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Mission Statement

The mission of our athletic program is to provide opportunities in which students can acquire skills, experience leadership, and grow personally. All students are encouraged to participate and to learn to balance academics, athletics, and the arts. Our goal is to provide a positive experience for the student-athlete on and off the field of competition. Every athlete, from the novice to the advanced player, has a place in our programs. The Athletic Department aligns with the school system's mission to create a culture of intellectual curiosity where all students have ownership over their learning and are inspired to THINK, INNOVATE and CREATE!

Athletic Department Objectives

To provide a quality program to all student-athletes:

- Provide the student-athlete with an enjoyable and rewarding experience.
- Keep student-athlete safety and welfare in the forefront of everything we do.

To give quality instruction in the fundamentals of each sport offered:

- Specific athletic skills and strategies.
- Promote sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.

To be an integral part of the secondary school curriculum:

- Inspire all athletes to give their best in the classroom and athletic environment.
- Stress the importance of self discipline in both the classroom, the community, and on the field.
- Teach our athletes that dignity, self-worth, self-esteem are achieved through hard work.
- To create a positive school climate that is enhanced when student-athletes and the remaining student population work together as a team to represent the school in the best way possible.
- Develop concepts of goal attainment through hard work and self discipline, and to provide a vehicle for the development of interest in academic programs and post-secondary education opportunities.

To make the athletic program a source of both school and community pride

- Help each athlete to interact positively with the faculty, community, and fellow students.
- Make the team a positive influence on all who come into contact with it.
- To demonstrate the social competence of operating within a set of rules, thus gaining a respect for the rights, and an understanding of the consequences that follow rule violations.

The main objective of the PRS athletic program is to foster an environment of cooperation with the school, the PRS administration, the system as a whole, and community stakeholders.



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Athletic Participation Philosophy

It is the philosophy of the PRHS administration that athletes enjoy as many opportunities as possible when it comes to athletic participation. Student-athletes and parents should not feel pressure from a coach to specialize in any one sport. In fact, coaches should encourage the participation in multiple sports by student-athletes. To promote this philosophy, we have three guiding principles:

- In most cases, a student-athlete will not start a season until the previous season is complete. A student-athlete can only compete in more than one sport/extracurricular activity during a specific season if the coaches/directors/sponsors of both programs, along with the student-athlete, sit down and work out a calendar for practices and games.
- Students are allowed a week in between sports, if desired. (ex. If a student competes in both volleyball and basketball, the student can take a week in between seasons before starting the latter sport).

Communication

For our athletic teams to be successful, all involved must work together to ensure proper communication is in place. The following information is intended to help our PRS student-athletes have a positive experience in our program.

It is expected that all coaches respond to communication from stakeholders (parents, athletes, PRS personnel, AHSAA personnel) within 48 hours.

Coaches are encouraged to use their PRS Rooms and Gmail accounts to communicate with student-athletes and parents. Coaches should refrain from 1 on 1 texting with students.

Coaches communication to parents will include

- Information on coaching philosophy
- Location and times of practices and games
- Expectations for players
- Team requirements
- Team fees and an itemized breakdown of the fee
- Request for parent support in helping ensure student-athlete success in the program
- Coaches will refrain from discussing student-athletes with anyone except their parent



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Coaches' communication with the school will include

- Clear communication about any disruption to the student-athletes learning environment
- Communication about the academic progress of the student-athlete

Parent's communication to the coach will include

- Individual concerns related to their child, this will include, but may not be limited to:
 - The treatment of their child
 - Areas their child can improve in
 - Their child's behavior
- It is not appropriate for parents to discuss playing time, team strategy, or other student-athletes

Procedure to discuss a concern with a coach: 24 Hour Rule

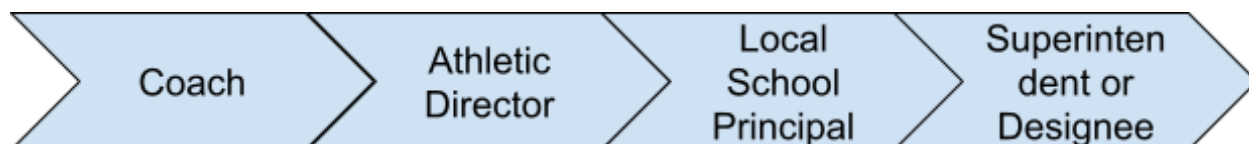
If a parent has a complaint about a coach, they shall refrain from approaching the coach in public before or immediately after a practice or contest. A 24 Hour Rule shall be in place where a parent may not approach or contact a coach in regards to a complaint they may have.

