

**MENOMONEE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY HANDBOOK**



**MENOMONEE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL  
NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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I. PREAMBLE

This handbook has been prepared for the benefit of the student participant, the parents, and coaches/advisors in an effort to make athletics and activities a more contributing and worthwhile part of the overall school program. It is the position of the District that involvement in co-curricular activities is a privilege not a right. This privilege brings with it accompanying responsibilities and expectations. Athletics and activities are an enriching and healthful experience in which physical, mental and social growth can be stimulated through extracurricular involvement.

This handbook is in effect for any sport or activity where the participant is directly representing the District. Activities included in this code include, but are not limited to:

- |                                    |               |                |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Forensics                          | Fall Play     | Spring Musical |
| Future Business Leaders of America | Rock Climbing | Trap Shooting  |
| Link Crew                          |               |                |

Additionally, participants in leadership roles in the following activities are also subject to this code:

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|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Student Council       | Key Club       | National Honor Society |
| Other Honor Societies | Class Officers | Amnesty International  |

II. NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Policy 411, Equal Educational Opportunities, Pupil Nondiscrimination: The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

### III. PHILOSOPHIES AND OBJECTIVES

The Athletic/Activities Program is an integral part of our District's co-curriculum. As such, it provides certain opportunities and emphasizes definite aims that are important in other school activities or in later life. A primary purpose of education is to provide each individual with a variety of experiences and opportunities for growth. Interscholastic athletics and activities assist in the achievement of this purpose.

Objectives of the Athletic/Activities Program in the District are as follows:

- A. To provide an approved program of interscholastic athletics/activities.
- B. To provide a program of athletics/activities that will give each participant the opportunity to grow mentally, physically, morally (play by the rules, etc.) and socially.
- C. To meet the desire for competition.
- D. To teach new skills and offer opportunities to improve those already present skills.
- E. To emphasize the importance of organization and time management.
- F. To provide opportunities for lasting friendships.
- G. To provide opportunities to exemplify and observe good sportsmanship, which is a part of good citizenship.
- H. To teach that a penalty follows the violation of a rule.
- I. To give students an early understanding that participation in athletics/activities is a privilege, which carries certain responsibilities.
- J. To develop leadership and responsibility.

### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

Participation in our Athletic and Activities Programs is a privilege-not a right. The opportunity to participate in our Athletic and Activities Programs is extended to all students providing they are willing to assume certain responsibilities.

Your greatest responsibility as a student participant is to be a positive role model to yourself, your parents, your school, and your community. Therefore, it is expected that you will:

- A. Display high standards of social behavior in and out of competition and performances.
- B. Display good sportsmanship.
- C. Display proper respect for those in authority, including teachers, coaches, and officials.

- D. Display a real spirit of cooperation.
- E. Dress respectfully and appropriately when representing your school.
- F. Refrain from vulgarity and harassing comments and actions.
- G. Comply with all District Handbook and WIAA policies and procedures.
- H. Comply with random drug testing procedures developed by the District.

## V. ELIGIBILITY RULES

In order to represent Menomonee Falls Public Schools in any WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association) interscholastic competition, a student must meet all eligibility requirements of the WIAA and Menomonee Falls Public Schools. The Menomonee Falls Athletic and Activity Handbook also includes adherence to all WIAA rules and regulations as outlined in the WIAA handouts listed in the appendix as well as all other WIAA handbooks. Menomonee Falls Public School rules are sometimes more stringent and, therefore, supersede those of the WIAA

The following eligibility rules apply to athletics and activities, as per WIAA and the District:

- A. A participant must maintain a cumulative GPA of 1.7 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). Any student falling below that will be required to actively participate in a mandatory academic intervention in order to maintain eligibility. Cumulative GPA will be reviewed at the end of each semester.
  - 1. A participant must have no more than one failure or incomplete for the last grading period or progress report. If the student/athlete is not eligible, they still may practice, but they may not participate in competition for 15 school days and nights. The student may regain their eligibility on the 16<sup>th</sup> scheduled school day by meeting the academic standards. A student regains eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within two weeks after a grade reporting period.
  - 2. A participant who is enrolled in any state-approved Special Education program and receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if they are making satisfactory progress in their total school program as indicated by their IEP (Individual Education Plan).
  - 3. If still below standards after the three-week, or the 15 school day ineligibility period, the participant will not be eligible to participate, practice or games, for the remainder of that sports/activity season. Ineligible participant's grades will be checked every 15 school days for those sports that run during the first and second semesters.-Student/athletes trying out for summer baseball that were ineligible as of last grading period will have their grades checked the first day of tryouts. If still failing, they will be ineligible for 15 school days and their grades will be rechecked after the 15 school days.

