

Baldwinsville Athletic Handbook

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WELCOME

Welcome to your Baldwinsville Athletic Department Handbook. The mission of the Baldwinsville School District is to empower all students to reach their individual potential on and off the field of play. We realize that this can only be accomplished through a collective group of stakeholders such as parents/guardians, coaches, administration and student athletes to be committed to the endless pursuit of excellence, through teamwork, sportsmanship, understanding and commitment.

As Bees, we embrace these values and strive to instill them at all levels of athletics from the modified to varsity. This will create success and everyone will be able to win on and off the playing field.

The following handbook lists some of our important procedures and items to help set you and your student athlete up for success.

By familiarizing yourself with the following items, our hope is that your athletic experience will be effective and efficient. Please use it as your own personal resource that will help you navigate athletics as we go through the seasons.

Thank you for taking the time to read it.

GO BEES!!!

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Campolieta

Director of Physical Education, Health, & Athletics
Baldwinsville Central School District

Philosophy of Interscholastic Athletics

Athletics are an integral part of a well-balanced educational program. The Baldwinsville Central School District's (District) interscholastic athletic program will conform with the Commissioner's regulations, as well as meeting all established rules and all eligibility standards set forth by the Baldwinsville Central School District, the Salt City Athletic Conference, Section III, and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Participating in athletic programs are an important part of the total educational process at Baldwinsville. Program participation enriches the educational experience, promotes connectedness and a sense of belonging, and contributes to the development of a well-rounded student. Determination, perseverance, achievement, respectfulness and teamwork are some of the valuable lessons that can be attained through extracurricular participation. Athletics should be a broadening experience in which harmony of mind-body functions is created through striving for physical and mental excellence. This value-building experience should be offered to as many students as possible. A

well-coordinated program is vitally important to the morale of Baker High School, Durgee Junior High School and Ray Middle School as well as our entire community.

Everyone involved in the delivery of athletics possesses a unique opportunity to teach positive life skills and values. The students' qualities of loyalty, desire, dedication, self-control, initiative, sportsmanship, enthusiasm, ambition, resourcefulness, reliability, integrity and self-discipline must be developed in order to ensure the commitment and personal sacrifice required by athletes. Making such a commitment helps to nurture integrity, pride, loyalty and overall character. The final outcome is a better citizen carrying these values throughout their lives.

Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Because of this, student athletes are held to a higher standard. Students' participation in the District's athletic program is conditioned upon their adherence to the provisions of the Athletic Code of Conduct along with Baldwinsville Central School District's procedures and policies along with ensuring that athletes are academically eligible during their season(s).

PHILOSOPHY OF LEVEL

Modified – This program of competitive sports focuses on the fundamentals of the game, rules, training and basic skills. Emphasis is placed on basic skill development and maximum participation is desired. Additionally, coaches will build a foundation to help promote the advancement of the athlete to the next level of the program. Participants will play approximately the same amount of time.

Junior Varsity - The junior varsity level of competition is the program where increased emphasis is placed upon team play, physical conditioning and refinement of basic skills that will best prepare athletes to play at the varsity level in the future. Winning at the junior varsity level is considered important and participants should be taught how to cope with losing and crowd influence during contests. Each individual will be given the opportunity to play during the season at the discretion of the coach.

Varsity - The varsity level of athletic competition is the culmination of the high school athletic program. It should be understood that after try-outs, cuts are likely to happen (as may be true at all levels); the decision of the coach(es) should be respected. Team play, sportsmanship, individual physical ability, motivation and mental attitude are very

important aspects of competition at the varsity level. The team definitely plays to win the contest but varsity contestants should accept the fact that important lessons are to be learned from losing. It is recognized that not all participants play in every contest and playing time is at the discretion of the coach. Ability and attitude will be the determining factors in making the team at the varsity level.

Important: At the Junior Varsity & Varsity Level - Student athletes should be able to understand the roles of the team and to understand the reality that playing time is not always guaranteed. Being a good teammate is always the best policy and to always strive to do your best no matter what circumstances are presented.

Baldwinsville Sport Offerings

Fall Season

Boys Football – Varsity, Junior Varsity, 7/8 Modified
Boys Soccer - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (2 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Girls Soccer - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (2 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Girls Field Hockey - Varsity, Junior Varsity, 7/8 Modified (1 teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Girls Swimming/Diving – Varsity, 7/8 Modified
Girls Tennis – Varsity, 7/8/9 Modified
Boys Cross Country – Varsity, 7/8 Modified
Girls Cross Country – Varsity, 7/8 Modified
Girls Gymnastics - Varsity
Boys Golf – Varsity (2 Teams)
Girls Volleyball – Varsity, Junior Varsity
Boys Volleyball – Varsity, Junior Varsity
Cheerleading – Varsity, Junior Varsity

Winter Season

Boys Basketball - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (Winter 1 - 3 Teams could change due to #'s)
Girls Basketball - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (Winter 2 - 3 Teams could change due to #'s)
Boy Bowling – Varsity
Girls Bowling – Varsity
Boys Ice Hockey – Varsity
Boys Indoor Track – Varsity
Girls Indoor Track – Varsity