- A parent may contact the coach the following school day by calling the school or sending an email to establish a meeting.
- If after this meeting the matter is not resolved, the parent shall contact the Athletic Director to establish a meeting to discuss the complaint.
- If the matter is not resolved at this second meeting, the parent shall then contact the principal for a third meeting.

If board members, the superintendent, or administrators are contacted by parents about a concern regarding a player or coach, they shall inquire as to whether or not the issue has been addressed with the coach first. When appropriate, these parties shall direct the inquiring person to contact the coach, Athletic Director, or Principal (in that order).

Athletic Department Chain of Command

The quickest and most effective way to resolve a concern regarding your student-athlete is by following the proper chain of command. The PRHS chain of command is listed below.





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Student-Athlete Eligibility

Dragonfly Requirements

If a student-athlete does not have a signed preparticipation physical evaluation form and a signed physical examination uploaded to Dragonfly by the first day of practice, they will not be able to participate. Also, student-athletes will be ineligible for competition if all Dragonfly requirements are not complete by the date of the first competition.

- Student Birth Certificate
- Student Pre-Participation Physical Form (Annually) - ***Signed and dated by M.D.***
- Student Physical Form (Annually) - ***Signed and dated by M.D./D.O. and designation circled***
- Student Concussion History Form (Annually) - ***Signed by the student and parent***
- Student Release Form (Annually) - ***Signed by the student and parent***
- Student/Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form-***Signed by the student and parent***
- NFHS Sportsmanship
- PRS Student-Athlete/Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form (Annually) - ***Signed by the parent and student athlete***
- Athletics Field Trip Permission Form (Annually) - ***Signed by the parent***

Academic Eligibility

- Rising 10th, 11th, or 12th Grader
 - Passed at least six new Carnegie units during the last two semesters with a minimum composite numerical average of 70
 - Four core courses (English, mathematics, science, social studies) were included in the units passed and averaged
- Rising 8th or 9th Grader
 - Passed at least five new subjects during the last two semesters with a composite numerical average of 70
 - Promoted to the next grade level
- Student is entering the 7th grade for the first time and is eligible

Gaining Eligibility Through Summer School

PRHS will host summer school for learners who have failed core courses required for graduation, as well as learners who are looking to accelerate based on an individual plan created between the learner and his/her guidance counselor. Repeaters of failed courses will participate in a credit recovery program and may not have failed the required course with lower than a 40. If a learner fails a class with a final grade lower than 40, he/she must retake the course in its entirety during the coming school year.



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What Every Parent Needs to Know About AHSAA **Rules**

Use the QR code below to dive into AHSAA topics beyond student-athlete eligibility. Topics such as enrollment, the age rule, participation limits, academic rule, transfer rule, outside participation rule, bona fide move rule, summer practice, the amateur rule, and more.



Dragonfly Instructions

The AHSAA and PRHS Athletic Department requires certain forms to be submitted to the athletic office. This submission will take place electronically through Dragonfly, the program dictated from the AHSAA. ***All forms must be completed and submitted in Dragonfly before the student-athlete can practice or compete in athletics.*** Please follow the instructions to complete the required forms listed below.



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The Following Forms are to be uploaded to DragonFly or completed electronically in DragonFly

