

HOPKINS ACADEMY ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Athletic Code

All students who wish to participate on a Hopkins Academy athletic team should acquaint themselves thoroughly with the regulations listed below. Failure to abide by the following code could result in a case of ineligibility.

1. All Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association rules must be strictly followed with regard to age, grades, chemical abuse, sportsmanship, etc.
2. A student must secure during the last marking period preceding the contest (e.g. second quarter marks and not semester grades determine third quarter eligibility) a passing grade in the equivalent of four traditional year long major subjects. To satisfy this requirement, a student must have passed sufficient courses so as to be earning for that marking period, credits totalling the equivalent of four traditional year long major English courses (20 credits). To be eligible for the fall marking period, students are required to have passed for the previous year the equivalent of four traditional year long major English courses (20 credits).
3. During the season of practice or play, a student shall not, regardless of quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell or give away any tobacco products, any beverage containing alcohol, marijuana, steroids or any controlled substance.

First Violation:

The student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic events, or two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. If the penalty is not fulfilled during the season when received, it would carry over to the next season in which the student plays a sport.

Second and Subsequent Violation:

The student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic events or twelve (12) consecutive weeks, whichever is greater.

4. All Hopkins Academy athletes must maintain sound school citizenship during class, student activities, and on athletic teams. Neglect of this regulation or repeated minor offenses could terminate athletic membership.
5. Athletes must be in regular attendance at all practice sessions, games, and mandatory team functions. Planned absenteeism must be reported in advance to the appropriate coach. Absenteeism without a valid excuse or failure to report planned absenteeism in advance may be penalized by the coach.
6. Students participating in athletics must be in school for at least three and one-half hrs.(3 1/2) on the days of all practices and games. Exceptions to the above policy may be made by the administration.
7. All Hopkins Academy athletes should conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Cursing, fighting, and criticizing officials has no place in athletics.
8. Bona fide members of a school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in order to practice or compete with an out-of-school team.

All athletes participating in the Interscholastic Athletic program are covered by an athletic school insurance policy if (a) they do not have personal coverage or (b) as a secondary insurance where personal insurance does not cover. All injuries must be reported to the coach who will make out an accident report.

PROCEDURE FOR FILING A CLAIM: (Beyond what your personal insurance covers)

- a. The coach will fill out an Accident Report and submit it to the Athletic Director or nurse.
- b. It is the parents' responsibility to complete and file the claim as instructed on the claim form.
- c. Claim forms are available from the school.