

ATHLETIC POLICY

The purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well being of the individual player. Participants in our programs will be expected to display the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play; to show and encourage a winning spirit while not losing sight of the above ideals. The following provides a detailed explanation of the eligibility requirements for participation in the Beals Elementary School athletic Program:

I. AGE AND GRADE LEVEL

A. Pee-Wee Teams

Players will normally be taken from grades 4, 5 and 6, but may be from grades 3 if sufficient numbers are not available. To qualify, a player must be 12 years or younger as of October 15th. Practices and games are not to exceed four per week with no more than two games per week. The principal and/or athletic director will schedule all games. Make-up games and tournaments scheduled by the principal and/or athletic director may exceed two per week if no other alternative exists.

B. Junior High Teams

Players will normally be in grades 7-8, but may be from grades 4 through 6 if sufficient numbers are not available. To qualify, a player must be 14 years of age or younger as of October 15th. Practices and games are not to exceed five per week with no more than two games per week. The principal and/or athletic director will schedule all the games. Make-up games and tournaments scheduled by the principal and/or athletic director may exceed two per week if no other alternative exists.

C. Cross-country

Players will normally be in grades 3-8. Students in grades K-2 may participate with the stipulation that one or both of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) that have been approved by the school must attend all meets and practices with their child. All other Pee-wee rules apply.

II. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUGS

Any athlete or manager caught possessing or using alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs while participating in a sport will be suspended from all athletic activities for a period time to be determined by the principal in consultation with the coach and athletic director.

III. ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is required of all athletes. Unless give permission by the principal, a student absent on the day of a game or practice will not be eligible to participate.

Any athlete arriving at school later than 9:00 a.m. without valid excuse will not be allowed to participate in practice or a game scheduled for that day.

IV. ATTITUDE

To qualify for any team sport, each participating student member should exhibit a positive attitude about his/her school, his/her teachers, his/her peers and self, and demonstrate this attitude at all times when competing with other schools in intramural athletics, and all practices. Vulgar language cannot be tolerated and is just cause for removal for the team.

V. ACHIEVEMENT

A student achieving passing grades in a least 5 major subject areas will be allowed full participation in the athletic program. The major subjects are spelling, English, reading, social studies, science, health and math. The minor subjects are art, music, and physical education.

Students not meeting the above criteria shall have their eligibility determined on a weekly basis by the teacher(s) and the principal.

VI. CONFLICTS

When a conflict occurs between the athletic director and any coach and it appears the problem cannot be resolved at that level, it should be referred to the principal. If the problem is still unresolved, it should then be referred to the superintendent. If the problem sill remains unresolved, it should be referred to the Beals School Committee.

VII. MEDICAL

Before any athlete can participate in tryouts or intramurals, they must have on file at the school office:

- A. A written permission slip from the doctor completing a physical examination of the student stating that the athlete is physically fit to participate. This physical will be adequate for all sports unless there are restrictions placed on it. Any physical other than those given by the school physician at the scheduled time will be at the individual's own expense.

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- B. A written statement from the parent indicating the medical coverage in force for the student athlete during each particular sport season.
- C. A signed parental permission slip to acknowledge the athletic policy and the risk of injury involved while participating in interscholastic athletics or intramurals.
- D. The school could require a second physician's note if the child is injured or suffers an illness or condition which could further endanger the athlete's well being. If the school has a factual basis to believe that the child's continuation/participation in a sport would jeopardize that safety of that child or the safety of the other children involved in the sport, it could require a second physician's opinion, at the school's expense, by a physician mutually chosen by the school and the parents.

VIII. DISCIPLINE

- A. There will be no smoking or drug use by a team member. Any violation is subject to dismissal from the team and possible police action.
- B. Athletes suspended from school shall not be allowed to practice or participate in contests while on suspension.
- C. Individual coaches/advisors have the responsibility to report to the principal/ athletic director recommendations for disciplinary action pertaining to any problem that may arise that has not already been mentioned.

IX. NO SCHOOL – ACTIVITIES

All school activities are automatically cancelled whenever school is canceled because of storms, etc. This policy is to have flexibility to allow activities to be held under certain extenuating circumstances; however, the basic intent of the policy will remain intact.

X. PRACTICE/GAME PARTICIPATION

Team members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled practices. Two unexcused absences from practice will make an individual ineligible to participate for the remainder of the season.

PRACTICE/GAME PARTICIPATION, CONTINUED

Excused absences are for reasons as listed under Title 20A, Section 3272:

- A. Personal illness;
- B. An Appointment with a health professional that must be made during the regular school day;
- C. Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during the regular school day;
- D. A family emergency; or
- E. A planned absence for a personal or education purpose, which has been approved.

NOTE: If absence occurs on Friday, a team member cannot participate in a Saturday activity unless approved by the principal/athletic director.

XI. TRANSPORTATION

All students will ride in school provided transportation to and from athletic events away from the school. NO students will be released unless the parent/guardian attends the game(s) and gives a written permission slip to the coach(es) or athletic director. The students may be released only to the parent/guardian. All students and athletes are to obey the school and coaches' transportation rules.

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