4. A participant may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses or other district approved programs) at the same or some other school provided the student successfully completes the same course or subject area which caused the ineligibility. Note: This section does not apply to summer baseball participants. (See #6 below)
  5. According to WIAA rules, if a participant is ineligible as of the end of the second semester and does not erase their ineligibility in summer school, they are ineligible for Fall season for the lesser of 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport or one-third of the maximum games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
  6. Baseball will have the following ineligibility provisions: Consistent with WIAA rules, they shall be ineligible for a minimum of three weeks (21 consecutive calendar days) as of the end of the second semester, if they have more than one failure as of the end of the second semester. Provision 3 above will apply for baseball players who participate in a fall sport.
  7. Consistent monitoring of all student/athletes' academic progress will take place by the Athletic Director and the participant's coach/advisor.
  8. Grades from middle school will not affect eligibility for students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- B. Participants must adhere to the Code of Conduct established by the District.

The following eligibility rules apply specifically to athletes:

- C. Athletes may not reach nineteen (19) years of age prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> of any given school year.
- D. A participant must be a full time student as defined by WIAA (a full time student is a student who the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day) and received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent grade reporting period. A senior who has acquired all necessary credits toward graduation is not exempt from this rule.
- E. Athletes may not have attended more than eight (8) semesters after entering Grade 9 and their seventh and eighth semesters must follow consecutively.
- F. Athletes may participate in any sport a maximum of four (4) seasons, in full or in part.
- G. Athletes, or their parents must live in the district in which they attend school unless they have served one year of ineligibility or unless the WIAA office has approved their residence situation.
- H. Athletes violate their status as an amateur student/athlete by (a): accepting any amount of money or any kind of usable merchandise, (b): signing a contract for your services as a student/athlete, (c): permitting your name, picture or personal appearance to be used for promoting anything, or (d): playing under another name.

- I. Athletes may not accept an award of merchandise value such as a jacket, sweater, watch, billfold, etc. in recognition of their talent or accomplishment as a student/athlete.
- J. Athletes may not participate in a contest other than for their official inter-scholastic school team while they are a member of that school team and during the entire school season (start of practice to end of season), of that sport.
- K. Athletes may not have played in an all-star contest or similar activity involving participants from more than a given league.
- L. Athletes may not let anyone besides their parents pay a fee for specialized training, like a summer camp, or if they are instructed by their school coach outside the season of a sport they will be in violation of WIAA Out of Season Rules. (See new WIAA Summer Contact Rules.)
- M. All provisions of the WIAA Official Handbook must be upheld. You may review these provisions with the Athletic Director. (See WIAA web site)

## VI. REQUIREMENTS BEFORE BEGINNING ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

- A. **A PHYSICAL EXAM IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN GRADES 6- 12 ON AN ALTERNATE YEAR BASIS.** The doctor must fill out an examination card. An exam made after April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year is good for the next two years of competition (i.e. Exam date of 4-3-15 is good for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school year). A white alternate year card is required for the second year of the period covered by the physical. An exam made prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year is only good for the remainder of that school year and the next year (i.e. Exam date of 2-2-15 is good for the remainder of the 2014-15 year and the 201516 school year only).
- B. The Athletic Department recommends that all incoming freshmen who do not have a physical exam card on record from 8<sup>th</sup> grade receive a physical exam after April 1<sup>st</sup> of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. This exam would be good for their freshmen and sophomore year. Another exam would be required for their junior and senior year. This second exam should be made after April 1<sup>st</sup> of the student/student/athlete's sophomore year. A white alternate year card (for the year your child does not need a physical) must be filled out by the parent and turned in to the Athletic Department or school office prior to the start of your child's sporting season.
- C. The participant must turn in to the Athletic Department or the principal the Athletic Code Form, agreeing to the provisions of the Athletic/Activity Handbook, prior to their first competition. This form must be signed by the participant and parents or guardians.
- D. The participant and parent must sign off and turn in the "Sports Concussion Management Information Form" indicating that they acknowledge receiving education about the signs, symptoms, and risks of sports related concussion and their responsibility to report to coaches any signs or symptoms of a concussion.



