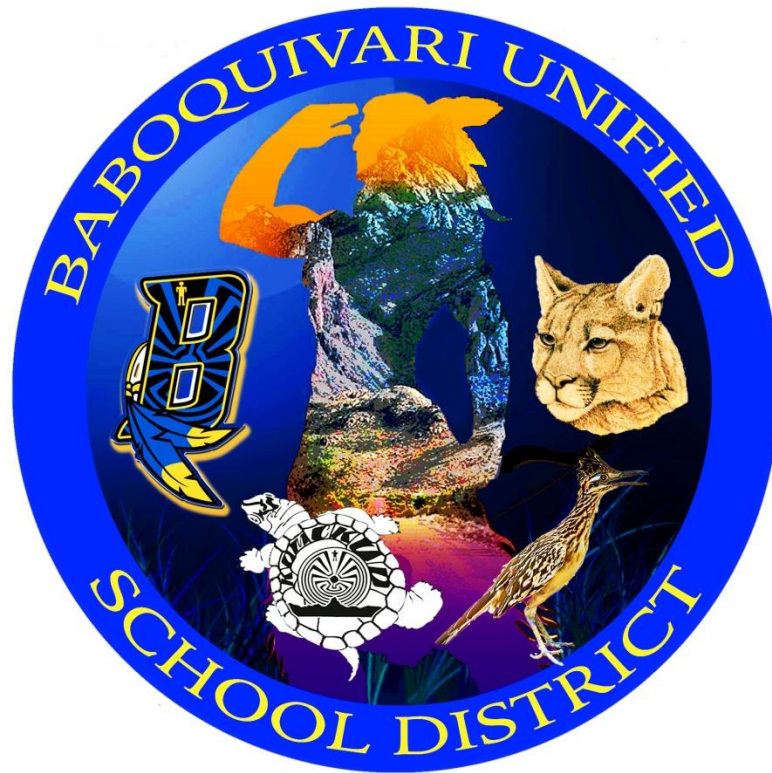


# ***BUSD 40***

## ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK



2019 - 2020

## BUSD 40 ATHLETIC CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

### PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT ATHLETE NEED TO READ AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- Insurance:** Each student athlete must have adequate medical insurance to participate in interscholastic athletic programs. Please provide the company name, policy number, and effective date.
- Guideline for Team Participation/Try-Outs:** This form must be signed by the student athlete and their parent/guardian prior to becoming athletically eligible.
- Athletic Participation Fee:** In order to off-set the cost associated with athletics, an athletic fee must be paid by each student athlete. This fee must be paid prior to the first contest for the student athlete to remain eligible. Please see Attachment A.
- District and State Policies** (Please read and maintain a copy for your records):
  - Booster Clubs
  - Protocol for Resolving Issues/Concerns
  - Hazing Policy
  - Equipment Policy
  - Harassment Policy
  - Athletic Fees (Attachment A)
  - Code of Conduct for Athletes (Attachment B)
  - Spectator Conduct at Athletic and Extracurricular Activities (Attachment C)
  - AIA Supplemental Statement (Attachment D)
  - AIA Eligibility Rules (Attachment E)
- Academic Requirements:** The academic policy shall apply to all student athletes participating in interscholastic athletic programs at BUSD40.
  - A. ALL students will be eligible the first four weeks of school. Thereafter, eligibility will be determined using four-week progress grades. Students must have 0 F's and 80% attendance (unless absences are excused) to remain eligible for the next four-weeks, and every four-week grading period thereafter.
  - B. Should students have F's on progress grades they MUST turn in a weekly grade sheet until they re-establish eligibility.
  - C. Should students have less than 80% attendance, they must attend school for 10 consecutive days to re-establish eligibility.
  - D. Failure to pay fees or return equipment (uniforms, etc.) may result in not participating in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion or High School Graduation activities.
- Athletic Participation:** High School student-athletes participating in a team sport **MAY NOT** practice or compete in another group, club, organization, association, etc. of the same sport during the interscholastic season of competition (AIA Bylaw 14.4.1).
- Physical Clearance:** All students participating in interscholastic athletics must have on file a record of physical examination. Per AIA Bylaws 15.7.1 the physical for the following year shall be given on or after March 1. The medical provider must be one of the following M.D., D.O., N.P., or PA-C **ONLY**. The Physical Form must be signed and dated by the medical provider. The parent/guardian must complete and sign the medical history section. **Please use the attached Physical form.**
- Consent Form:** This form must be completed with the student athlete's current phone numbers and mailing address. This form is used to contact the parent/guardian in case of an emergency.

**INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE WAIVER**

**Informed Consent:** It is important for student athletes and their parents/guardians to understand that there is some risk of life threatening injuries, permanent disability, and a multitude of other injuries when participating in athletics programs.

I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I understand the Baboquivari School District #40 requires that each student participating in interscholastic athletics and certain other activities to be covered by an accident insurance policy. Fully understanding and accepting all responsibility and absolving the school board and school district of such responsibility, I hereby make known that I want my personal health and accident insurance to be considered in covering the named student. I represent that the named student is currently covered and will be covered during the present school year by an accident insurance policy. I further acknowledge that in the event my personal health and accident insurance is canceled, withdrawn, or any way cease to exist I will withdraw my student from all sports activities until such time I can acquire equivalent health and accident insurance.

I further accept full responsibility for all obligations, financial or other, which may result from injuries to my son/daughter while participating in school sport and activity programs.

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Insurance Company                      Policy Number                      Effective Date

I have read and understand all the information in this packet. I am aware that catastrophic injuries and even death may result from athletic participation. I also understand that Baboquivari School District #40 does not provide accident insurance for my son or daughter.

## **PARENTAL SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT**

Parents of our students involved in extracurricular activities are encouraged to become involved in our school booster club organizations. These groups are organized and run by parent boosters with the support of the school staff. Parents may contact the school Athletic Director's office for information regarding membership or any other means the parent may wish to support the program.

### **ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS OF BUSD 40**

#### **Fall Sports**

- Football
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys/Girls Cross Country **(High School Only)**

#### **Winter Sports**

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball

#### **Spring Sports**

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys/Girls Track and Field **(High School Only)**

#### **Multi-Season Sports**

- Cheer
- Manager (All Sports)

## **BOOSTER CLUBS**

BUSD 40 does offer an umbrella booster club to raise funds for ALL sports. Funds will be used to purchase athletic equipment (game balls, practice gear, uniforms, AIA fees/dues, and travel & lodging expenses for post-season tournaments). ALL funds must be turned over to the Athletic Director or designee for deposit into general BUSD40 athletic fund. Funds will be issued to teams based on need.

#### **Actions of Successful Booster Clubs:**

- Volunteer time and raise money
- Contribute funds, or sellable goods, to better enhance the team or organization's performance
- Print promotional items like team schedules, programs, and yearbooks (subject to approval by the Head Coach/Advisor/AD)
- Financially support the program by providing additional funding for coaches, advisor, staff, and event workers.
- Organize team events, such team meals.
- Work closely with the head coach/advisor/AD to develop a prioritized list of program needs to prepare a budget

- Discuss as official business any item that meets the definition or function of a booster club as outlined on the previous page.

**Actions Booster Clubs SHOULD NOT:**

- Openly discuss or perform a performance review of the head coach, advisor, or coaching staff.
- Review the performance of a coach funded by the booster club; staff evaluations are solely the responsibility of the school district
- Openly discuss playing time issues
- Offer up a petition by booster club members to hire/fire a coach or advisor
- Plan, organize, or attempt to implement an off-season training program without direction or consent from the head coach or advisor
- Discuss as official business any item that does not meet the definition and function of a booster club as outlined on the previous page.

### **END-OF-SEASON BANQUETS**

The Athletic Director will coordinate and facilitate the end-of-season banquets. The head coaches will be actively involved in the preparation, coordination and operation of the end-of-season banquets. Families and community members are strongly encouraged to be involved in the planning of the banquets.

The awards given out at the banquet are the sole responsibility of the head coach.

### **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

**Authority to Make Awards:**

1. The head coach shall recommend to the Athletic Director for all individual sports awards (ex. MVP, Most Improved, etc.). The Athletic Director and coach will then review this recommendation, and awards will be given at the athletic banquet.