Boys Swimming/Diving – Varsity, (Winter 2 - 1 team 7/8 Modified)
Boys Wrestling – Varsity, Junior Varsity, (Winter 2 - 1 team 7/8 Modified)
Girls Wrestling - Varsity (1 team)
Girls Volleyball – Modified (Winter 1 - 4 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Boys Volleyball - 7/8 Modified (Winter 2 - 2 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Cheerleading – Varsity, Junior Varsity
Boys/Girls Unified Bowling

Spring Season

Boys Baseball - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (2 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Girls Softball - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (2 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Boys Lacrosse - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (2 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Girls Lacrosse - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (2 Teams - Teams could change due to #'s)
Flag Football - Varsity, Junior Varsity, Modified (1 Team - Teams could change due to #'s)
Boy's Track and Field – Varsity, 7/8 Modified
Girl's Track and Field – Varsity, 7/8 Modified
Boys Tennis – Varsity, 7/8/9 Modified
Girls Golf – Varsity (2 teams)
Girls Crew - Varsity, Junior Varsity
Boys/Girls Unified Basketball

Baldwinsville Coaching Staff

Please feel free to reach out to our coaches through email on anything that pertains to their sport.

Fall Season	Level	Coach	Email
Cheerleading	Varsity	Emma Manning	emanning@bville.org
Cheerleading	Junior Varsity	TBD	
G-Cross Country	Varsity	Katie Dolan	kdolan@bville.org
G-Cross Country	Varsity Assistant	Todd Boudreau	tboudreau@bville.org
G-Cross Country	7/8 Modified	Kelly Galliher	kgalliher@bville.org
B-Cross Country	Varsity	Megan Titus	mtitus@bville.org
B-Cross Country	Junior Varsity	Alaura Buske	abuske@bville.org
B-Cross Country	7/8 Modified	Mary Losito	mlosito@bville.org
Field Hockey	Varsity	Tessa Ordway	tordway@bville.org
Field Hockey	Varsity Assistant	Alicia Guzzo	aguzzo@bville.org
Field Hockey	Junior Varsity	Sierra Earle	searle@bville.org
Field Hockey	7/8 Modified	Tom Manning	tmanning@bville.org
Field Hockey	7/8 Modified	Chloe Lynch	clynch@bville.org
Field Hockey	7/8 Modified		Based off of #'s
Football	Varsity Head	Tyler Rouse	trouse@bville.org
Football	Varsity Assistant	Dan Widrick	dwidrick@bville.org
Football	Varsity Assistant	Dave Stagnitta	dstagnitta@bville.org

Football	Varsity Assistant	Alfonso Whitehurst	fonzwhiteh@gmail.com
Football	Varsity Assistant	Devin Altland	daltland@bville.org
Football	Junior Varsity Head	Gerald Dias	gdias@bville.org
Football	Junior Varsity Asst.	Connor Dwyre	connordwyresr@gmail.com
Football	Junior Varsity Asst.	David Ciciarelli	dciciarelli@bville.org
Football	7/8 Modified	Ron Hysick	rahysick@bville.org
Football	7/8 Modified	Dennis Wellman	dwellman@bville.org
Football	7/8 Modified	Scott Brown	sdbrown@bville.org
B-Golf	Varsity	Jamie Cuyler	jcuyler@bville.org
B-Golf	Varsity	Kevin Hagan	khagan@bville.org
G-Gymnastics	Varsity	Kim Bono	kbono@bville.org
G-Gymnastics	Varsity Assistant	Jeanna Gates	jgates@bville.org
B-Soccer	Varsity	Nate Bourdeau	nbourdeau@bville.org
B-Soccer	Varsity Assistant	Babu Ceesay	
B-Soccer	Junior Varsity	Jeff Hahn	jhahn@bville.org
B-Soccer	7/8 Modified	Kyle Hagadorn	khagadorn@bville.org
B-Soccer	7/8 Modified	Mike Green	mgreen@bville.org
B-Soccer	7/8 Modified	TBD	Based off of #'s
G-Soccer	Varsity	Kathy Morse	kmorse@bville.org
G-Soccer	Varsity Assistant	Dave Penafeather	dpenafeather@bville.org
G-Soccer	Junior Varsity	Tom Hartshorn	thartshorn@bville.org
G-Soccer	7/8 Modified	Candy Sweeney	csweeney@bville.org
G-Soccer	7/8 Modified	Lori Johnstone	ljohnstone@bville.org
G-Soccer	7/8 Modified	TBD	Based off of #'s
G-Swimming	Varsity	Chris Ludden	cludden@bville.org
G-Swimming	Varsity Assistant	Noelle Staso	nstasso@bville.org
G-Swimming	7/8 Modified	Gennaro D'Agostino	gdagostino@bville.org
G-Swimming	7/8 Modified	Mel Bruce	mbruce@bville.org
G-Tennis	Varsity Head	Paul Maestri	pmaestri@bville.org
G-Tennis	7/8/9 Modified	Kate DeBarbieri	kdebarbieri@bville.org
B-Volleyball	Varsity Head	Cam Brown	cbrown@bville.org
B-Volleyball	Varsity Assistant	Dan Hyland	dhyland@bville.org
B-Volleyball	Junior Varsity	James Brussel	jbrussel@bville.org
G-Volleyball	Varsity Head	Dani Sayler	dsayler@bville.org
G-Volleyball	Varsity Assistant	Emma Johnson	ejohnson@bville.org
G-Volleyball	Junior Varsity	Maureen Thayer	mthayer@bville.org