- E. WIAA requires every student/athlete to read and turn in signed the “High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin” annually.
- F. The participation fee must be paid prior to the start of the activity for student/students/athletes in grades 6-12. Check with the school to determine the amount of the fee.
- G. After all of the required cards and fees listed in A thru F have been completed, a participation card will be issued to the participant, which will give the participant the authorization to begin practice. The participant **MUST** turn this card into the coach prior to starting practice.

## VII. TRAINING AND TEAM RULES

Menomonee Falls Public School’s training and team rules are established to promote self-discipline in the best interest of the student. Any student who complies with these rules overtly demonstrates the desire toward self-improvement as well as enhancing the best interests of one’s teammates and school. A participant’s best performance results only after the mind and body have been conditioned through regular training routines.

### EXPECTATIONS

All students are encouraged to participate in athletics and activities. To maintain eligibility, a student shall abide by all rules and regulations established by the School Board, the Activities/Athletics Director, the school administration and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). The rules and regulations are prescribed in the Student Code of Conduct, the District Student Athletic and Activity Handbook, and the written expectations of the coach and the activities advisor. Students who are disciplined for violations of the the Athletic and Activities Handbook may appeal the disciplinary action to the principal.

A 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade participant is at an age when his/her body needs proper rest while participating in extensive physical activity; by following the rules set forth, both training and team, the student/athlete demonstrates his/her desire to be at his/her best at all times.

- A. The WIAA mandates that a school shall have a Code of Conduct for its students/athletes and it is strongly recommended that the code (a) designate the period of time involved in a suspension in advance of the school year, and (b) be developed with the involvement of students, coaches and administration, and be adopted by the Board.
- B. The Director of Activities/Athletics will conduct an investigation related to all allegations to determine whether or not a violation has occurred. The school must provide an opportunity for the student/athlete to be heard as part of the investigation prior to a penalty being enforced.
- C. After a violation of the Athletic and Activity Handbook has been determined, a participant may appeal the decision, or the penalty, to the principal. The role of the principal is to determine if the code was applied as written. The decision of the principal is final. A written appeal must be filed with the athletic/activities office within 5 school days of the penalty being assessed. If a student appeals a suspension, according to WIAA policies, the student is ineligible during the appeal process. After receiving a request for an appeal, the school must hear the appeal within 3 school days. Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, WIAA requires that the student/athlete serve a minimum of a one game/contest suspension for the violation.

## D. Violations

The participant will abide by the following expectations. These expectations shall be in effect for the calendar year (**12 months**) and cover all participants and student managers who have signed the Athletic and Activity handbook. All new students will abide by the handbook expectations beginning the first day on the MFHS campus (IE: Fall participants will follow the handbook from the first practice date or tryouts. All MFHS participants who start an activity after the first day of school start the code on the first day of school.)

While Policy 446, Students of Adult Age states that every student eighteen (18) years of age or older is an adult and shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of adulthood, the School Board and the Menononee Falls School District have established the position that participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege provided for students whose behavior is consistent with the expectations outlined in this handbook. **All participants must abide by the rules established in this code regardless of their age or legal status.** Violations of the Athletic and Activity handbook are divided into two categories outlined below:

- 1. Major Violations:** Includes the use or possession of drugs, alcohol and tobacco (including e-cigarettes and look alikes, regardless of their chemical content), distribution of illegal substances, as well as behaviors that could lead to legal consequences including, but not limited to, cyber or social media misconduct, theft, vandalism, fighting, harassment or hazing.
  - a. First Violation**
    - i. Self-reporting major violations: Student may self report their first violation to the Athletic/Activity Director or coach prior to 10:00AM on the next business day. The following consequences will be enforced:
      - Restriction from competition or performances for a period of 15% or at least two competitive events or performances and if the violation occurs near the conclusion of a season and the penalized number of contests is not fulfilled, the remaining contests will be served in the next sport in which the student/athlete competes. The participant must successfully complete this activity for the penalty imposed to count. Upon determination of a violation, the suspension needs to be immediate, concurrent, and independently assessed for each activity or sport.
      - The student may not apply for or be appointed to a leadership role within athletics or activities.
      - The student will be required to attend an in-house AODA assessment for a drug, alcohol or tobacco related violation. Refusal or failure to take part in the in-house AODA assessment will result in the participant missing an entire season. Student will

submit to and pass drug testing paid for by the parents, at times identified at the discretion of the administration, for one calendar year from the suspension.

