



Berkshire Jr./Sr. High School

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TRAINING RULES

1. Training rules are in effect for the school year. Each new year begins the first day of summer practice and ends with the last day of the school year.
2. A healthy body and a clean mind are benefits of participating in athletics. Toward that end, the following applies:
 - a. Abstain from drugs, alcohol and tobacco products.
 - b. Abstain from possession and the use of Creatine and other related performance enhancing substances.
 - c. Abstain from possession or use of steroids.
 - d. Athletes violating a, b or c will be subject to the following discipline:
 - i. First offense: suspension from all team activities for ten (10) school days. This ten-day suspension can be reduced provided the athlete participates in an approved intervention program at his/her own expense.
 - ii. Second offense: suspension from any and all team activities for the balance of the school year.
 - e. In addition to d. i. and d. ii. above, students are subject to all provisions of the School District's Pupil Code of Conduct and Board of Education policies pertaining to substance and tobacco abuse.
3. All athletes shall comply with Student Discipline Code as adopted by the Berkshire Board of Education.
4. Coaches may develop additional training rules pertaining to their respective sports.

TRANSPORTATION

Participating athletes, managers, and those who assist the team are expected to ride the bus or other school vehicles to and from the activity. The district has assumed responsibility for transportation. Permission to ride with friends will not be granted under any circumstances. Only the principal can give permission for a student-athlete to ride home with a parent.

ELIGIBILITY

The Athletic Director, upon receiving grades from the Guidance Office, determines athletic eligibility at the end of each 9-week grading period. The following criteria determine the athlete's eligibility:

1. The high school athlete must have passed five (5) credits the preceding 9-week grading period to be eligible for the next 9-week period (Ohio High School Athletic Association), and must pass five (5) for the year before the beginning of the next school year to be eligible for athletic participation the next school year (Berkshire).

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ELIGIBILITY (Continued)

2. The high school athlete must maintain a grade point average of 1.5 or higher.
3. The high school athlete with a grade point average of at least a 1.0 but less than a 1.5 will be placed on academic/participation probation. To be on probation means the athlete has until interim time of the next 9-week grading period to bring the grade point average up to the minimum 1.5. If they fail to do so by that time, they will be ineligible to participate in any team activity for the remainder of the grading period.
4. A high school athlete can have no more than one "F" on their report card for any grading period.
5. The seventh and eighth grade student must have passed 75-percent of the subjects taken the preceding 9-week grading period and must have passed 75-percent of the subjects taken for the year to be eligible for the fall sport of the next year.
6. Ineligible athletes shall not participate in any team activities.
7. The athletes must be in school at least one-half day, by 11:00 a.m., to be able to practice or participate in a contest that day. The building administrator must approve any exception to this rule.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF TRAINING, TRANSPORTATION AND ELIGIBILITY RULES

Name of Student-Athlete _____ Sport _____

I have read and accept the rules regarding training, transportation and eligibility as prepared by the Berkshire High School Athletics Department. I understand that in addition to the training rules, each coach may develop additional rules for his/her individual team.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the Berkshire Athletics Policy and its regulations.

Signature of Student/Athlete

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

INSURANCE WAIVER

We, the undersigned, parents or legal guardians of _____, do hereby release the Berkshire Local School District from any and all financial responsibility as a result of any and all injuries incurred by our son/daughter as a direct result of his/her participation in the interscholastic athletic program in the Berkshire Local Schools.

We certify that such injuries, which might be sustained by our son/daughter as a result of interscholastic athletics, are covered by our family insurance program. Our son/daughter has our permission to participate in interscholastic athletics and the Berkshire Local Schools.

Name of insurance program covering participant: _____

Parent/Guardian

Date

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Date

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