**General Criteria for Earning an Athletic Letter (High School only):**

1. Attendance at 95% of practices (unless excused by the coach) is mandatory.
2. Athletes must abide by all training rules set by the athletic department and head coach.
3. All athletes must FINISH the season in good standing.

**Special Situations:**

1. Cheer and Spirit Line athletes will receive the same athletic letter as other athletes.
2. Managers and statisticians will receive the same athletic letter as athletes.
3. Special situations (injured athletes, transfer students, an athlete who plays on a varsity team for three months, but does not earn an athletic letter, etc.) can receive an athletic letter based upon a recommendation from the coach and approval by the Athletic Director.

**Minimum Criteria for Athletic Letters in All Sports (High School only):**

1. Participation in a minimum of 80% of competition and practices along with coach's discretion

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

### **Academic/Enrollment Rule**

1. You must be enrolled and attending classes in your high school no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the semester in order to establish eligibility.
2. If you have been enrolled in school for 15 or more days during any one semester, it will count as one of the eight semester of high school attendance during which you may possibly have eligibility.
3. A student enrolled in four courses per day who earns one credit per semester needs to be enrolled in a minimum of three courses per day.
4. Each athlete will be required to receive a passing grade in all classes. If an athlete receives one or more failing grades, that athlete will not be allowed to participate until they receive a passing grade.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN BUSD 40 SPORTS

### Practices

1. If you are a member of a school team, you may not compete with a non-school team in the same sport during the same season.
2. If you are a member of a school team and your non-school team is with another sport you may compete as long as it does not interfere with the school team obligation.
3. You will become ineligible if you violate the above rules.

### Transportation

1. BUSD40 will provide transportation on a designated route for all students involved in extracurricular activities after the normal school day. Students riding this activity bus will be subject to all rules and regulations pertaining to normal school time transportation.
2. Parents/guardians must **inform** a coach to transport their student athlete to or from an athletic event.
  - a) If the transporting from an athletic event, the parent/guardian must sign student athlete out with the bus driver and communicate with the coach.

### Prior Sport Release

1. Every athlete must be released by the coach of the previous sport in which they participate.
2. This involves returning all equipment issued to the student athlete and meeting all requirements of that sport.

### General Athletic Rules

1. Athletes are expected to practice every day unless arrangements are made in advance directly with the head coach or their designee of that sport.
  - a. An athlete will not dress out or participate in a game and/or practice unless they attended school that day. Excused absences are considered as being in attendance, with written notice of the excused absence.
  - b. An unexcused absence from school automatically forfeits participation for that day in games and/or practices.
2. Equipment checked out to an athlete must be returned or paid for prior to beginning a new season. Athletic equipment returned in good condition (allowing normal wear and tear) will be accepted.
  - a. Students will be held responsible for all athletic equipment issued to them.
  - b. Abuse of equipment: Each athlete will be held responsible for unusual abuse or loss of equipment. Normal wear and tear is expected.
  - c. School uniforms are to be used and/or worn for:
    - Practice
    - Competitions
    - As approved by the school administration
  - d. Students shall pay for items not returned at the end of the season
  - e. Students shall turn in all athletic equipment issued to them at the end of the season. Students who do not complete the season are required to return all equipment immediately.
  - f. **Failure to pay fees or return equipment (uniforms, etc.) may result in NOT participating in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion or High School Graduation activities.**
3. An athlete that quits or is removed from any level team will not be allowed to participate on another team without the complete consent of both coaches involved and the Athletic Director.
4. An athlete that is dismissed from a team will, under no circumstance, be allowed to begin practice for another sport until their original season of competition has been complete.

5. Athletes representing the Baboquivari School District will be expected to dress and groom themselves in an exemplary manner at all times during the season of practice and competition.
6. Gang membership is defined as belonging to a group whose purpose is not socially, morally, and ethically accepted by the school and community. Gang membership is not tolerated within the athletic program. If your choice is to belong to one of these types of “gangs”, then you should not choose to be an athlete.