- Student Birth Certificate (One Time)
- Student Pre-Participation Physical Form (Annually) - ***Signed by the student-athlete and parent***
 - <https://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/Publications/2023-2024/revised%202018%20Form%205%20Physical.pdf?ver=bBflajjhvYoKm8yHCkMeew%3d%3d×tamp=1681389034653>
- Student Physical Form (Annually) - ***Signed and dated by M.D./D.O. and designation circled***
 - <https://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/Publications/2023-2024/revised%202018%20Form%205%20Physical.pdf?ver=bBflajjhvYoKm8yHCkMeew%3d%3d×tamp=1681389034653>
- Student Concussion History Form (Annually) - ***Complete electronically in DragonFly***
- Student Release Form (Annually) - ***Complete electronically in DragonFly***
- Student/Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form-***Complete electronically in DragonFly***
- NFHS Sportsmanship (One Time)
 - <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2>
 - Please create an account at nfhslearn.com in the student-athlete's name and upload the certificate to Dragonfly
 - The student-athlete's name must appear on the certificate
- PRS Student-Athlete/Parent Handbook Acknowledgement Form (Annually) - ***Complete electronically in DragonFly***
- PRS Athletics Field Trip Permission Form (Annually)- ***Complete electronically in DragonFly***

Instructions for DragonFly Max for AHSAA and Pike Road Schools Athletics

You will create your account on the web by visiting www.dragonflymax.com OR download the DragonFly Max App (hurricane black/red logo)

1. Click on "Login/Sign Up" in the top right corner of the screen
2. Click "Sign Up for Free"
3. Complete the sign-up form as the parent with your information (You will add your child later.)
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Email address/Mobile number
 - Create a password
 - Check "I'm not a robot"
 - Click "submit"



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4. Once you click submit, you will be sent a verification code. This code will arrive in one of two ways:
 - Text message (if you entered mobile #)
 - Email (you used to sign up)
5. After entering the verification code, your account is created
6. Create Your User Profile
 - Select Role: PARENT
 - Connect to your school: Pike Road High School: HBDQWR
7. Add Athlete(s)
 - Enter child's first and last name
 - Enter school code
 - Accept the terms of use
 - Choose your sport

**Current rostered athletes click all that apply

Click on "Submit Paperwork" OR tap child's name in the app (look for "tap here to fill out school's paperwork")

Student-Athlete Supervision

- Staff members are responsible for supervision of student-athletes at all times.
- Staff members will not give any student or non-employee a building key, facility key, or keycode for any reason.
- Staff members will remain with students participating in extracurricular activities until all students have left and building doors are locked.
- ***Student-athletes should be under the supervision of a coach when using the PRS athletic facilities.***
- Coaches must have a pre/post practice and a pre/post game supervision plan.

Note: If student-athlete leaves campus during the school day during their athletic period without following the proper check out procedures, they will be subject to the school's discipline procedure for skipping class.



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PRS Prohibitive Substance Testing

Overview

Participation in competitive, academic, or extracurricular activities, driving, and parking on school property is a privilege at Pike Road Schools. To maintain a positive representation of PRS and ensure all learners' safety, PRS implements a Substance Abuse Prevention Plan. This plan mandates random sobriety and drug tests for 7th-12th-grade learners who participate in extracurricular activities and learners who drive and park on school property.

Our Learners' Substance Abuse Prevention Plan has clear objectives. It aims to uphold a drug and alcohol-free environment in PRS schools, prioritizing the safety and well-being of everyone present on campus. Additionally, the plan aims to deter learners from indulging in drugs and alcohol, precisely identifying the ones who require immediate intervention.

Competitive, Academic or Extracurricular Activities

Competitive, Academic, or Extracurricular activities refer to school-sanctioned or sponsored activities outside of regular classroom work that do not pertain to academic requirements or success in a course. Examples include Athletic Programs/Organizations, Performance Arts Programs/Organizations, Competitive Organizations/Clubs, Career and Technical Education Organizations/Clubs (CTE), and Academic Clubs/Organizations.

To ensure that learners participating in competitive extracurricular activities are safe and well-protected, the Board retains the right to request sobriety tests or drug screenings from any learner before, during, or after a competitive event, practice, competition, or while under the supervision of the school system. This is to discourage the use of alcohol and illegal drugs or controlled substances, promote safe and healthy practices, and maintain a school environment that is free of such substances. The testing or screening will adhere to local, state, and federal laws and policies created by the Superintendent. Learners may be subject to periodic or random sobriety or drug tests and may be tested when there is reasonable suspicion or belief that the learner has violated the Board's substance abuse policies.

Additional information related to the guidelines, procedures and requirements of this plan can be found in the Pike Road Schools Patriot Code of Conduct.