- ii. When not self-reported for any Major violation, the following consequences will be enforced:
  - A participant will be suspended from competition for 30% of the contests in whatever activity he/she participates. Upon determination of a violation, the suspension needs to be immediate, concurrent, and independently assessed for each activity or sport.
  - If the violation occurs near the conclusion of a season and the penalized number of contests is not fulfilled, the remaining contests will be served in the next activity in which the participant competes. The participant must successfully complete this sport for the penalty imposed to count. The student will be required to attend an in-house AODA assessment if it is a drug, alcohol, or tobacco related violation. Based on the assessment results, there may be additional requirements. Refusal or failure to take part in the in-house AODA assessment will result in the participant missing an entire season. Student will submit to and pass drug testing paid for by the parents, at times identified at the discretion of the administration, for one calendar year from the suspension.
  - The student may not apply for or be appointed to a leadership role within athletics or activities.
- iii. If the violation occurs out of season, the suspension shall be carried over to the participant's next sport or activity. Successful completion of the sport or activity is mandatory.
- iv. In the event that a participant who has an unfulfilled penalty pending chooses to try out for a sport in which he/she has not previously participated, the participant must meet with the Athletic Director and/or coach to review the rules for the program. In order to satisfy the remaining penalty, the participant must win a spot on the team (if there are cuts) and then sit out the events to finish the penalty. Meanwhile, the participant must contribute positively to the team and complete the season in good standing. If the applicant does not qualify for the new sport or otherwise fails to meet the requirements of the program, all penalties will remain in effect.
- v. The participant must continue to practice and stay within team expectations for performance during his/her suspension.

- vi. Fractions of contests will be rounded up to the next highest contest.
- vii. The number of contests in each sport is available from the Athletic Director.
- viii. If a student is suspended for one or more games during a WIAA sponsored tournament, the student/athlete will be ineligible for the total tournament series in that sport.

**b. Second Violation**

- i. A participant may not compete on any team for one calendar year from the time of the penalty **AND** will again be required to take part in an in-house AODA assessment if it is a drug, alcohol, or tobacco related offense. Again, based on the assessment results, the student may be required to participate in a formal outside assessment or program at the parent's expense. If the participant is not a senior, he/she may participate during practices on a team at the coaches and Athletic Director's discretion during the year.
- ii. The Athletic Department may consider the option of reducing the one year suspension if the student complies with the following provisions:
  - Submits to a professional AODA drug and alcohol assessment at the expense of the parents and the results would be shared with the appropriate school authorities and Athletic Director.
  - Submit to drug and alcohol screenings at a time determined by administration at the expense of the parents with the results being shared with the appropriate school personnel.
  - Agree to attend drug and/or alcohol or other appropriate counseling as recommended by the school district at the expense of the parents with attendance verification provided to the Athletic Director.
  - If after a six-month period of serving the suspension, all of the conditions mentioned above are successfully met, a meeting with the Athletic Director can be scheduled where a possible reduction would be discussed. Some of the requirements may include, but are not limited to a current drug test and/or completed counseling documentation.

- c. **Third Violation:** A participant will be suspended from all competition for the remainder of their high school career.

- 2. Minor Violations:** behavior that is contrary to generally recognized moral and ethical standards. These conduct violations may include, but are not limited to the following: suspensions, academic dishonesty, cyber or social media misconduct, hazing, **presence at parties where minors consume alcohol, the use of tobacco or other drugs**, or unsportsmanlike conduct as a participant or spectator.
- a. First Violation: A verbal/written warning will be administered to the student/athlete and parents. A parent/participant conference with the Athletic Director will be required for the student/athlete to participate. The Athletic Director reserves the right to suspend the student/athlete for competitions for up to 30% of the season.
  - b. Second Violation: The participant will be suspended from all competitions for 30% of the season.
  - c. Third Violation: The participant will be suspended from all competitions for 100% of the season.

### **3. Team Rules & Parent Communication**

- a. Each head coach/advisor will establish a set of team rules, regulations and consequences, which he/she feels is in the best interest of each participant and the program. The consequences cannot exceed those established in the athletic/activity handbook.
- b. If the student or parent has questions or issues related to the team or activity rules, regulations and consequences they should first attempt to resolve the questions or concern directly with their respective coach or advisor. If they are unable to resolve the question or concern, the student or parent, can contact the Athletic Director to set up a meeting.

