

Danville Local Schools

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



2023-2024

Danville Athletic Philosophy

Participation in Danville Athletics is a privilege that is regulated for many reasons, one of the most important being the protection of health and safety of the athletes.

Athletes are individuals who have additional responsibilities for themselves, their team and their school.

The primary objective of any athletic program is to make mature men and women of all athletes who participate. Some of the qualities that we are trying to develop are:

Teamwork

Dedication

Discipline

Respect

Sportsmanship

Pride

The following rules and regulations apply to each athlete. In addition, the coach may enforce additional rules that are applicable to his/her particular sport.

Our goal for each student athlete at Danville High School is to have a rewarding experience, learn, grow, and have fun.

Requirements for Participation

The OHSAA and Danville Local Schools require student athletes to complete certain forms before participation. Athletes must complete a valid Sports Physical, Student Emergency Medical Form, Concussion Information Sheet, and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Video. The participation fee for the 2022-23 school year is \$50 for each sport, and the fee must be paid before the first interscholastic contest. There is a cap of \$300 per family per school year. Athletes and Parents are required to attend the preseason parent meeting. If the meeting cannot be attended, please contact the athletic director to get all material that is missed.

Academic Eligibility Requirement

High School students are required to be passing a minimum of 5 one-credit classes each week. If a student is not meeting this requirement they are required to attend study tables at 7:30AM before school for that week they are ineligible. Student athletes will be given a 3-week grace period at the beginning of each nine weeks before eligibility becomes live. Grades will be calculated on Monday of each week. There is no appeal to these rules.

Each junior high student is required to be **passing 4** total classes each week to be eligible. If a student athlete is not meeting this requirement, they will have a study table at 7:30am in the high school auditorium.

If High School students are not passing a minimum of 5 one-credit classes at the end of a quarter, they are considered ineligible for the following quarter.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

The following rules apply to ALL students participating with a Danville Local Schools interscholastic athletic team in any way. Violation of any of these rules may result in removal from the athletic team. Individual coaches may establish additional rules that pertain to their specific sport. Violations are cumulative throughout the student's secondary career grades 7-12.

1. Athletes shall not possess, sell, or use alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, E-cigarettes, vapes, or illegal drugs (Illegal drugs include any controlled substance not specifically prescribed for a particular athlete).
2. **Random drug testing will occur on a monthly basis when a student is in season**, all student-athletes are subject to random drug testing.
 - a. An altered test will be treated the same as a positive test.
 - b. If a student cannot attend the scheduled drug test, they will be required to notify the Athletic Director to schedule another date to test.
3. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drug is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other enhancing drugs.

The following are consequences for violating the drug and alcohol policy:

1st Violation: Student Athletes will be suspended a minimum of 20% of the season. If there is not 20% of the season remaining, the suspension will carry over into the next season in which the student-athlete participates. The athlete may participate in practice. The athlete may not dress in a team uniform.

2nd Violation: Student Athletes will be suspended a minimum of 50% of the current season in which they participate. If there is not 50% left in the season, the remaining percentage will carry over to the next season in which the student athlete participates.

3rd Violation: Student Athletes will be suspended for a minimum of 1 whole season. If the season has already started the suspension will carry over to the next season in which the student athlete participates.

4th Violation: Student Athletes will no longer be allowed to participate in athletics at Danville Local Schools.

Reasonable Suspicion: A student who sells, distributes, possesses, uses, purchases, or manufactures illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco is subject to denial in participation in interscholastic activities. Disciplinary action based on reasonable suspicion will be the responsibility of the principal or athletic director.

Notification of Suspension

Parents will be given written notification through the mail of a suspension detailing the reasons for the suspension. If a parent would like to appeal the suspension, they must do so within 7 days of receiving the notification in writing to the superintendent.

Equipment

If a student athlete takes school issued athletic equipment or uniforms, a fee will be assessed to their school account. The athlete will also not be able to participate in another school activity until the uniform is returned.

Attendance

Athletes are required to be in school on the 2nd half of the day (11:30AM to 3:00PM) of any contest or practice. Student athletes must be at school at 11:30 to play in events on Friday and Saturday. Exceptions are to be approved by the Principal.

Transportation Guidelines

Danville Local Schools will provide transportation to and from all athletic events when buses and drivers are available. Student athletes will ride to and from all athletic contests unless previously excused by the head coach. Athletes may ONLY ride home with their parents or legal guardian. Students may not ride home with other students. Coaches should have a written note and see the parent face- to-face before allowing the student athlete to be dismissed.