### **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPANTS IN AIA ATHLETICS**

The Governing Board of BUSD 40 believe that drugs and alcohol have no place in school academics and activities. Students who are in possession or under the influence of illegal drugs are subject to Board Discipline Policy “Drug Offense Policies.” Students who sell or in any way provide drugs or alcohol are expelled from sports on the first offense, pending due process.

### **TEAM PARTICIPATION & TRYOUT GUIDELINES**

1. Each sport will hold a meeting for player and parents that will outline the expectations for the season.
2. Each Head Coach will determine if try-outs will be held and then communicate the information to potential student athletes. If a try-out is held the potential student athlete must participate in order to be considered for team membership.
  - a. Coaches will inform the student athlete of their membership on an athletic team in person at the end of the set try-out period.
3. Team members will be selected on the basis of the coach's (coaches') evaluation of the student's skill, attitude, and contribution to the team.
4. Student athletes and parents will receive written copies of expectations related to attendance, participation, team contribution, and attitude.
  - a. In addition, all expectations will be approved by the Athletic Director.
  - b. The expectations outlined by the head coach will be posted in appropriate areas.
5. Student athletes are expected to fully participate in activities outlined by the coach for both in-season and out-of-season related to strength, conditioning, and in-season practice and games.
6. Student athletes will not be able to participate with an athletic team after the set date for finalizing the roster. Exceptions to this are limited to students:
  - a. Transferring to Baboquivari HS (Transfer students must meet the same eligibility standards of all student athletes).
  - b. That were suspended or re-assigned to Alternative School.
  - c. Participating in a sport at Baboquivari HS during the current or previous academic year.
  - d. That have a family emergency or personal illness.
  - e. With exceptions based on other extenuating circumstances deemed appropriate by the coach and Athletic Director.

Before any exception is granted a meeting must be held with the student athlete and the coach-to-be prior to participating in an organized team practice or activity.



## **SPORTSMANSHIP RULES, SUSPENSIONS & APPEALS**

Sports are games that have rules that assure participants equality in competition. The National Federation for Interscholastic Athletic Association designs most of these rules. BUSD 40 supports the following rules of each sport and expects athletes and spectators show good sportsmanship.

If an athlete is ejected from any athletic contest, he/she will miss the next contest. The ejection due to sportsmanship is an AIA rule and cannot be appealed. If an athlete feels that they have been unfairly treated, regarding any issue other than the bad sportsmanship ejection rule, he/she can appeal this decision to a District Hearing Officer. Only the incident will be evaluated. The hearing Officer will review the incident during the next school day and make a decision within five (5) days if the appeal is granted, the athlete will immediately be reinstated.

If the incident occurs at a Friday contest and the athlete appeals this ruling, the athlete in question will remain eligible until the following Monday, while the Hearing Officer will hear the appeal. If the appeal is turned down by the Hearing Officer, I understand that I can appeal that decision to the building principal.

I understand that if my behavior during an athletic contest warrants my being expelled from the contest, I will not be allowed to participate in the next athletic contest. If this action occurs a second time, I will be dismissed for the athletic program for the remainder of that season.

If an athlete receives out of school suspension, he/she will be dismissed from the team for the duration of the suspension.

### **PARENT PROTOCOL FOR RESOLVING ISSUES**

If a parent has a concern about his/her student athlete, a set protocol should be followed in hopes of resolving the concern/issue. It should be noted that the selection of the students to be a member of a school team is the prerogative of the school (mainly the coach) and concerns/issues regarding the selection of students to be on the team can only be appealed to the Athletic Director. The protocol which parents should follow in regards to resolving a concern/issue is as follows:

1. Student athlete speaks with the Head Coach.
2. If not satisfied, parent/guardian will contact the Head Coach.
3. If not satisfied, parent/guardian will contact the Athletic Director.
4. If not satisfied, parent/guardian will contact the Principal.
5. If not satisfied, parent/guarding will contact the Superintendent who renders final decision.

## ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES PARENT & STUDENT GUIDELINES

In advance of all overnight trips away from the school, school administrators must ensure that each parent/guardian and student has read, understands and has signed off on the following guidelines:

1. Athletic/Activities student are expected to speak and act in a responsible manner at all times while on the trip.
2. Athletic/Activities students are to be responsible from the time the transportation vehicle leaves campus until it returns.
3. Only students on the approved list submitted to BHS administration may travel.
4. All school rules will apply during school trips.
5. Attendance will be taken prior to leaving campus and must be reported to the attendance office.
6. A ratio of 8 students to 1 adult for overnight trips and 10 to 1 for day trips is required. If male and female students are on an overnight trip, there must be at least one male and female chaperone. Students must be accompanied by BUSD adult chaperones at all times.
7. Chaperones must be certified staff/certified coaches or parents, unless permission is granted by the Principal.
8. Student rosters with emergency information must be shared with all chaperones and carried with each chaperone at all times.
9. If public (or private-anything other than a BUSD Bus or Van) transportation is going to be used, it must be listed in the itinerary to be approved by school administration as well as parents. Parents need to know exactly what type of transportation will be used and have the opportunity to sign-off and agree to this type of transportation. This includes trains, cabs, buses, etc.
10. Specifics regarding pre and post-conference activities such as evening sporting events, movies, restaurant selections, etc., need to be pre-approved at least one week in advance by the school administration and parents. Parents will be given the agenda along with lodging (phone number) and travel information.
11. Hotel Stays-If students are staying at a hotel, bed checks are required nightly and each morning by adult chaperones with curfews established and enforced. When room assignments are issued there will be no room switching. No boys in girls' rooms and vice versa at any time. Any student found to be in violation will be referred for disciplinary action.

Athletic/Activities students are expected to maintain school rules at all times during the trip, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Students are to be in assigned seats.
2. No stereos, speakers, or electronic games are to be used without headphones.
3. Students are quiet and courteous on the transportation vehicle and in the hotels/motels.
4. Students must adhere to all students.
5. Any serious behavioral problems(s) immediately to the Athletic/Activities coach. The student's parents will be notified and students will be sent home. The cost of transportation for the student and chaperone will be the responsibility of the parent. Infractions include, but are not limited to, members of the opposite sex in each other's room; possession of controlled substances or alcohol; theft; vandalism; or leaving the trip or any supervised area without permission.

## ATHLETIC POLICIES AND ELIGIBILITY ATTACHMENTS

- **BUSD 40 Athletics/Activities Hazing Policy:** Soliciting, encouraging, aiding or engaging in hazing of any form is prohibited at BUSD 40. The definition of hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act directed towards at a student as means of being initiated into, affiliating with, or holding office in, or maintaining membership in any club, organization, or athletic team whose members are, or include other students. Hazing also includes any act that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a person. Students found in violation of the Hazing Policy will be subject to disciplinary action as per Baboquivari Unified School District policies.
- **BUSD 40 Athletics/Activities Harassment Policy:** BUSD40 is committed to nondiscrimination based race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, and disability. The policy will prevail in all matters relating to staff members, students, and the public education programs and services. Student athletes found in violation of the Harassment Policy will be subject to disciplinary action as per Baboquivari School District.
- **BUSD 40 Athletic Uniform/Equipment Policy:** Student athletes will be responsible for **ALL** equipment issued to them. The student will be charged the full replacement cost of lost or willful damage to any equipment he/she is issued. Further, student athletes will be deemed ineligible until all equipment issued to them has been inventoried by the coach or designated individual. Equipment will not be issued to a student athlete until he/she has been cleared by the Athletic Office.
- **Athletic Fee Policy:** Attachment A
- **Student Conduct in Relation to Athletic Events and Extracurricular Activities:** Attachment B
- **Spectator Conduct at Athletic and Extracurricular Activities:** Attachment C
- **AIA Position Statement:** Attachment D
- **AIA Eligibility and Summary of By-Laws:** Attachment E

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **ATHLETIC FEE POLICY**

**Policy:** The Baboquivari School District believes that due to the high cost of the Athletic Programs that an athletic fee will be charged to student athletes participating in athletic programs offered in the district.

#### **Regulations:**

1. A fee set by the Governing Board will be charged to each student athlete for the seasons he/she is participating.
  - a. The current Athletic Fee is \$50.00 PER SPORT. This participation fee covers the athlete for ONE season of sport, this fee includes cheerleading and spirit line.
2. The fee must be paid during the clearance process for each sport to the Athletic Director's Office.
3. Once the fee has been paid the fee is nonrefundable.