Winter Season	Level	Coach	Email
Cheerleading	Varsity Head	TBD	
Cheerleading	Junior Varsity	TBD	
B-Basketball	Varsity Head	Brian Montanaro	bmontanaro@bville.org
B-Basketball	Varsity Assistant	T.B.D.	
B-Basketball	Junior Varsity	Brett Liedka	bliedka@bville.org
B-Basketball	9th Modified	Gerald Dias	gdias@bville.org
B-Basketball	7/8 Modified	Dave Penafeather	dpenafeather@bville.org
B-Basketball	7/8 Modified	Andy Ehle	aehle@bville.org
B-Basketball	7/8 Modified	Matt Wilcox	mwilcox@bville.org
G-Basketball	Varsity Head	Kathy Morse	kmorse@bville.org
G-Basketball	Varsity Assistant	Mark Polky	mpolky@bville.org
G-Basketball	Junior Varsity	Dan Vannatta	dvannatta@bville.org
G-Basketball	9th Modified	Maureen Thayer	mthayer@bville.org
G-Basketball	7/8 Modified	Lori Johnstone	ljohnstone@bville.org
G-Basketball	7/8 Modified	Mike Lewis	mlewis@bville.org
G-Basketball	7/8 Modified	Scott Brown	sdbrown@bville.org
B-G Bowling	Varsity Head	Kevin Hagan	khagan@bville.org
B-Ice Hockey	Varsity Head	Mark Lloyd	mlloyd@bville.org
B-Ice Hockey	Varsity Assistant	Glenn McCaffrey	gmccaffrey@bville.org
B-G Indoor T & F	Varsity Head	Kelly Galliher	kgalliher@bville.org
B-G Indoor T & F	Varsity Assistant	Bill Spicer	wspicer@bville.org
B-G Indoor T & F	Varsity Assistant	Barb Ross	bross@bville.org

B-G Indoor T & F	Varsity Assistant	Liz Wisely	epetrelli@bville.org
B-Swimming	Varsity Head	Chris Ludden	cludden@bville.org
B-Swimming	Varsity Assistant	Noelle Staso	nstasso@bville.org
B-Swimming	7/8 Modified	Gennaro D'Agostino	gdagostino@bville.org
B-Swimming	7/8 Modified	Mel Bruce	mbruce@bville.org
B-Wrestling	Varsity Head	Gene Lang	T.B.D.
B-Wrestling	Varsity Assistant	Mitch Alpha	malpha@bville.org
B-Wrestling	Junior Varsity	Todd Webb	twebb@bville.org
B-Wrestling	7/8 Modified	Bob Paul	rpaul@bville.org
B-Wrestling	7/8 Modified	Tom Manning	tmanning@bville.org
G-Wrestling	Varsity Head	Brett Cataldi	bcataldi@bville.org
B-Volleyball	7/8 Modified	Cam Brown	cbrown@bville.org
B-Volleyball	7/8 Modified	Dan Hyland	dhyland@bville.org
G-Volleyball	7/8 Modified	Maureen Thayer	mthayer@bville.org
G-Volleyball	7/8 Modified	Jeffrey Abbott	jabbott@bville.org
G-Volleyball	7/8 Modified	Jessica Volz	jvolz@bville.org
G-Volleyball	7/8 Modified	Dani Sayler	dsayler@bville.org
Unified Bowling	Varsity Head	Matt Brennan	mbrennan@bville.org

Spring Season	**Level**	**Coach**	**Email**
Baseball	Varsity Head	Dave Penafeather	dpenafeather@bville.org
Baseball	Varsity Assistant	Dennis Wellman	dwellman@bville.org
Baseball	Junior Varsity	Nate Ray	nray@bville.org
Baseball	8/9 Modified	Joseph Salamone	jsalamone@bville.org
Baseball	7/8 Modified	Brett Cataldi	bcataldi@bville.org
Baseball	7/8 Modified	Brenndan Cole	bcole@bville.org
G-Crew	Varsity Head	Chris Ludden	cludden@bville.org
G-Crew	Varsity Assistant	Jeremy Cartier	jcartier@bville.org
G-Crew	Junior Varsity	Alaura Buske	abuske@bville.org
B-Lacrosse	Varsity Head	Matt Wilcox	mwilcox@bville.org
B-Lacrosse	Varsity Assistant	Dylan Borkowski	dborkowski@bville.org
B-Lacrosse	Junior Varsity	Tim Solomon	tsolomon@bville.org
B-Lacrosse	Junior Varsity Asst.	Mike Malecki	mmalecki@bville.org
B-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Mike Lewis	mlewis@bville.org
B-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Michael Diglio	MDiglio@phoenixcsd.org
B-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Garrett Petrelli	gpetrelli@bville.org
B-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Ryan Asmus	rasmus@bville.org
G-Lacrosse	Varsity Head	Megan Tabor	mtabor@bville.org
G-Lacrosse	Varsity Assistant	Lauren Hopsicker	LaurenHopsicker@gmail.com
G-Lacrosse	Junior Varsity	Liz Boyle	eboyle@bville.org
G-Lacrosse	Junior Varsity Asst.	Paul Mizer	phmizer@gmail.com
G - Flag Football	Varsity Head	Kathy Morse	kmorse@bville.org