Spectator Code of Conduct

Danville Athletics along with OHSAA promotes good sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is an essential part of Danville Athletics. Danville Local Schools wants every fan to exhibit support of athletes, coaches, fans, and officials. A fan that exhibits unacceptable behaviors are subject to sanctions such as refusal of admittance, removal from premises, and arrest.

Unacceptable behaviors may include but not limited to:

- Unruly, disruptive, or intoxicated behavior
- Foul or abusive behavior toward fans, officials, coaches or athletic administrators
- Use of alcohol or tobacco products

Fan/Non-Participating Student Ejection Policy

The KMAC, in order to provide a friendly, family environment at our games, is implementing an ejection policy similar to the one adopted by OHSAA. Anyone ejected from an event in which a KMAC school is participating, home or away, league or non-league will be denied access to contests as follows:

First ejection: 2-weeks from any KMAC school game at any level and any location.

Second ejection: 1 year from any KMAC school game at any level and any location.

Any physical contact with an official, player, coach or another fan:
Lifetime ban from any KMAC school game at any level and any location.

APPEAL PROCESS: By the end of the next business day, any objection must be submitted in writing to one of the schools participating in the event in which the ejection occurred. The Commissioner of the League and an Administrator from each of the schools will review the appeal. The result of the appeal will be communicated as either Denied or Upheld to the appellant by the Commissioner.

Any athletic administrator, including but not limited to athletic director, principal, superintendent, game site supervisor, or contest official may uphold any ejection.

Fee Refunds

Fee refunds will only be processed at the point a student withdraws or graduates from Danville Local Schools. This includes applicable course fees, athletic fees and cafeteria accounts. In the event of non-participation, cancellations, and lunch account balances that will not be used, the funds can be transferred to future participation and/or years. The balances can also be transferred to other students if requested. Refunds/transfers must be requested in writing on the appropriate district form. The Superintendent has final authority over all refunds/transfer requests. No refunds of \$5.00 or less will be given.

Awards

1st Varsity Letter- 6"Block "D" with certificate. ONLY 1 letter will be given out to each student athlete. Each athlete will then be given a small pin for each letter they earn in a different season

2nd Varsity Letter- Engraved Medallion and Certificate

3rd Varsity Letter- Engraved Plaque

4th Varsity Letter – Special Award determined by the Head Coach and Athletic Director

Participation– Students who do not earn a varsity letter will receive a participation certificate.

Coaches Rules and Standards

Coaches may establish additional rules or standards for their sport. Coaches will give parents and/or student-athletes a written copy of any rules or requirements they may have. Students must also abide by the 2022-2023 Student Handbook.

Procedure for Concerns or Appeals

- 1. Contact the Coach-** Do not confront a coach directly before or after a contest. If contact or communication is needed parents must wait 24 hours following an interscholastic contest.
- 2. Athletic Director-** If a satisfactory solution cannot be met, a meeting date with the student athlete, parent, coach and athletic director will be scheduled.
- 3. Building Principal-** If a satisfactory solution is not established with those parties a meeting including the building principal will be scheduled.
- 4. Athletic Board of Control and Superintendent-** If a satisfactory solution cannot be met, the athletic board of control and superintendent will have 15 days to meet and reach a solution. This solution will be final, and no other appeals can be made.

Coaches **will not** discuss playing time, team strategy, play calling, or other athletes. Coaches **will** discuss expectations for an athlete, ways to help your athlete improve, athlete's behavior, team requirements, and discipline that results in the denial of an athlete's participation.

Important Note:

The Board of Education recognizes the value of dedication, sacrifice and commitment of students and coaches towards practice and preparation for interscholastic competitions. The Board also values the time that families have to congregate and celebrate together on holidays and Sundays. Therefore, school sponsored activities should be avoided on these days when possible. If practice or the activity is necessary due to upcoming competitions or performances, the coach will

communicate as far in advance as possible with participants and their families to work out a time that is the least intrusive on previously planned personal or family activities for the day. Practices and other activities should not be held at unreasonable times of the day, where the activity and transportation of the student athletes could jeopardize their safety. If the student is not able to participate in the practice or activity due to prior commitments, the opportunity may be given for the student to make up the activities that the rest of the team devoted their time to. Failure to make up the time or specific activity may result in a reduction in future participation.

PLEASE BE SURE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE SIGNING.

Signatures are required for participation in any athletic activity. I have read this paper and understand the contents. Furthermore, I understand that this is a binding agreement between parent, athlete, and Danville Local Schools & its agents. I also understand that this document may not contain all binding rules and regulations of the programs. By signing below, parent and student agree to all terms and conditions. This contract will be in effect from the date of the signature through the end of the current athletic season.

Athlete Signature_____ Date_____

Parent Signature_____ Date_____