**Assistance:** Student athletes may receive assistance through JOM monies allocated by the Tohono O'odham Education Department (TOED). The student will only receive financial assistance by participating in the program outlined by the TOED. Annual information about this program will be made available through the Athletic Director's Office.

## ATTACHMENT B

### **STUDENT CONDUCT IN RELATION TO ATHLETIC EVENTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Students participating in athletics and extracurricular activities are expected to be role models for their student body. The various sports and extracurricular activities offered by Baboquivari Middle School and Baboquivari High School are intended to promote growth, development, citizenship and social skills beyond the activity itself.

A student's eligibility for participation in various extracurricular and athletic events may be affected by the student's conduct. Students that violate school behavior expectations are subject to various disciplinary measures by their coach, the Athletic Director, and/or Principal.

Athletes and all extracurricular participants have the following conduct requirements to remain eligible:

- Conduct by student athlete during competition is regulated by the rules and regulations of the Arizona Interscholastic Association.
- A referral itself may not be sufficient cause to suspend a student's participation in extracurricular activities/sports. However, depending on the nature of the infraction (severity, repetition, etc.), the coach/sponsor/advisor is expected to take appropriate action once they are advised of the incident(s).
- If a student has established a pattern of misconduct, whether or not suspensions were involved, the student is subject to being dismissed by the Athletic Director or Principal from all teams or activities a student is a member.
- Any out-of-school suspension results in an automatic suspension from sports or extracurricular activities the student is involved in for the duration of the out-of-school suspension. Not only is the student suspended from competition, but from all practices and organized activities (team workouts, meals, meetings, etc.). During in-school suspension, the student may practice at the discretion of the Head Coach, Athletic Director, and/or Principal, but the student will not play in games during the in-school suspension.
- A student athlete that is suspended multiple times during a sport's season may be dismissed from the team by the Athletic Director and/or Principal.
- Conduct by the student that negatively reflects on the school can have a bearing on student's ability to participate in sports or extracurricular activities. Any after school activities that involve drugs, alcohol, theft, gang activity, etc. brought to the attention of the school (Head Coach, Athletic Director, Principal, etc.) may be disciplined by the school. The discipline could include dismissal from sports programs or extracurricular activities.

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT**  
**ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Any person, adult or child, who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic or extracurricular event may be ejected from the event and/or denied admission to school event for up to a year, pending a due process hearing.

Some examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include:

1. Using vulgar or obscene language
2. Possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substances.
3. Possessing a weapon; fighting or otherwise striking or threatening another person.
4. Failing to obey the instructions of a security officer, referee, coach, or school district employee.
5. Engaging in any activity that is illegal and disruptive.

After a finding by a Hearing Officer, the Superintendent may deny future admission to any person. He/she will be sent a notice by certified mail with return recipient requested. This notice should contain:

1. A description of the unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied.
3. Information about the appeals process.

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**AIA POSITION STATEMENT**



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**AIA POSITION STATEMENT**

**SUPPLEMENTS, DRUGS AND PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES**

**PURPOSE OF FORM:** All AIA Member schools are required to **ANNUALLY** communicate this AIA Position Statement on the use of supplements, drugs and performance enhancing substances to every participant in interscholastic activities. (See Article 14, Section 14.13.2)

The Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) views sport, and the participation of student-athletes in sport, as an activity that enhances the student-athlete's well-being by providing an environment and stimulus that promotes growth and development along a healthy and ethically based path.

- It is the position of the AIA that a balanced diet, providing sufficient calories, is optimal for meeting the nutritional needs of the growing student-athlete.
- It is the position of the AIA that nutritional supplements are rarely, if ever, needed to replace a healthy diet.
- Nutritional supplement use for specific medical conditions may be given individual consideration.
- The AIA is strongly opposed to "doping", defined as those substances and procedures listed on the World Anti Doping Agency's Prohibited List ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)).
- It is the position of the AIA that there is no place for the use of recreational drugs, alcohol or tobacco in the lifestyle of the student-athlete. The legal consequences for the use of these products by a student-athlete are supported by the AIA.