G - Flag Football	Varsity Asst.	Dan Vannatta	dvannatta@bville.org
G - Flag Football	Varsity JV	Scott Brown	sdbrown@bville.org
G- Flag Football	7/8 Modified	Tom Manning	tmanning@bville.org
G-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Candy Sweeney	csweeney@bville.org
G-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Alexa Meager	ameager@bville.org
G-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Lindsey Parker	lparker@bville.org
G-Lacrosse	7/8 Modified	Emma Manning	emanning@bville.org
Softball	Varsity Head	Jamie Cuyler	jcuyler@bville.org
Softball	Varsity Assistant	Ray Grabowski	rgrabowski@bville.org
Softball	Junior Varsity	Kassidy Seary	kseary@bville.org
Softball	Modified	Dani Sayler	dsayler@bville.org
Softball	Modified	Kallie Mathis	kmathis@bville.org
G-Golf	Varsity Head	Kim Bono	kbono@bville.org
G-Golf	Varsity Head	Andra Young	ayoung@bville.org
G-Tennis	Varsity Head	Paul Maestri	PMaestri@bville.org
G-Tennis	Modified 7/8/9	Kate DeBarbieri	kdebarbieri@bville.org
B-Track & Field	Varsity	Bill Spicer	wspicer@bville.org
B-Track & Field	Varsity Assistant	Todd Boudreau	tboudreau@bville.org
B-Track & Field	7/8 Modified	Andy Ehle	aehle@bville.org
B-Track & Field	7/8 Modified	Ron Hysick	rahysick@bville.org
G-Track & Field	Varsity Head	Kelly Galliher	kgalliher@bville.org
G-Track & Field	Varsity Assistant	Liz Petrelli	epetrelli@bvilleorg
G-Track & Field	7/8 Modified	Gerald Dias	gdias@bville.org
G-Track & Field	7/8 Modified	Katie Kruger	kkruger@bville.org
Track & Field	7/8 Modified	Mary Losito	mlosito@bville.org
Unified Basketball	Varsity Head	Lori Johnstone	ljohnstone@bville.org

Athletic Code of Conduct

Below is the link to our Athletic Code of Conduct, which can be found on our District's Web Page under Athletics. **Athletic Code of Conduct Link**

Parent/Guardians/Caregivers – Please encourage **your student athlete** to read the Athletic Code of Conduct. It is important for them to see information on Academic Eligibility Standards, School Attendance and to familiarize themselves with what Level 1 and Level 2 violations are. As mentioned, it is a privilege to participate in Baldwinsville Athletes and they must understand the expectations of their eligibility.

Attendance at School

Student athletes must be in attendance for the entire school day in order to be eligible to participate in practices or athletic contests on that day. Student athletes who are truant or who are serving in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension will not be eligible to participate in practices or athletic contests on that day. The athletic director, principal, or superintendent of schools may make exceptions for the following reasons:

- death or serious illness in the family;
- court appearance;
- college visitation;
- medical appointment verified by a note from the medical office personnel;
- religious observance;
- extraordinary circumstances.

Athletic Placement Process (APP)

The New York State Board of Regents recently adopted amendments to the Commissioner's Regulations related to the Athletic Placement Process (APP), effective July 29, 2026. These changes are intended to modernize the APP while continuing to prioritize student health, safety, and appropriate placement. Please find the adopted regulations attached.

While many aspects of the APP remain unchanged, these amendments revise several important components of the evaluation process and administrative procedures that districts should be aware of.

Amendment Link -

APP Amendment of Sections 135.1 and 135.4 July 2026.pdf

The most significant changes include:

Elimination of the Tanner Scale:
The Tanner Sexual Maturity Rating is no longer part of the Athletic Placement Process. NYSED determined there are more appropriate, less intrusive, and

research-based methods for assessing a student's readiness for interscholastic athletics.

Continued emphasis on student safety:
Rather than relying on physiological maturity, healthcare providers will evaluate a student's overall physical readiness for participation while considering research-based factors associated with injury risk.

Revisions to the Athletic Placement Process (APP):
Students seeking to "play up" to the high school level or "play down" to the modified level must continue to demonstrate:

- Appropriate physical fitness;
- Sport-specific skills;
- Knowledge of the sport; and
- Personal and social responsibility during the team selection process.

In addition, informed parent/guardian consent remains a requirement. The regulations also clarify that 7th and 8th grade students may only try out for high school teams by invitation of the school or district Athletic Director or Director of Physical Education. Once students are deemed eligible to try out, the same selection criteria must be applied consistently to all participants.

Health examination updates:
The regulations clarify the health examination and medical clearance requirements prior to participation. They also authorize a district's Director of School Health Services (Medical Director), in consultation with the student's healthcare provider, to restrict participation when a significant health concern exists.

- This will make the write up critical to show/explain how the 7th or 8th grader is an elite athlete and how they will participate over *50% of their matches/meets/games.

Coaches - Must now provide a detailed Athletic Placement Process Coach Sport Skill Evaluation form for the student athlete to be considered.

