

DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL Athletics Department

Two-sport participation

The school allows an athlete to participate in 2 sports in the same season at the high school level. This opportunity is considered a privilege, however, and it is highly discouraged due to time commitments, team disruptions and the overall effect on the health and academic progress of those few individuals who may qualify.

To be considered, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and their behavior in and out of school will be reviewed. Coaches of both teams need to agree that it can work and will have final discretion after a meeting with player and parent(s). The player/parent must see the Coach or Athletics Director a minimum of three weeks prior to your earliest team practice. If you are a frosh or JV coach, and a player/parent approaches you, please alert your head varsity coach. Head Coaches, please contact the Athletics Director. We have forms available to define the process. Head Coaches are expected to have excellent communication with the Head Coach of the 'other' sport a student may be choosing.

Requirements/eligibility:

- Applies to WIAA, FRCC and high school sponsored sports only.
- Student needs to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Attendance or behavioral issues, recent or on record, may be considered for current and future requests.
- Student to complete 2 sport application/request form 2-3 weeks prior to the first practice of the earliest sport.
- Student to create an acceptable schedule/plan.
- Mandatory meeting with parent(s), student, and both coaches.

Process:

- Student must obtain a 2 sport application form, and practice/game schedules from the Athletic Director. (Athletic Director will inform student that they need to create a schedule/plan to be discussed for consideration).
- Completed application to be submitted to Athletic Director 2-3 weeks prior to first practice.
- Athletic Director to forward completed application to both head Varsity coaches.

Coaches can delegate to another coach (i.e. JV coach, position or event coach).

- Athletic Director to set up a meeting with student, parent(s) and both coaches if needed.
- Prior to first practice (2 weeks prior) student needs to present a plan for practices and meets/game/match conflicts that will be discussed.
- During meeting, coaches to set expectations, discuss plan and determine if acceptable by all. Student may need to adjust schedule based on coaches concerns or requirements.

Additional meeting discussion topics may include:

- Practicing on own time-where and when

- Fees that may be encountered (i.e. Greens fee if golfing on own time)
- Does student have access to outside help/coaching
- Understanding potential issues with 2 sports – teammates, possible injuries, academic strains
- Student to supply Athletic Director with final agreed upon signed schedule-should be completed prior to first practice.
- If conflicts or disagreements cannot be resolved between parent(s), student and coaches, Athletic Director will get involved to make final decision. (Discussions may occur between coaches and Athletic Director for coaches to voice concerns.)

During the season:

- If meets/games/matches are rescheduled, it is the student's responsibility to contact the coaches to determine/remind them of which event they will be attending on the rescheduled date.
- If the student doesn't follow the agreed upon schedule/plan (or revised plan) the student may be dropped from a sport.
- If both coaches agree to the schedule/plan, they are agreeing not to penalize the student for missing a practice for another sport. However, as always, the coach is not obligated to play a student athlete who is not ready or prepared.
- If the student realizes that participating in both sports isn't working out, they may quit one sport after discussing with the coach. It is not acceptable to just stop attending.