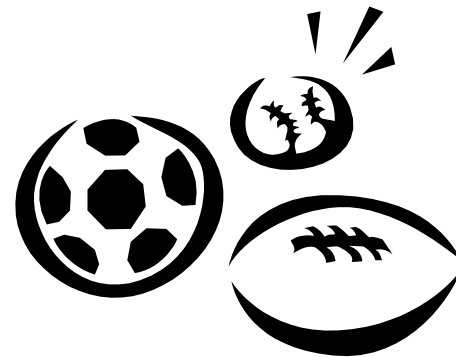


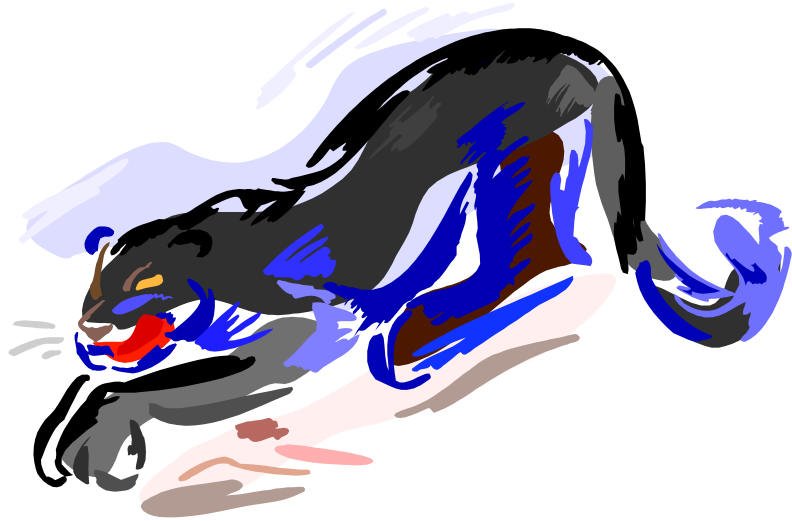


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C. Open Gym for in season athletes

1. Any student participating in one sport will not be allowed to use the gym to practice a different sport without pre-approval of the in-season coach. This includes participation in such things as clinics, out of season leagues etc..
2. Student athletes in a sport should use the weight room under the direct supervision of a PDY coach or weight room supervisor. No student is permitted to be in the weight room without a BOE certified coach or adult.
3. Eligibility requirements for extra curricular participation will apply to use of open gym or weight room.

The policies including in this handbook are all a part of the Athletic Policy adopted on 07/01/05 and revised in July 2007. The policies in this document have been updated to the present. In the event a violation or problem occurs not specifically covered in the handbook and the decision of the athletic direction is appealed, the Athletic Council will be the appealing body. If resolution is not found within the Council, the appeal process would be to the Building Principal and Superintendent of schools.



CONTEST TRAVEL RELEASE

Date _____

Pay -To - Participate

The funds collected with the Pay To Participate program will be specifically directed to assist in off setting the ever rising transportation costs of our extra curricular activities. The following guidelines will be administered by the Athletic Department under direct supervision of the Athletic Director.

An annual \$50.00 fee will be charged to any student participating in an extracurricular activity in grades 9-12 and an annual \$25.00 fee for students in grades 7 and 8. The appropriate fee must be paid or arrangements must be made with the Athletic Director for payment to be collected before participation in any contest can occur.

Any student that is on the reduced lunch program through the Pike-Delta -York school district will have the annual fee also reduced to a \$25.00 fee in grades 9-12 and a \$15.00 fee in grades 7 and 8. The appropriate fee must be paid or arrangements must be made with the Athletic Director for payment to be collected before participation in any contest can occur.

Any student that is on the Free lunch program through the Pike-Delta -York school district will have the annual Pay To Participate fee waived.

Grades 9-12

For Family's with more that one student: (\$100.00 max charge)
\$50 or \$25 for first student
\$50 or \$25 for second student
No fee for third and fourth student

Grades 7-8

For Family's with more that one student: (\$50.00 max charge)
\$25 or \$15 for first student
\$25 or \$15 for second student
No fee for third and fourth student

• This is to certify that _____ has my
(Student's Name)
Permission to ride (to-from-both) the _____
(circle one) (Sport)
Athletic contest on _____ 20_____,
(Date)

_____. I certify that
(Location of contest)
I am personally transporting the above-named student. The reason for
Not riding the bus is _____

(Reason must be school related or an extreme exceptional circumstance to justify not riding the bus)

I understood that the Delta High School/Middle School Athletic Rules
Require that students ride the buses to and from all athletic events and a d
Departure from this requirement will release the Pike-Delta-York District
From Liability for any adverse results that may occur.