Athletic Eligibility

Baldwinsville Central School District Board of Education Policy #7420:
Athletic eligibility requires that the student :

a. Provide written parental/guardian consent. The consent form must contain information regarding mild traumatic brain injuries (concussions) as specified in the Commissioner's regulations.

b. Obtain medical clearance from the school physician/nurse practitioner or the student's personal physician. The school physician/nurse practitioner retains final approval on any physicals performed by a student's personal physician.

c. Meet the requirements for interscholastic competition as set forth by the Commissioner's regulations and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

d. Comply with all District rules, codes, and standards applicable to athletic participation.

General Requirements-Athletic Code of Conduct

- Student athletes and parents/guardians must sign a contract signifying that the athletes and their parents/guardians understand and accept all Rules, Code/Standards and expectations of the Athletic Code of Conduct.
- Student athletes must be enrolled in three full-time courses and actively participate in physical education classes, as required by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.
- Student athletes must have received a current physical examination and must have returned all of the appropriate forms.
- Student athletes must attend all practices and games throughout the sport season, unless absence is approved by the coach. Interscholastic sport teams in-season must have priority over club or recreational type programs.
- Student athletes must meet all eligibility standards and abide by the rules set forth by the Baldwinsville Central School District, the Salt City Athletic Conference, Section III, and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Family ID & Start Dates

Family ID is a platform that provides you with an easy user-friendly way to register for our programs, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register the system keeps track of your profile so that you enter information only once for multiple uses, multiple family members and multiple programs.

IMPORTANT: Family ID will open 30 days prior to the Start Date of the season.
***Please sign your athlete(s) up at the school they will be attending for the 2026–2027 academic school year.**
To register for an athletic program, click here **Family ID / Arbiter Link for Sign Up**

2026-2027 Sport Season Start Dates

Varsity/Junior Varsity Dates:

Season	Start Date	Family ID Opens	Family ID Closes
Fall	Football (Varsity/JV) Monday., Aug 17, 2026	Sat. July 18, 2026	Monday 8/10/26
Fall	All Other Varsity/JV Sports Mon., August 24, 2026	Sat., July 25, 2026	Monday 8/17/26
Winter	Mon., November 16, 2026	Sat., October 17, 2026	Monday 11/9/26

Spring	Mon., March 8, 2027	Sat., February 6th, 2027	Monday 3/1/27

Modified Sports Start Dates:

Season	Start Date	Family ID Opens	Family ID Closes
Fall	Mon., August 31, 2026	Sat., August 1, 2026	Monday 8/24/26
Winter 1	Mon., October 26, 2026	Sat., September 26, 2026	Monday 10/19/26
Winter 2	Wed., January 6, 2027	Mon., December 7, 2026	Wednesday 12/30/26
Spring	Mon., April 19, 2027	Sat., March 20, 2027	Monday 4/12/27

NOTE: Family ID registrations **COMPLETED BY THE DEADLINE DATES** will be processed in time for the student athlete to **PARTICIPATE ON THE FIRST DAY OF TRY-OUTS** barring any unresolved medical concerns or missing documentation.

Registrations received **AFTER THE DEADLINE DATES** will be reviewed in the order they are received. Late registration could **JEOPARDIZE THE ATHLETE'S APPROVAL FOR CLEARANCE IN TIME FOR TRYOUTS.**

Student Athletic Injuries

Baldwinsville Central School District Board of Education Policy #7420:
Athletic eligibility requires that the student :

Student Athletic Injuries

No injured student will be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest. An appropriate medical professional should diagnose and treat an athlete's injuries. The coach should ensure that any player injured while under his or her care receives prompt and appropriate medical attention, and that all of the medical professional's treatment instructions are followed. The injured student has an obligation to promptly inform his or her coach of all injuries. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether the student/athlete is in an adequate physical condition. A physician's certification is required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition.

Return to P.E./Sports

Participation in physical education (PE) and interscholastic sports provides students with the ability and confidence to be physically active for a lifetime.

The Baldwinsville Central School District places the safety of their students at the forefront. If an injured student is issued a return to PE or athletic clearance note, please be aware of the following:

● A note stating may return as tolerated will be interpreted as “no limitations” and “without restrictions”. Therefore, the student will be expected to participate fully.
● A student must be fully cleared for physical education in order to participate in athletic activities.

This district will continue to follow restrictions as outlined in MD/provider notes in order to best support the health and safety of our students.

Concussion Information

Concussion Protocols & Safety

Concussion Management and Awareness / Concussion Protocol Documents including the return-to-play protocols. Baldwinsville Central School District - Concussion Management & Awareness

- Concussion Management Procedure.pdf
- Athletics Return to Play (RTP) Protocol Following a Concussion (1).pdf

Other Resources on Concussions:

CDC- Concussion Fact Sheet for Parents

New York State Department of Health

Brain Injury Association of New York State

Athletic Trainers

Baldwinsville contracts out for our Sports Medicine and Athletic Training needs. The Athletic Training room is located at C.W. Baker High School in room G706 near the weight room going toward the wrestling room. The Athletic Trainer is available in the training room on school days, Monday through Friday 2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. for consultations or assistance. After 3:30 P.M., the athletic trainer(s) will circulate throughout district athletic facilities (Baker/Durgee/Ray) to cover practices and contests and is available for any immediate concerns or emergencies.

