

Berlin Brothersvalley School District Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct

Berlin Brothersvalley School District views its extracurricular and co-curricular programs as extensions of the classrooms. While these programs are also recreational, we hope students will learn worthwhile lessons of teamwork, discipline, hard work, cooperation and fitness. The coach/advisor is considered first as a teacher, teaching skills and reinforcing the other qualities that we hope to see in participants. He/she has authority similar to that of a teacher in the classroom. Likewise, students and their parents also have an obligation to conduct themselves appropriately.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right, which is provided by the district. As such, the school has the authority to establish expectations for those individuals involved in such activities. The school holds these expectations for their programs in the interest of maximizing the programs' benefits to students and for their smooth operation. The expectations set forth below are designed to be a set of principles and standards that guides students in taking acceptable and approved actions. In all cases, a student must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal and that meets the PIAA standards for eligibility in extracurricular activities.

TUTORING/ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:

- Student academic eligibility will be checked each Friday during the season.
- A student who is failing 2 or more subjects at the time of an eligibility check will be ineligible to participate in games and competitions until they have improved at least one of the failing subjects to a passing grade.
- Students involved in extracurricular activities who are failing any subject, must spend a minimum of 2 mornings per week in a tutoring session.
- Under NO circumstances will the tutoring process be a substitute for regular attendance in the classroom.
- A conference with parents could be scheduled for students receiving an "F" in a core subject for a nine-week grading period.
- Tutoring will occur from 8:00 am to 8:20 am in room 023 in the middle school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Students may be referred to their classroom teacher during that time.
- Students failing a subject may continue to practice and participate in their activity if all tutorial sessions are attended within that week. Administration will monitor these requirements, and if tutoring sessions are not attended or effort to improve is not shown the student will become ineligible.

RULES/CONSEQUENCES:

- Each interscholastic/co-curricular participant is required to refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs shall result in that student receiving a minimum of a twenty (20)-calendar day suspension from the team, club or activity. This rule also applies to an admission of possession or use on or off of school property and/or during any school activity to a coach or school personnel, faculty, or administration.
- Any infraction of school policy while representing the school in any extracurricular activity will result in disciplinary action by the advisor, coach and/or administration.
- Any student receiving a detention will not be permitted to participate in any game, contest, practice, or event on the day the detention is served.
- Any student being suspended either in school or out of school is prohibited from participating in any team or club activities during their suspension.
- Any student arriving tardy to school without a medical excuse is prohibited from participating in team activities for that day, regardless of whether it is a game or practice.

WE EXPECT PARTICIPANTS TO:

- Respect the position and requests of the coach.
- Always exemplify the very best courtesy, manners, and sportsmanship when representing your school and community.
- Adhere to and willingly follow the rules imposed by the coach.
- Be faithful in attending practices, contests and/or performances. Arrange your schedule to prevent conflicts with activity schedules. Being excused from practice should be at the discretion of the coach.
- Cooperate fully with the coach/advisor and teammates in striving to achieve the group's goals.
- Give the very best effort and performance possible, both in practice and in contests.
- Be a student first, grades and behavior **MUST** be maintained both on and off the field, court, mat, etc.
- Be well groomed and neat at all times.
- Follow the school's attendance policy.
- Refrain from using alcohol, tobacco and drugs (unless prescribed by a physician).
- To understand that administration reserves the right to revoke the privilege of participation at any time for disciplinary reasons. Flagrant misconduct, poor sportsmanship, excessive absenteeism or failure to meet scholastic standards are some non-exhaustive examples.
- Be responsible for the care and upkeep of issued equipment.
- Be aware students are not permitted to drive to the fields for practice for any reason or to leave school if they have an after-school practice.
- Be responsible in the use of social media. Refrain from being critical of coaches, teammates, officials or opponents.

WE EXPECT PARENTS TO:

- Support the position and authority of the coach/advisor as the person in charge of the activity.
- Realize that the coach/advisor has the authority with the team similar to that of the teacher in the classroom.
- Realize that participants may be disciplined or removed from the team for such acts as missing practices, unacceptable behavior and failure to follow team or school rules.
- Arrange a private meeting with the coach/advisor apart from the time prior to, during, or after practices or contests. This allows discussions to be less confrontational and held in a non-public forum.
- Realize that participants may be expected to involve themselves in fundraising projects in support of the activity.
- Respect the coach's decisions regarding their son's/daughter's playing time and game time strategies.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous manner when dealing with a coach, opposing players or fans.
- Realize that parents and others are not permitted in the locker rooms before, during or following a contest/practice except by the invitation of a coach/administrator. Please let the coaches control their bench areas as far as drinks and/or other items that would cause a distraction to the goals of the team.
- Remember that a ticket to a school event is a privilege to observe the event.
- Be a positive role model through behavior while attending events.

COMPLAINT POLICY

Berlin Brothersvalley School District has taken great steps to hire quality individuals to direct the extracurricular programs of the district. The Board feels that these individuals are extremely competent and should perform their duties with limited distractions. However, the Board recognizes that concerns do arise between parents and coaches/advisors. The Board, therefore, has created an organized, sequential complaint process to address these concerns. The Board feels that strict adherence to this policy will bring proper and immediate closure to any such concerns.

The procedure for processing complaints will be as follows:

- 1) Parent(s) will request a face-to-face meeting with the coach/advisor.
- 2) In the event that the parent(s) are not satisfied with the results of step 1, the parent(s) may arrange a meeting with the athletic director (for athletic programs) or the principal (for other extracurricular activities) and the coach/advisor.
- 3) In the event that the issue is not resolved in the above steps, the parent(s) shall schedule a meeting with the principal, athletic director and coach/advisor to discuss the concerns.
- 4) If the issues are still not resolved, the superintendent may meet with the parent(s) to discuss these concerns.

*Issues of game strategy, lineup and playing time will NOT be addressed by a parent to a coach or advisor; nor may they be addressed through the complaint procedures.

Berlin Brothersvalley School District Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct Signature Form

So that all persons might be aware of these expectations, participants and their parents must sign this document prior to the student participating in the first athletic activity of the season. The signatures of the participant and the parent(s) indicate acknowledgement of the terms of the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct. Students who violate these expectations are subject to discipline. Parents who are not able to meet these expectations may be banned from attending future Berlin Brothersvalley School District athletic events. As applicable, both parents are to sign below.

_____ Date: _____

Participant signature

_____ Date: _____

Parent signature

_____ Date: _____

Parent signature

****Sign and return this form to your head coach, activity advisor, or athletic director.**

**Berlin Brothersvalley School District
Permission to Photograph**

From time to time we will be using pictures of Berlin Brothersvalley students in class, on field trips, and at play for school publications and press releases. For privacy reasons student names will not be used on the website.

Berlin Brothersvalley School District has my permission to use photographs of my child/children for the school website, and other school related publications, as well as in press releases or media coverage.

Student Name (print) _____

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent Signature _____