In pursuit of **Victory with Honor**, the AIA promotes the use of exercise and sport as a mechanism to establish current fitness and long-term healthy lifestyle behaviors. It is the position of the AIA that the student-athlete, who consumes a balanced diet, practices sport frequently and consistently, and perseveres in the face of challenges, can meet these goals.

## ATTACHMENT E

### **AIA ELIGIBILITY RULES (HIGH SCHOOL ONLY) PROTECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY BY KNOWING THE RULES**

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| 1. Enrollment Rule                     | 7. Maximum Participation Rule     |
| 2. Academic Rule                       | 8. Transfer Rule                  |
| 3. Domicile Rule                       | 9. Amateur Rule                   |
| 4. Age Limit/Birth Record Rule         | 10. Recruitment Rule              |
| 5. Physical Examination Rule           | 11. Non-School Participation Rule |
| 6. Parental or Legal Guardianship Rule | 12. Sportsmanship Rule            |

### **INTRODUCTION**

Every year over 70,000 students in the state of Arizona participate in interscholastic activities at the high school level. The Arizona Interscholastic Association is comprised of member schools that establish eligibility criteria for students, such as you, to be able to participate.

When you become a member of an interscholastic team at your high school, you will find that both your school and the AIA will have rules you must follow in order to be eligible for interscholastic participation. AIA rules must be followed as minimum standard for all interscholastic competition in any member school. Your high school may have additional requirements, but they may not be less stringent than these statewide minimums.

Information contained in this pamphlet will acquaint you with the major rules and regulations you must follow in order to maintain and protect your high school eligibility. Any questions you have concerning these essential requirements or with your athletic eligibility should be checked with your school principal or athletic director. These administrators in your school have a complete copy of all AIA eligibility requirements.

**THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HERE INCLUDES PORTIONS OF THE BYLAWS, NOT THE ACTUAL BYLAWS. PLEASE REFER TO THE BYLAW REFERENCES FOR THEM COMPLETE STATEMENT OF THE BYLAWS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.**

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES Enrollment**

#### **Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.3)

- You must be enrolled and attending classes in your high school no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> school day of the semester in order to establish eligibility.
- If you have been enrolled in school for 15 or more days during any one semester, it will count as one of the eight (8) semesters of high school attendance during which you may possibly have eligibility.

#### **Academic Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.4)

- You must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) courses the first six semesters of high school and a minimum as determined by your school during the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semester.

#### **Domicile Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.5)

- Except as otherwise stated in Article 15, you, whether an adult or not, are privileged with eligibility for interscholastic competition only at the school in the district in which your parents are domiciled. In multi-school districts, you are eligible only at the school in the attendance zone in which your parents are domiciled.



## **AIA Eligibility Rules (Cont.)**

### **Age Limit/Birth Record Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.6)

- If you become 19 years of age on or before September 1, you are NOT eligible for any part of that school year.
- You must submit an acceptable record of birth before your name is placed on an eligibility list for varsity competition.

### **Physical Examination Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.7)

- You must have a physician's record of a physical examination on file with the principal stating that you are physically fit for interscholastic athletic competition.
- Your physical examination for the following year must be **given on or after March 1 of the upcoming school year**.

### **Parent or Legal Guardianship Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.8)

- You must get signed permission to participate from your parents or guardian on a form provided by the school.

### **Maximum Participation Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.9)

- You are eligible to participate for only four seasons in each sport and no more than eight semesters.
- You may be eligible for no more than eight semesters you attend school after you enroll in the ninth grade. If you attend school for fifteen (15) days or more in a semester, that counts as a semester of attendance.

### **Transfer Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.10)

- If you move with your parents to a new school district, you will be eligible at your new school provided you meet all other eligibility requirements.
- If you transfer schools and your parents do not move into the district of your new school you will be ineligible for 365 days.

### **Amateur Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.11)

- You must be an amateur. This means that you have never used and are not using your knowledge of athletics or athletic skill in an athletic contest for financial gain.
- You shall participate and always have participated under your own name.