The trainer's room is also on Saturdays. Saturday hours are variable, depending on practices and contests.

Under no circumstances will students be allowed to be seen by the athletic trainer during the instructional school day.

Any changes to the schedule will be posted on the athletic training room door. Hours may vary on non-school days, during holidays and during pre-season practices.

Student athletes currently participating in a sport will be seen on a first come first served basis. Some exceptions will apply, such as athletes who need to leave to ride a bus for competition or medical emergencies. Athletes who are out-of-season may need to wait for services until after in-season athletes are prepared for practice or competition.

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Try Out Information

In order to try out for any athletic team(s) you must be considered a bona-fide student that resides and is registered in the Baldwinsville Central School District. The student athlete must also be cleared by the nurses through Family ID prior to the start of the season.

It is critical that all student athletes are committed to being present for the start of the season and tryouts.

NOTE: Family ID registrations **COMPLETED BY THE DEADLINE DATES** will be processed in time for the student athlete to **PARTICIPATE ON THE FIRST DAY OF TRY-OUTS** barring any unresolved medical concerns or missing documentation. Registrations received **AFTER THE DEADLINE DATES** will be reviewed in the order they are received. Late registration could **JEOPARDIZE THE ATHLETE'S APPROVAL FOR CLEARANCE IN TIME FOR TRYOUTS.**

Tryouts are categorized in 2 scenarios and may change year to year due to numbers and program needs.

1. Some of our teams do not hold tryouts, so there are no cuts
2. Some of our teams hold tryouts for 3 days (or more) depending on numbers to determine teams.

The selection process is never easy for a coach or student athlete. Please understand when teams are selected that it is done in a confidential manner, whether it is through a conversation or in written form. We do realize this may be a sensitive time for both the student athlete and coach. If the student athlete would like feedback, we ask that they **wait 24 hours** before reaching out to the coach.

Note: *Consideration of a student athlete that misses tryouts or does not register on time due to extenuating circumstances (situations such as a transfer student or a medical clearance) will be addressed on a case by case basis.*

New Scheduling Platform: Arbiter Sports Information

Starting this school year 2026-2027, the athletic department is moving our scheduling platform from Schedule Galaxy (Aktivate) to **Arbiter Sports**. Arbiter sports provides users with times, dates, locations of games, meets, matches, competitions, and tournaments. It is a great source to keep you up-to-date with your athlete's season.

View Schedules Online: You can view the full calendar and your individual team schedules via our public portal here: **B'ville Athletics Arbiter Live Link** * **Please make sure that that you toggle to the current school year which will be 2026-2027**

Download the Mobile App Instructions: For easy access on your phone, you can download the **ArbiterMobile** app. Look for the app icon that matches the image below:



Then go to **Baldwinsville** to search for your teams.

Please Note: We appreciate your patience as our **Athletic Office** navigates this transition.It will take some time to get all teams, rosters, and game schedules fully transferred and situated in the new system.

Transportation

Transportation to School Sponsored Events

Where the District has provided transportation to students enrolled in the District to a school sponsored extracurricular activity (which includes athletics), it shall also provide transportation back to either the point of departure or to the appropriate school in the District unless a student's parent or legal guardian has provided the District/Coach with written notice (***Student Transportation Sign Off Form**), consistent with District policy, authorizing an alternative form of return transportation for the student.

***Student Transportation Sign Off Form -** This form includes name of event, date, location, team/group, coach/supervisor and states "In signing my name below, I as a parent/guardian, am hereby taking my son/daughter with me from the above event and relieve the Baldwinsville Central School District of all responsibility for care and protection of said student:"

Student athletes can only be signed out by parents/legal guardians/caregivers that are listed under student contacts in SchoolTools. ***There are <u>no exceptions</u> to this due to liability concerns.***

If a parent/guardian/caregiver has an emergency or has an extenuating circumstance, please reach out to the Athletic Office. Each instance will be evaluated and addressed on a case by case basis.

Sports Shuttles - Are provided by the district during each season between Baker High School, Durgee Junior High School and Ray Middle School. Information will be provided to student athletes at these respective schools.

Transfer Students Information

New York State Public High School Athletic Association Rules & Policies

NOTE: The Transfer Rule will be enforced as written with no variations permitted.
NOTE: A student's eligibility is determined by the situation/ facts at the time of registration.

a. A student in grades 9-12 who transfers, with a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) shall become eligible after starting regular attendance in the second school. A residence change must involve a move from one school district to another. Furthermore, when a student moves from public school district to another public-school district for athletic eligibility the student must enroll in the public school district or in a private school within that district's boundaries of his/her parent's residency. For athletic eligibility, a residency is changed when one is abandoned by the immediate family and another residency is established through action and intent. Residency requires one's physical presence as an inhabitant and the intent to remain indefinitely. The Superintendent, or designee, will determine if the student has met district residency requirements.

b. A student who transfers without a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months prior) is ineligible to participate **at the varsity level** in any interscholastic athletic contest in a particular sport for a period of one (1) year if as a 9-12 student participated in that sport during the one (1) year period immediately preceding his/her transfer. A student's period of ineligibility begins with the date of registration at the student's new school. (May 2020) **NOTE:** Students in grades 7-10, shall be eligible to participate at the sub-varsity level and practice at all levels, while students in grades 11-12 shall be limited to practice (all levels) only. (July 2019). At no time during the one-year period of ineligibility at the varsity level should a student participate in a scrimmage or be an exhibition participant at the varsity level.