I agree to release the Pike-Delta-York School District and its employees

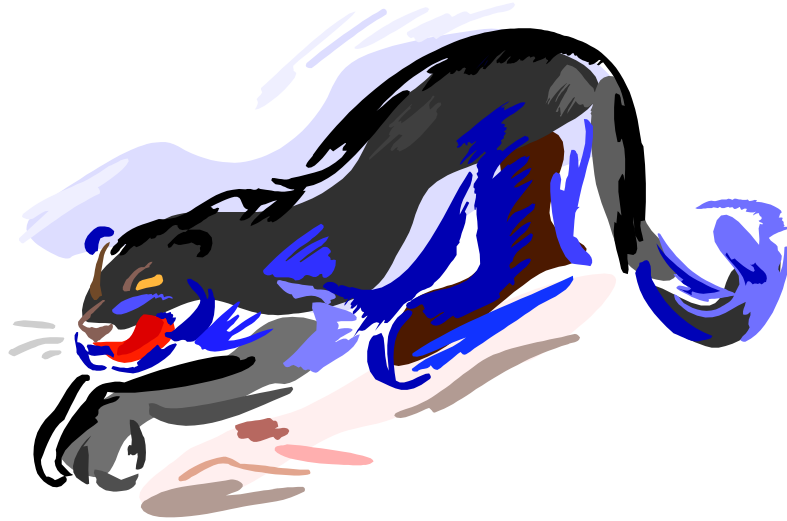
And officers from all liability with reference to the above -stated

Transportation. This form must be on file the Athletic Office at least one
day prior to the Day of the contest.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Approved-Not Approved _____
Signature of Coach

Approved-Not Approved _____
Signature of Athletic Director



- C. 2nd year award—service bar, varsity certificate
- D. 3rd year award—service bar, varsity certificate
- E. 4th year award—service bar, varsity certificate
- F. Four extra special awards
- G. Jr. High Awards—4” D

QUITTING OR DROPPING A SPORT

Any student can drop out of a sport providing it is done in the proper way; that is, the student makes his/her reason known to the coach personally; secondly, he/she must return all equipment and clear all financial responsibilities with the school.

A student who drops out of any sport may not participate in a second sport during the same season, unless he/she obtains a written release from the coach of the sport being dropped, and is accepted by the Athletic Director and new coach. In addition, any student that is released from a team must immediately vacate their assigned locker in the varsity locker room and must refrain from using the varsity locker room and weight room until that particular season has concluded.

A student who drops out of a sport during the first ten days of practice may freely switch to another sport without a written release.

CUTTING ATHLETES FROM THE SQUAD

If a student is cut from one sport, he is eligible to participate in another sport during the same season.

A student faced with this situation should be encouraged to go out for another sport unless he is cut for disciplinary reasons or eligibility infractions.

Final decisions in cutting players will rest with the head coach. Any appeals will be considered through the proper channels.

USE OF GYM, WEIGHT ROOM, ETC.

The PDY school system recognizes the benefits students gain by the use of the gymnasium and weight room and yet, must also be cognizant of student needs. Therefore, the following policies shall apply to the use of these facilities.

- A. All practice activities within the complex must be concluded by 9:30 p.m. and students shall not be in the building after 10:00p.m.
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- F. (cont'd) or appointed by the athletic director. The athlete's appeal must be in writing and submitted to the building principal within 48 hours after the informal hearing.
- G. The final authority to deny participation rests with the building principal. Until a decision is reached, the student will be denied participation.
- H. If a need arises for an athlete to be denied participation in a contest/ practice, or removed from a team, the coach shall meet with the athletic director prior to any action taking place. If denial of participation is indicated, the athlete will meet with the coach and athletic director in an informal hearing with notification of action given at this time. The athlete will be given the right to appeal the decision with the building principal. In all cases where the athlete is denied participation from an extra curricular activity for less than 24 hours, and is not subject to further denial of participation, the due process procedures will not apply.

Disciplinary action recommended by the Athletic Hearing Committee will be followed. The attitude and cooperation of the athlete will be a significant factor in determining disciplinary consequences. The Athletic Hearing Committee will use the following as guidelines in determining disciplinary action:

1st offense: up to 50% of that sport season.

Subsequent offenses: denial of extracurricular activities for up to the remainder of the season.

AWARDS

Each head coach is in charge of determining his/her own lettering policy.

- A. Freshman award—numerals of graduating year. If a freshman participates in reserve or varsity, he/she will be given the proper award plus numerals.
- B. 1st year award—chenille letter, sport pin, varsity certificate

PIKE-DELTA-YORK SCHOOLS COMMUNICATION GUIDE A presentation of the Department of Athletics

Introduction

We are pleased that your son/daughter has chosen to participate in the interscholastic program at Pike-Delta-York. A goal of the athletic department is to provide our athletes with an environment which allows their sport experiences to be as rewarding as possible.