### **Recruitment Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 15.12)

- The bylaws prohibit recruiting of high school students for athletic purposes. If you are solicited to enroll in or transfer to a school to participate in athletics, you are being illegally recruited and your eligibility is in jeopardy.
- If the recruitment rule is violated, you will not be eligible as a member school until reinstated by the AIA Executive Board.

### **Non-School Participation Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 14.4)

- If you are a member of a school team, you may not practice or compete with a non-school team in the same sport during the same season.
- You will become ineligible if you violate the above rule.

### **Sportsmanship Rule** (Reference: Bylaw 16.4)

- If you are ejected from an interscholastic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, you will be ineligible for your team's next contest.
- You may also be subject to other penalties.

## BUSD 40 ATHLETIC CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

### PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENT ATHLETE NEED TO READ AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- Insurance:** Each student athlete must have adequate medical insurance to participate in interscholastic athletic programs. Please provide the company name, policy number, and effective date.
- Guideline for Team Participation/Try-Outs:** This form must be signed by the student athlete and their parent/guardian prior to becoming athletically eligible.
- Athletic Participation Fee:** In order to off-set the cost associated with athletics, an athletic fee must be paid by each student athlete. This fee must be paid prior to the first contest for the student athlete to remain eligible. Please see Attachment A.
- District and State Policies** (Please read and maintain a copy for your records):
  - Hazing Policy
  - Equipment Policy
  - Harassment Policy
  - Athletic Fees (Attachment A)
  - Code of Conduct for Athletes (Attachment B)
  - Spectator Conduct at Athletic and Extracurricular Activities (Attachment C)
  - AIA Supplemental Statement (Attachment D)
  - AIA Eligibility Rules (Attachment E)
- Academic Requirements:** The academic policy shall apply to all student athletes participating in interscholastic athletic programs at BUSD40:
  - A. ALL students will be eligible the first four weeks of school. Thereafter, eligibility will be determined using four-week progress grades. Students must have 0 F's and 80% attendance (unless absences are excused) to remain eligible for the next four-weeks, and every four-week grading period thereafter.**
  - B. Should students have F's on progress grades they MUST turn in a weekly grade sheet until they re-establish eligibility.**
  - C. Should students have less than 80% attendance, they must attend school for 10 consecutive days to re-establish eligibility.**
  - D. Failure to pay fees or return equipment (uniforms, etc.) may result in not participating in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion or High School Graduation activities.**
- Athletic Participation:** Student athletes participating in a team sport **MAY NOT** practice or compete in another group, club, organization, association, etc. of the same sport during the interscholastic season of competition (AIA Bylaw 14.4.1).
- Physical Clearance:** All students participating in interscholastic athletics must have on file a record of physical examination. Per AIA Bylaws 15.7.1 the physical for the following year shall be given on or after March 1. The medical provider must be one of the following M.D., D.O., N.P., or PA-C **ONLY**. The Physical Form must be signed and dated by the medical provider. The parent/guardian must complete and sign the medical history section. **Please use the attached Physical form.**
- Consent Form:** This form must be completed with the student athlete's current phone numbers and mailing address. This form is used to contact the parent/guardian in case of an emergency.

By signing below, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read, fully understand, and have kept all attachments pertaining to this packet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE WAIVER

**Informed Consent:** It is important for student athletes and their parents/guardians to understand that there is some risk of life threatening injuries, permanent disability, and a multitude of other injuries when participating in athletics programs.

I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I understand the Baboquivari School District #40 requires that each student participating in interscholastic athletics and certain other activities to be covered by an accident insurance policy. Fully understanding and accepting all responsibility and absolving the school board and school district of such responsibility, I hereby make known that I want my personal health and accident insurance to be considered in covering the named student. I represent that the named student is currently covered and will be covered during the present school year by an accident insurance policy. I further acknowledge that in the event my personal health and accident insurance is canceled, withdrawn, or any way cease to exist I will withdraw my student from all sports activities until such time I can acquire equivalent health and accident insurance.

I further accept full responsibility for all obligations, financial or other, which may result from injuries to my son/daughter while participating in school sport and activity programs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company

\_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Effective Date

I have read and understand all the information in this packet. I am aware that catastrophic injuries and even death may result from athletic participation. I also understand that Baboquivari School District #40 does not provide accident insurance for my son or daughter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date