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Students who transfer from any school to the public-school district of the residence of his/her parents (or other persons whom the student has resided for at least six months) or a private school within that district's boundaries shall receive a waiver from the Transfer Rule. Such a transfer without penalty will only be permitted once in a high school career. **Schools must submit the required transfer form to the Section office. Athletes are not permitted to practice before the form has been submitted. Athletes are not permitted to compete without approval. NOTE:** A student in a foreign exchange program listed by CSIET has a one-year waiver of the Transfer Rule. If such a student elects to stay a second year he/she becomes a foreign student at the start of the school year with item (b) in effect.

Exemptions to (b):
For athletic eligibility, a student must enroll in the public-school district or in a nonpublic school within that district's boundaries of his/her parent's residency. **NOTE:** Multiple High School Districts - The policies/boundaries of the school district will be followed. If the district has an open enrollment policy, the interpretation to be used will be the same as used for students of K-8 school districts. When a student enrolls in 9th grade, this is the district (building) of their residence. Any subsequent transfer would be subject to the Transfer Rule.
1. The student reaches the age of majority and established residency in a district and can substantiate that they are independent and self-supporting.

2. If a private or parochial school ceases to operate a student may transfer to another private or parochial school of his/her choice. Otherwise, a student must enroll in the public-school district of his/her parents' residency.

3. A student who is a ward of the court or state and is placed in a district by court order. Guardianship does not fulfill this requirement.

4. A student from divorced or "legally" separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents. Such a transfer is allowed

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once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.

5. A student who is declared homeless by the superintendent pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 100.2.

6. A student of a military employee who is transferred to an active military base may enroll in the non-public school closest to their residence and maintain eligibility if the student enrolls in a non-public school immediately following the change in residence.

NOTE: It is provided, however, that each school shall have the opportunity to petition the section involved to approve transfer without penalty based on an undue hardship for the student. Educational Waivers will not be considered as an undue hardship.

c. Transfer students trying out for sports before school opens in the fall shall register and be accepted by the principal of that school before the medical examination and the first practice. This shall constitute the start of the regular attendance for falls sports. NOTE: After approval by the school medical officer a student may practice immediately and must satisfy the specific sports standard according to the number of practice sessions.

d. Practices at the previous school may be counted toward the minimum number of practices required provided the principal or athletic director of the previous school submits, in writing, the number and dates of such practices to the principal or athletic director of the new school.

e. 7th and 8th graders that compete at the high school level will be subject to the transfer rule in “that” sport (July 2015).

Transfer Rule Questions that May Come Up

Question 1: “A student turned 19 in late June. I know he/she is not eligible as per the NYSED Age regulation, but can he practice with the varsity team?”

Answer: No; the ability to practice is only granted for students who transfer without a corresponding change of address.

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Question 2: "A 11th grade student moved in with her older sister into our school district; her parents remained in the previous school district. She was the leading scorer on her basketball team last year that won State. Is she eligible to play basketball?"

Answer: No; she is only able to practice; sub-varsity eligibility is limited to 7-10 grade students who transfer without a corresponding change of address.

Question 3: "We had a student who transferred without a corresponding change of address at the start of the school year. Unfortunately, my varsity baseball coach did not know he was ineligible at the varsity level and because of a shortage of players, the student played in 15 varsity games. Is there a penalty?"

Answer: Yes; this student is considered an ineligible athlete and all games he played in at the varsity level must be forfeited.

Attendance at Practice

Prompt and regular attendance at practice sessions is necessary for the safety and conditioning of the student athletes as well as the benefits to the team as a whole. Team members must notify their coach prior to any practice and/or game that they will be tardy to or miss and explain the reason for the tardiness or absences. If possible, documentation may be presented. Chronic tardiness to practice or unexcused absences will be dealt with by the coach. It is for the safety of the student-athlete that practice be required.

Practices During Vacations

When athletes commit to a Varsity or Junior Varsity sport, they should assume that practices and/or contests may take place over school vacations. Since it is the policy of the Salt City Athletic Conference (S.C.A.C.) League and Section 3 to schedule contests during some vacations student athletes & parents/guardians must understand this policy and plan accordingly.

Baldwinsville teams would be at an extreme disadvantage if they took the time off while others are playing. In addition, it would be unfair to ask other schools to reschedule Baldwinsville contests at another time thus forcing them to play 3, 4, or even 5 games during a week in order to accommodate our athletes.

Athletes who must go away and miss practice and/or contests during vacations can expect that there could be some effect on their standing on the team, their playing time, their chances of making a team when cuts take place, and their ability to earn potential athletics awards. Athletes who finish a season while away on vacation may have consequences carry over to their next sport season.

School Cancellations

If school is canceled due to weather, there will be no practices or games for that day.

Protocol for Athletic Concerns

If a concern/situation presents itself during the season, below is the protocol to address the concern/situation. As a reminder, there is a 24-hour rule for speaking with coaches after a meet/match/game. At the end of a contest, coaches have other responsibilities they need to complete before they leave. It may also be an emotional time for everyone.