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide a greater benefit to your child. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on him/her. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication you should expect from the coach:

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as the players on the squad.
3. Locations and times of practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e... fees, practices, special equipment, off season conditioning, and attendance.
5. Procedure followed should your child be injured during participation.
6. Athletic Code of Behavior that may result in the denial of your child's participation.
7. Requirement to earn a letter.
8. Disposition of lost/outstanding equipment at the end of the season.

Communication coaches should expect from parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach first.
 2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
 3. Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
 4. Special needs of the athlete.
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As your son/daughter becomes involved in the programs at Delta, he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way your or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Chain of Command

1. Assistant Coach if applicable
2. Head Coach
3. Athletic Administrator
4. Building Principal
5. Superintendent
6. Board of Education

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches:

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior. It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you hope.

Coaches are Professionals:

They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches:

1. Team Strategy
2. Play calling
3. Other student/athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are encouraged when necessary. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. Each should be willing to listen. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue or concern.

DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION:

Failure to follow the rules and regulations established by the Athletic Department, the PDY Board of Education, the student handbook, or individual coaches or advisors rules may result in denial of participation. The following process is afforded any student found in violation of the rules set forth in the student athletic handbook.

- A. Prior to each season, the head coach of the sport will provide, in writing, the rules and regulations which are to be followed for that sport season. The head coach will cover these rules in a team meeting.
- B. Should an athlete violate any one of the rules established by a head coach that coach will consult with the athletic director and provide the athletic director with the information concerning the violation.
- C. The Athletic Director will decide if a violation has occurred. If the Athletic Director concurs that a violation has occurred, the Athletic Director will notify the student of his/her Intent to Deny Participation . A notice of denial to participate will also be sent to the parent/guardian of each student denied participation.
- D. Upon receiving written notice of the intent to deny participation, the athlete may request an informal hearing with the Athletic Director to explain the situation.
- E. Based upon this meeting, the decision is made by the Athletic Director to deny participation or not to deny participation.
- F. The athlete may appeal this decision to the Athletic Review Committee. This committee consists of 1) the head coach of the sport in which the athlete is competing, 2) the Athletic Director, 3) the building principal, and 4) any other individuals assigned

athletic trips. Students found in violation of trip policy will be subject to disciplinary action which may include denial of participation.

ATHLETIC SPORTS SEASON TRAINING RULES POLICY

An **athlete** is any student in grades 7-12 currently enrolled at PDY schools who has participated in any school related organized sport activity. Activities shall include but not be limited to the following organized practice in season, scrimmages, or games.

A student athlete identified as using or possessing drugs, alcohol or tobacco by a faculty member during the sport season or admitting to using or possessing drugs, alcohol or tobacco during the sport season (first day of OHSAA designated practice until the awards assembly) shall be subject to the following consequences:

- A. First offense—the athlete shall be denied participation in 50% of the contests scheduled for that sport. The consequence may be decreased to 10% of the contests if the athlete participates in a chemical assessment by a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor. The athlete shall continue to practice.
- B. Second offense—the athlete shall be denied participation for the remainder of that season or denied participation in accord with the ruling of the Athletic Hearing Committee .
- C. Third offense— the athlete is permanently denied participation in athletics in the PDY Local School district.



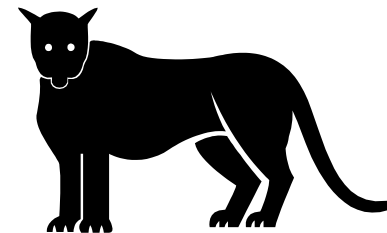
If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the procedures you should follow is:

1. Call to make an appointment. The school phone number is (419) 822-8247 for High School and (419)822-9118 for Middle School
2. If the coach cannot be reached call the athletic administrator. A meeting will be set up for you.
3. Please DO NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both parents and coaches. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

What a parent can do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution:

1. Call and set up an appointment with the athletic administrator to discuss the situation.

Since research indicates that a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after school. It is hoped that the information provided in this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Pike-Delta-York Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.



Athletic Philosophy

Athletics play an important part in the life of Pike-Delta-York High School. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are an integral part of our athletic program. Athletics play an important part, too, in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to our school spirit and helps all students—spectators as well as participants—develop pride in their school.

Objectives of Participation

- A. To provide a positive image of school athletics at Pike-Delta-York High School.
- B. To promote the development of loyalty, cooperation, and fair play.
- C. To generate a feeling of unity among the student body, faculty, and community.
- D. To provide sufficient activities to have an outlet for a wide variety of student interests and abilities.
- E. To develop fairness and respect in human relationships.