PRS Patriot Handbook and Extracurricular Activities

It is the expectation of PRS that student-athletes follow all guidelines set forth in the Patriot Handbook during extracurricular activities. Failure to follow these guidelines could not only result in a violation of the AHSAA Sportsmanship Conduct Rule, but also a violation of the student code of conduct set forth in the Patriot Handbook



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AHSAA Sportsmanship Conduct Rule

Penalties for coaches and players ejected from one or more contests are as follows:

First Ejection: Minimum \$300 fine

Second Ejection: Minimum penalty of a one game suspension and a \$500 fine

Third Ejection: Minimum penalty of a suspension for the remainder of the season plus a \$750 fine

On the first offense, if the student-athlete completes the designated Captain's Course Online, the fine will be reduced to \$100.

All fines will be paid to PRHS, who will then pay the AHSAA. The AHSAA only accepts payments from member schools.

Student-athletes and their parents must meet with the Athletic Director and complete all penalties handed down from the AHSAA before being cleared for a return to athletic competition.

PRS ISS Guidelines

It is the policy of PRHS that students assigned In School Suspension (ISS) will not be able to participate in any extracurricular activity (games or practices) for the days that they are assigned. This includes the last day of their assignment (ex. If a student's last day of ISS is Thursday and a game takes place Thursday night, they can not participate.)

After School Detention

If a student-athlete receives after school detention, they must report directly to the assigned room after school. They can not participate in any athletic activities until their after school detention requirements are met for that day.

Attendance Guidelines

Daily School Attendance

In order to be eligible to participate in any athletic/extracurricular event (practice or game), the student must be present in school for at least one half of the school day. Any student not at school for one half of the school day will be excluded from participation on that day. When



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extenuating circumstances are present, the school administration may grant prior approval to miss more than ½ day and still take part in athletic/extracurricular events.

Daily Team Attendance

When selected for a specific athletic team/extracurricular group, it is expected that the student attends all practices, games, and performances pertinent to that team. Weekend practices vary by sport and should be expected. If there is any conflict with this, it needs to be communicated to the coach/sponsor prior to the scheduled event. Sanctions for missed practices, meetings, and contests are at the discretion of the coach/sponsor according to team rules.

Vacations and Extended Absences

Each team member is expected to be present for all team practices and games. Due to scheduling parameters, a number of our teams will practice and/or play games during scheduled school vacations. Students, knowing that they will be absent for an extended period of time, should discuss their situation with the coach prior to trying out for the team. Coaches will discuss with the student what the penalty will be if they miss games and/or practices due to a vacation or extended absence.

Player Fees

Player fees can be charged to support athletic programs in PRS. Fees should be developed by working with the Athletic Director to complete a detailed analysis of the costs associated with the previous year's season. Particular areas should be closely analyzed, such as transportation, officials, equipment costs, uniform costs, overnight lodging, and competition entry fees. Levels of competition should also be taken into account when developing fees. A fee that is set for a varsity level of competition may not necessarily be the most economical solution for a junior high setting. Once a fee is set, coaches should provide an itemized breakdown of the components of the fee for parents.

Parents should have multiple options for making fee payments. These options are:

- Participating in online fundraising platforms to meet goals that can then be cross referenced against their fee responsibilities (coaches' option to use)
- Payment through eSchool Payments
- Personal check that is receipted by the coach of the particular program



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Tryouts

It should be understood that representing PRS through athletics and extracurricular organizations is a privilege. Students are encouraged to become involved in athletics and extracurricular activities each season. Participating in tryouts (unless tryouts are not required) is necessary in order to be considered for an athletic team. In some programs, there is a risk of not being selected for a team. Team sizes may be limited due to the nature of the sport, the number of candidates, or to ensure player safety and practice time. Prior to tryouts, all candidates will be informed as to the expectations that the coach/sponsor has for them during tryouts. Coaches will also communicate any fees associated with participation in that particular sport before tryouts. ***It is the expectation that in season and out of season coaches will work together to create the best possible plan to promote cooperation when it comes to hosting tryouts. Student-athletes will not face adverse consequences for attending a tryout session.***

Permanent Dismissal from a Team

In the event that a student is permanently dismissed from a team, the following two things must happen:

- The administration must be informed of the plan to dismiss an athlete.
- The coach will make every effort to speak to the parent by phone or in person prior to the dismissal.