As a reminder, parents/guardians and student athletes ***will refrain from speaking with coaches about such issues as playing time, athletic ability, and team strategy insofar as they relate to student athletes other than their own child.***

• **Step 1:** Student athlete meets with coach:

As soon as practical, the student-athlete who has the problem or concern should first attempt to resolve the problem with the coach. A meeting should be requested/scheduled with a coach at an appropriate time and in a private location on school grounds before school, during the school day when both player and coach have a free period, or following practice**.** – *if not resolved;*

• **Step 2:** Student athlete & parent/guardian meets with coach –

As soon as practical, the student-athlete & parent/guardian may set up a scheduled meeting with the coach. At this point, the problem or concern will need to be identified and discussed with specific information related to the cause of the problem or concern. The student-athlete should be able to communicate his/her expectation (including a plan) for a resolution to the problem. – *if not resolved;*

• **Step 3:** Student athlete, parent/guardian and coach meets with the Athletic Director -

At this level, it is important to have a record of communications with the coach so we can all be on the same page to try to find a resolution.

Sportsmanship

1. Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the contest. Being well informed is essential. Know the rules. If you are uninformed, refrain from expressing opinions on decisions made by officials, coaches and administrators.

2. Exercise representative behavior at all times. The true value of interscholastic competition relies upon everyone exhibiting behavior which is representative of a sound value base. Your behavior influences others whether you are aware of it or not.

3. Exhibit respect for the officials. The officials of any contest are trained, impartial arbitrators who perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved are a part of every contest. We should not rationalize our own poor or unsuccessful behavior by placing responsibility on an official. A rule of good sportsmanship is to accept and abide by the decision made.

4. Openly display respect for the opponent at all times. Opponents are guests and should be treated cordially, provided with the best accommodations, and accorded tolerance at all times. Be a positive representative of your school, team or family.

5. Display pride in your actions at every opportunity. Never allow your ego to interfere with good judgment and your responsibility as a school representative. Regardless of whether you are an adult, student, player, coach or official this value is paramount since it suggests that you care about yourself and how others perceive you.

BCSD Spectator Sportsmanship Policy

The Baldwinsville Central School District (BCSD) believes in the educational value of Interscholastic Athletics, and therefore emphasizes the importance of good sportsmanship and equitable competition. Student-athletes are expected to follow the rules and play to the best of their abilities while demonstrating good sportsmanship, and spectators are expected to encourage and to cheer positively for their teams. At times, when people get emotionally caught up in the competition, they cross the line between encouraging and discouraging, positive and negative. Therefore, the BCSD has implemented rules to apply to spectator behavior, similar to those that already exist for players and coaches.

Behavior that degrades, humiliates, intimidates or threatens a player, coach, referee, school official or another parent/guardian, or fan before, during or after a contest is subject to action by school personnel. Anyone who engages in misconduct as described above, or who is removed from an interscholastic contest at the request of a game official or school personnel, will be subject to the following:

• **1st Offense:** Offender(s) removed immediately from the contest and prohibited from attending the NEXT contest of that sport. (Whether the contest is home or away). If it is the last contest of the season, the penalty carries over to the next season.

• **2nd Offense:** Offender(s) prohibited from attending ANY contests in that sport for the remainder of the season in question (fall, winter, spring). If it is the last contest of the season, the penalty carries over to the next season.

• **3rd Offense:** Offender(s) prohibited from attending ANY HOME OR AWAY school district athletic events for one full calendar year, commencing from the date of the 3rd offense.

NYSPHSAA Spectator Sportsmanship Information

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee & NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Regulations

"Any negative, inappropriate, derogatory comments or actions that brings direct attention to a supervisor or school administrator by a spectator or group of spectators are required to be addressed by the host school, Sectional or NYSPHSAA representative in the following non-sequential order depending on the comments or behavior:

• **First warning** – Directing the spectator or group of spectators to refrain from any negative comments or actions.
• **Second warning** – A personal discussion with the spectators or group of spectators on the above NYSPHSAA expectations and reminding the spectators or group of spectators of the next step, removal of the game or event, will be utilized if the behavior continues.
• **Removal from the contest** – The spectator or group of spectators will be directed to leave the facility for the remainder of the game or event. If spectators or a group of spectators refuse to leave the game or event, play will be stopped until they vacate the premises.

Penalty for being removed from a game or event: Any spectator removed from a game or event will have a minimum penalty of completing the NFHS Parent Credential course or a one game suspension before they are allowed to attend any interscholastic event. Once the course is completed the spectator will provide a certificate of completion to the athletic department office. Schools are required to communicate with the offending spectator on the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Spectator Expectations.

• Depending on the severity of the behavior/comments or future disqualifications by the offending spectator NYSPHSAA and the Section may get directly involved in the situation.
Note: A school may take any or all these actions during or after an interscholastic contest.

Baldwinsville Athletic Fields

Address:
C.W. Baker High School & Durgee Junior High School
29 East Oneida Street
Baldwinsville, N.Y. 13027

Ray Middle School
7650 Van Buren Road
Baldwinsville, N.Y. 13027

Other Helpful Resources

New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Website:
Link - **NYSPHSAA Website**

Section 3 Athletics Website:
Link - **Section 3 Website**