Requirements of Participation

Athletics are a privilege not a right. The following requirements are necessary before you may participate in athletics at Delta High School:

1. A signed parent permission form filed with the Athletic Director.
2. A physical examination card signed by a physician certifying your capacity for athletics on file with the Athletic Director.
3. A signed insurance waiver indicating the type of insurance coverage you have.
4. Be academically eligible as in accordance with OHSAA requirements.
5. Emergency medical authorization form.

Physical Forms

Physical forms are available at the high school office. The OHSAA requires that each athlete participating in athletics at member schools have a

5. Dress Code

School wide dress code policies apply to all athletic contests. Coaches may require guidelines that exceed this policy. Exceptions or deviations to this policy may be permitted by teams that dress at home or do not appear publicly; only with the express permission of the Athletic Director.

6. Conduct

Athletes at PDY are expected to behave in an appropriate manner. The Athletic Director reserves the right to discipline students with unacceptable behavior. The Principal may act as an appeal board for any such action taken by the Athletic Director.

7. Equipment

All equipment must be returned prior to the awards presentation. No awards will be presented to an athlete who failed to return all equipment to the athletic department. Payment for missing equipment may be accepted by the Athletic Director. No school equipment is to be worn except while participating for the school team. Game gear is not to be worn at practice.

8. College Recruitment Policy

Any student contacted by a college or university shall notify his /her coach of the contact immediately. The athlete will work with the head coach and the college personnel in this area.

9. Attendance

All students are expected to be in attendance at school each day. The students are to be in attendance at least 1/2 day (4 periods) in order to participate on any given day. Absences must be pre-approved by the building principle (i.e., college visits, funerals, etc.) Chronic attendance problems may result in denial of athletic privileges.

10. Travel

All athletes must ride to and from an athletic contest when transportation is provided by the school. Exceptions (which may be granted for special circumstances and shouldn't be requested routinely) must be approved in advance by completing the transportation request form and submitting it to the building principal for approval or denial. All rules concerning bus behavior will apply to

Residence: Eligibility is determined by the school district of residence of your parents or legal guardian. Students who are open enrolled to Pike-Delta-York schools, must meet the criteria established by the OHSAA. Questions concerning open enrollment should be addressed by the Athletic Director.

Semesters of Eligibility: When enrolled in ninth grade the first time, you have eight (8) semesters of athletic eligibility taken in order of attendance whether you participate or don't participate.

AGE LIMITATIONS

Grades 9-12: If you are nineteen (19) years of age prior to August 1, you are ineligible that school year.

Grades 7-8: If you are fifteen (15) years of age prior to August 1, you are ineligible that school year in grades seven and eight.

If you are fifteen (15) years of age prior to August 1, you are eligible to participate in athletics in grades 9-12.

The above complies with the rules and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES:

1. General Statement

Students who wish to participate in the Pike-Delta-York Athletic Program must be willing to accept the guidelines, rules, and regulations of the activity. Students are expected to maintain a high standard of personal appearance and exhibit acceptable conduct at all times.

2. Denial of Participation

Students can be denied participation from the PDY Athletic or extra-curricular program for misconduct, rules violation, academic deficiency, failure to attend required study tables, or non-attendance in the activity by the coach/advisor/administration.

3. Student Behavior

The school's student handbook will act as a general guideline for student behavior and will be in effect at all times.

4. Exemption from Discipline

Students are not exempt from assigned detentions/Saturday School or study tables because of a scheduled activity or practice.

physical exam on a yearly basis. The OHSAA forms must be filled out and signed by both the parent and a duly licensed physician and kept on file in the Athletic Director's office.

INSURANCE

All students should be adequately protected with some form of insurance. The school provides catastrophic insurance coverage through the OHSAA. Each student must have some form of insurance in addition to the coverage provided by OHSAA. An insurance waiver/identification sheet must be signed and on file with the Athletic Director prior to participation. The Pike-Delta-York School Board does not accept responsibility for students who are not properly insured.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period. Semester average and yearly average have no effect on eligibility.

Grades 7-12: The OHSAA determines eligibility based on the student/athlete being currently enrolled in school and having received passing grades in a minimum of five one credit courses, or the equivalent in the immediately preceding grading period for both HS and MS students. In addition, the Pike-Delta-York school board has adopted, for eligibility a minimum grade point average of 1.5.

Students falling between a 1.0 GPA and 1.5 GPA will be assigned study table to maintain eligibility. Students falling below the 1.0 GPA will be considered ineligible.

Study Table: The athletic administration will conduct quarterly (interim grade) checks on all in-season athletes. Any athlete not meeting the required minimum GPA will be assigned a study table. These study tables will remain in effect based upon guidelines established by the Athletic Department. Study tables will meet a minimum of twice a week for at least 35 minutes per session. Failure to attend study table may result in denial of participation.
