

Horizon Middle School Athletic Policies

Athletic Attendance:

All team members or candidates for teams are expected to attend all practices, team meetings, and events. The only way that a student is allowed to miss a mandatory practice is by making arrangements with the coach prior to practice. In all cases, a parent contact would be required, unless the student-athlete is obviously sick (the coach will determine an excused absence).

1. If a student is absent on the day of a contest, he or she is then ineligible to participate that day. Each student-athlete must attend at least 1/2 of the classes on the day of the contest to participate.
2. Friday's attendance is used for Saturday contests.
3. An exception to the rule is a pre-arranged absence. This means parents understand the reason for the absence and give their approval. School sponsored trips are assumed to be the same as being in attendance.
4. Missed practices and events should be limited to family emergencies. Medical appointments should be scheduled around practices and games whenever possible. An excessive number of excused absences may also be grounds for dismissal from the team.

D49 Eligibility Policy and Procedures:

Falcon School District 49 believes that extra-curricular athletic and activity programs are an extension of the total education program. Therefore, the administration, teachers and coaches will constantly monitor the students' performance in their classes to determine if they are eligible for participation. District 49 eligibility procedures will be in addition to CHSAA minimum standards and will apply to all students participating in extra-curricular activities:

1. All sixth grade students shall be eligible upon entering middle school, and all ninth grade students shall be eligible upon entering high school by meeting CHSAA requirements.
2. Each student will have a weekly grade check, which will be given to coaches and sponsors each week to insure academic progress.
3. Those students who are failing any class will become ineligible for the next Monday through Saturday period, or during fall and spring break until the next grade check.
4. Students will not be allowed to participate in a game or activity with the team while they are ineligible. They may practice and each school will offer academic support programs to accommodate student needs.
5. Appeals may be made to the Principal/Athletic Director to insure that teacher errors are dealt with in a timely manner.
6. If the student removes the "F" by the next weekly grade check and has no other "F"s he/she will become eligible on the following Monday.
7. A student that is suspended from school is suspended from all athletics and activities. No participation is allowed in practices, games or events during the period of suspension.
8. Coaches/sponsors will be allowed to receive/access grades of participants during the off-season to monitor academic progress. Identification of students at risk shall be determined through the weekly grade checks.

Out of School Suspension

If a student is suspended from school he/she **may not** be on campus during the time of their suspension, this includes practices and events that take place after school.

Insurance

Falcon School District **DOES NOT** provide accident insurance for students participating in school sports or any other school activity. The parent/guardian assumes responsibility for payment of expenses incurred in the event of an injury.