## **VIII. INSURANCE COVERAGE AND INJURIES FOR ATHLETICS**

- A. It is expected that all participants in the Athletic Program be covered by insurance.
- B. In any sport, particularly the contact sports, there is a risk of injury. Injuries to organs, paralysis and even death may occur. It is the responsibility of each student to report his/her injuries to the coach or athletic trainer immediately.
- C. According to a WIAA rule, a student who displays symptoms of concussion and /or is rendered unconscious may not return to practice or competition during the same day. The student may not return to practice or competition until approved in writing by an appropriate healthcare professional. The WIAA identifies a physician and licensed athletic trainer (LAT) as appropriate healthcare professionals for determining return to play. Prior to returning to competition the concussed student/athlete must have a return to play clearance form signed by a LAT. Procedures to return to play must meet district concussion plan guidelines.

- D. The school's licensed athletic trainer must be in support of the doctor's recommendation to return in order for the student to be eligible to play.
- E. Should an injury be discovered after the student/athlete has returned home, the coach should be notified promptly, at home if necessary. Don't wait until the next day.
- F. In case of emergency, school personnel will call a rescue squad to transport the student/athlete to the hospital. Every effort will be made to contact the parents before the necessary medical attention is obtained.
- G. Students using weight room equipment against coach/trainer's advice/instruction will assume the responsibility of their direct or indirect injuries. THE WEIGHT ROOMS ARE TO BE USED ONLY UNDER APPROVED ADULT SUPERVISION.

IX. CARE OF THE EQUIPMENT

- A. Participants are responsible for the proper care and handling of all equipment and agree to use the equipment for school sponsored events only.
- B. Each student is responsible for the proper care and safekeeping of the equipment issued to them. Lockers should be securely locked during and after every practice and contest.
- C. All equipment used is school property and may be used during a particular sport season only. It is the responsibility of each student who is issued any type of uniform and/or equipment to return that equipment at the completion of his/her participation of each sport season. EACH STUDENT WILL BE HELD FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN EQUIPMENT. The participant must pay the school for lost or stolen items or they will not be allowed to participate in their next activity until the issue is resolved. No awards will be granted until the equipment issue is resolved.
- D. School purchased equipment shall only be worn during practice or contests unless authorized by the coach or advisor for game/event day wearing.

X. TRAVEL AND CONDUCT ON TRIPS

- A. Team members must use the mode of transportation provided by the school unless special pre-arrangements are made in writing and approved by the Athletic Director 24 hours in advance. These pre-arrangements are only allowed if the participant is riding home with THEIR parents only. Every participant is strongly encouraged to make every effort to use Menomonee Falls Public School's transportation to and from events. Failure to abide by this rule may result in a suspension or removal from the team. Policy 443.3, School Conduct on School Buses
- B. Buses will leave at pre-designated times. Participants who miss the bus will not be able to arrange for their own transportation to the event.
- C. All participants are expected to conduct themselves as good examples of our student body at all times. We are in the eyes of the public on and off the field or court.

- D. It is imperative that non-participating students show good sportsmanship while attending events. You are representing your school and your team when supporting another team. Inappropriate behavior may result in a school or athletic contest suspension.
- E. To ensure safety of all, participants are subject to bag/luggage inspections by school personnel at any time.

XI. APPEARANCE

- A. Grooming shall be such that at any time proficiency, safety or cleanliness inhibits performance, the participant will be asked to modify his/her grooming in order to perform at his/her maximum capacity.
- B. Appropriate attire will be worn when traveling to events. The coaches/advisors will determine what constitutes appropriate attire.

XII. LOCKER ROOM OR DRESSING ROOM BEHAVIOR

Profanity is not to be used in the locker rooms, dressing rooms or on the playing fields/courts by any member of a team representing Menomonee Falls Public Schools. The locker room is a place for coaches and players only. Friends and relatives are not allowed in the locker room before, during or after games or practice, unless given permission from the Athletic Director. Every participant is responsible for keeping the locker room or dressing room, etc. clean. Litter receptacles are provided for refuse. Loitering in the locker room is prohibited. **Photography is strictly prohibited in all locker room/restroom areas per School Board policy #731.1, Locker Room and Restroom Privacy.**

XIII. ATTENDANCE – SCHOOL

Performance in academics is the highest priority in the Menomonee Falls Public School District. Attendance in classes is of utmost importance in order for optimum performance to occur. Therefore, attendance in ALL periods is required unless a student has a valid excused absence verified by the school. If you are ill you must be in school at least 50% of the day in order to practice or participate in contests that day. The 50% rule does not apply to excused absences such as dentist appointments, funerals, field trips, etc. In the case of unexcused absences the participant is not allowed to participate in practice or contests the same day. Coaches/advisors are expected to monitor their participant's attendance. If a participant is truant from any period, the coach/advisor will have the student miss the next scheduled contest/game. Participants are also expected to be in class the day of and after a contest. Failure to abide by these rules may result in a suspension or removal from the team.

