to athletics at Jefferson County Middle School and Madras Senior High School. Faculty advisors and student

groups may develop specific rules for other activities providing such rules adhere to Board policies.

- (1) Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Gross unsportsmanlike conduct as determined by the coach and Athletics/Activities Coordinator may result in a suspension of up to 10 days and/or removal from the team.
- (2) Participation and Attendance. A student-athlete who misses practice must normally make prior arrangements to be excused with the head coach. A student athlete may check out of school through the office with a legitimate excuse such as illness or parent request and be excused from practice.

A student-athlete must attend school the entire day on the day of a contest in order to participate in that contest. Exceptions may be made if the absence was due to a school activity or if the absence is approved by the Principal or designee.

An unexcused absence from an athletics contest will be cause for discipline. Punishment will be determined by the appropriate head coach and the Athletics/Activities Coordinator after a conference with the student and whenever possible, the parent/guardian.

- (3) If a student-athlete desires to change sports during a season in progress, the athlete may do so only with the consent and approval of both head coaches and the Athletics/Activities Coordinator. The approval of the head coach of the sport from which the athlete is dropping must be obtained first.
4. The administration of the rules above are subject to the rights of due process and students will be afforded the same rights as guaranteed in the disciplinary process elsewhere in District policy, rules, and regulations.
  5. Other Expectations For Athletes
    - a. Parents and guardians of student-athletes are encouraged to attend a pre-season meeting explaining program responsibilities and training policies.
    - b. Establishing Eligibility. Student athletes must meet all eligibility requirements set by buildings, the District Board, and the Oregon School Activities Association.
    - c. All athletes must have on file a certificate of physical examination and parent consent prior to participation in any sport including practice.
    - d. Student-athletes are not insured by the District while participating in practices or contests. The parent/guardian and/or student-athletes must assume financial obligations due to injury or accident resulting from athletics participation.

## **Student Conduct**

Students in school activities are admonished to conduct their lives and their participation in accordance with the ideals of school loyalty, achievement through effort and sacrifice and the development of school morale. Because it is a privilege to participate in activities, student participants must assume certain obligations and responsibilities beyond those set for students in general. Officers of clubs, class organizations or of the student body; members of the pep band; performers in musical or dramatic productions are prohibited from violation of any portion of JFC or JFC-AR - Student Code of Conduct.

## **Behavior**

Behavior which creates a negative influence or image of school programs may be punishable by suspension or removal from activities in addition to any other formal sanctions. This includes behavior that occurs at any time or place on or off campus throughout the OSAA. year.

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