Travel

To/From Games

It is the expectation of the PRS administration that all student-athletes travel by bus to all competitions. If a coach allows, parents can sign their student-athlete out after contests.

Parents can only sign out their children, not the children of others.

Parent/Guardian Travel Consent Form

The Parent/Guardian Travel Consent Form, which allows for parent/guardian transportation of student-athletes, exists to be used in certain situations. These situations generally fall into one of the following categories:

- School approved use for certain athletic teams/events
- Extenuating circumstance that prevent a student from traveling with a team
- Use of these forms must be communicated to parents 48 hours prior to the event



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- The use of these forms require pre-approval from the athletic director. The forms must be completed and submitted 24 hours prior to the event.

Overnight Travel

Overnight Trip Details

A key component of any successful overnight trip is planning. Coaches taking a team on an overnight trip will use an Overnight Travel Details document to communicate key information to the Athletics Administration including location of competition, lodging details, chaperones with contact numbers, room assignments, bus assignments, and their monitoring plan.

Overnight Trip Guidelines

Coaches will use the following guidelines to prepare for their overnight trips:

- Notify all athletes and parents of hotel location and contact numbers.
- Remind student-athletes that all policies outlined in the Patriot Handbook apply to all athletic trips. Any violation of the Patriot Handbook will be handled appropriately upon the student-athlete's return to campus.
- Remind student-athletes that they should always represent PRS in a positive manner when on an athletic trip.
- Coaches will make all hotel room assignments for athletes.
- No athletes are to be left unattended at a hotel or restaurant anytime during travel.
- Have a set room check time. No athletes should be out of their room after room check.
- The coach will maintain a team roster showing room check time for each room (turn in to Athletic Director at the conclusion of your trip).
- Monitor hallways after room check.
- Coaches will follow all guidelines outlined in the Local School Procedures manual while on all trips.

Nurse's Notes

All student-athletes and parents must adhere to the following guidelines from the nurse for all athletic events:

- A Prescriber/Parent Authorization Form (PPA) form must be completed for any medication that is needed on athletic trips, this form can be obtained from your student-athlete's coach
 - A student-athlete can carry on his/her person a prescribed medication if the doctor signs the PPA form allowing the learner to self-administer.



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- Any controlled substance (ex. ADHD medications) must be collected and administered by the coach or school personnel. Controlled substances must be kept in a lock box.
- A nurse must attend any event that includes a learner that is diabetic or has a seizure diagnosis with emergency medicine ordered.

Athletic Training Services

Pike Road Schools will seek to maintain a contract with certified service providers to provide athletic training Services for student-athletes. When possible, PRS will have an athletic trainer on site to evaluate and treat athletic injuries as they may occur. The athletic trainer provides medical assistance or treatment for athletic contests and practices but is limited to being at one place at any one time. In case of injury, the athletic trainer will evaluate and recommend care of the injury to the parent/guardian. ***If a visit to the hospital or physician is necessary, a written medical note from the physician releasing the athlete from treatment or permitting them to return to participation is mandatory.***

PRS Facility Behavior Guidelines

It is the goal of the PRS administration to create the best environment possible at all athletic events. To create the best environment possible, we must work to limit certain behaviors.

Examples of unacceptable behaviors at PRS facilities, include, but are not limited to:

- Refusal to follow appropriate directives from a school system employee or law enforcement officials
- Failure to comply with all posted facilities guidelines
- Direct use of profane language or obscene gestures directed towards another person
- Repeated non-direct use of profane language or obscene gestures
- Threats, intimidation, or harassment of fellow fans, coaches, players, or officials
- Possession of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs
- Being under the influence of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs
- Use of vaping devices or tobacco products
- Possession of weapons (firearms, knives, etc.)
- Assault against another person/fighting



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Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian of a student-athlete:

- I will use athletics as a vehicle to promote sportsmanship, teamwork, and a competitive spirit.
- I will inform the head coach of any physical ailment that may affect the safety of my student-athlete.
- I will promote the concepts of sportsmanship and fair play with my student-athlete.
- I will refrain from coaching my student-athlete during athletic competition.
- I will pay all fees and participate in all fundraisers associated with my student-athlete's teams.
- I will not approach a coach or an official prior to, during, or after a competition in a hostile manner.
- I will not enter the locker room at any time without the approval of the head coach.
- I will avoid speaking negatively about my student-athlete's coach in front of them.