#### XIV. ATTENDANCE – PRACTICE AND CONTESTS

- A. Participants are expected to attend all practices. They may be excused from practice only by the coaching staff/advisors of the sport/activity.
- B. Penalties for unexcused absences and tardiness from practice will be levied by the head coach/advisor.
- C. Injury, illness, funerals, religious holidays or special school activities, will be the only legitimate excuses for missing a regularly scheduled game/event. Other reasons for missing must be cleared by the coach before the absence.

#### XV. CHANGING SPORTS

- A. A participant may not be involved in two sports during the same season except by agreement of both coaches, the Athletic Director and his/her parents.
- B. A student cut from one sport may try out for another sport providing he/she was not cut from the first sport for a disciplinary reason.
- C. A participant who is removed for disciplinary reasons by a coach or “quits” shall not be eligible to compete in another sport that particular season unless both head coaches approve.

#### XVI. APPEALS PROCESS FOR PARTICIPANTS ‘CUT’ FROM A SPORT OR ACTIVITY

If a participant is cut from a sport and the parent(s) or participant feels they were unfairly evaluated, the participant may appeal the decision. The appeal process should be as follows:

- A. Set up a conference with the coach/advisor and the head coach if it is a non varsity level program.  
At this conference the coach(s)/Advisor(s) will provide the evaluation process and the rationale for “cutting” the student. The coach reserves the right to reinstate the participant on the team/cast, extend the tryout, or leave the decision as is.
- B. An appointment should be made with the Athletic Director **ONLY** if the parent(s) or child feels they have been discriminated against or unfairly treated. The Athletic Director’s role is to determine if the tryout was conducted fairly.
- C. The decision of the Athletic Director is final.



## XVII. ATHLETIC AWARDS

### A. NUMERALS:

Freshmen who participate throughout a season will receive numerals signifying their graduating year. If they participate in more than one sport, each succeeding set of numerals earned would result in a certificate. No one gets more than one set of numerals.

### B. F WITH THE FEATHER PATCH:

Freshmen, Sophomores, or Juniors who participate on a JV team or Varsity Reserve would receive a Patch. Each succeeding patch earned would result in a certificate. No one gets more than one Patch. If a student/athlete earns a Patch and has never received the numerals, those would also be awarded.

### C. MAJOR LETTER:

Any student/athlete who participates on a varsity team may receive a Major Letter. Each succeeding Major Letter earned would result in a chevron. No one gets more than one Major Letter during their high school career. If a student/athlete earns a Major Letter and has never received the numerals and/or Patch, those would be awarded also.

### D. WHITE LETTER:

Any student/athlete who participates on a varsity team may receive a White Letter. **ONE AND ONLY ONE** White Letter during your high school career will be awarded to each student/athlete/team that achieves an individual/team CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP, or if they **WIN** a **STATE** individual/team CHAMPIONSHIP.

Succeeding individual/team CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS or STATE INDIVIDUAL/TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS will be awarded a “Championship Patch.” Separate patches will signify a CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP and a STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

### E. CHEERLEADING/DANCE:

The same criteria will apply for the numerals, patch, and major letter as it does for all other student/students/athletes. A **WHITE LETTER** will only be earned by varsity cheerleaders/dance that **WIN** the state cheerleading/dance competition. Cheerleaders/dance won’t receive a White Letter or “Championship Patch” as a result of cheering for an individual/team that wins a Conference Championship or State Championship.

### F. PLAQUES FOR EACH SPORT:

There are 3 plaques available each year in each sport – 1 large and 2 smaller. The large plaque is for the Most Valuable Award, or any other significant award as designated by each sport. The 2 smaller plaques may be awarded and named as each sport deems appropriate.

G. SENIOR PLAQUE:

A student/athlete, excluding manager, who earns a minimum of 3 letters in one sport or 4 in more than one sport, will receive a plaque signifying these accomplishments at the end of their Senior year.

H. “MILT BLAKE AWARD”

The coaches will put into nomination, and then vote by secret ballot, for the outstanding male and female Senior students/athletes. These people must have participated in more than one sport and represent the athletic program through their example, citizenship, sportsmanship, and scholarship in an exemplary manner.

**MENOMONEE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY HANDBOOK**

**We have reviewed the Menomonee Falls School District Athletic & Activity Handbook and agree to the provisions outlined in the code.**

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