PRIDE Guidelines

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It is the expectation of the PRS administration that all student-athletes and parents take PRide in maintaining all facilities at PRHS. As a student-athlete or parent, you have a responsibility to help maintain the areas in which our teams practice and compete. As community stakeholders, we look for you to model these expectations within our facilities. Please see below for specific guidelines on how you can help model PRide in our facilities.

- Ensure that all trash is disposed of after practice/games.
- Immediately report any maintenance issues to the administrator on duty so that the issue can be addressed.
- Any damage, intentional or unintentional, should immediately be reported to the administrator on duty.
- We should also use PRide when visiting other facilities by cleaning your area at the end of competition.



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Alabama Code Title 13A. Criminal Code § **13A-11-144**

- For purposes of this section, a “sports official” is a person at a sports event who enforces the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. A “sports event” includes any interscholastic or intramural athletic activity in a primary, middle, junior high, or high school, college, or university, any organized athletic activity sponsored by a community, business, or nonprofit organization, any athletic activity that is a professional or semi professional event, and any other organized athletic activity in the state.
- A person commits the crime of harassment of a sports official if he or she commits the crime of harassment as provided for by Section 13A-11-8 , and the victim is a sports official performing official duties and the harassment is a result of the official performing his or her official duties. Harassment of a sports official is a Class B misdemeanor.
- A person commits the crime of menacing a sports official if he or she commits the crime of menacing as provided for by Section 13A-6-23 , and the victim is a sports official performing official duties and the menacing is a result of the official performing his or her official duties. Menacing a sports official is a Class A misdemeanor.
- A person commits the crime of assault of a sports official in the third degree if he or she commits the crime of assault in the third degree as provided for by Section 13A-6-22 , and the victim is a sports official performing official duties and the assault is a result of the official performing his or her official duties. Assault of a sports official in the third degree is a Class C felony.
- A person commits the crime of assault of a sports official in the second degree if he or she commits the crime of assault in the second degree as provided for by Section 13A-6-21 , and the victim is a sports official performing official duties and the assault is a result of the official performing his or her official duties. Assault of a sports official in the second degree is a Class B felony.
- A person commits the crime of assault of a sports official in the first degree if he or she commits the crime of assault in the first degree as provided for by Section 13A-6-20 , and the victim is a sports official performing official duties and the assault is a result of the official performing his or her official duties. Assault of a sports official in the first degree is a Class A felony.



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NCAA Eligibility Questions

Are you a student-athlete or parent of a student-athlete that has the desire to compete in intercollegiate athletics? If so, use the QR code below to access educational resources provided by the NCAA.



Hazing

Hazing activities of any type are prohibited at all times regardless of whether the conduct occurs on or off school property or outside of school hours. No student, parent/guardian, coach, sponsor, volunteer, or district employee shall plan, direct, encourage, assist, permit, condone, ignore, or tolerate any form of hazing.

Hazing is defined as:

- Any activity or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health, or safety of a student.
- Any activity that willfully destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation or membership in or affiliation with any school district organization.
- Any activity that would subject an individual to extreme mental stress such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, conduct intended to or could result in humiliation, extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual. Any activity that endangers the physical health of a student including but not limited to any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping; beating; branding; forced and extreme training or exercise; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, beverage, or drugs/alcohol; or other



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forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.

- All hazing activity, whether by an individual or a group, shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if a student willingly participates.

Response to Hazing

Reporting – Students, parents/guardians, administrators, coaches, sponsors, volunteers, and district employees should immediately report hazing conduct to the building principal or their designee. District administrators shall promptly investigate all complaints of hazing and administer appropriate discipline to any individual or organization who violates this policy.

Consequences

Any student or staff member that is found to have participated in hazing activities will be disciplined in accordance with PRS Board Policy and applicable laws and regulations.

You can find more information about hazing by clicking [here](#).