

Dunmore High School Athletic Department Handbook

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Introduction

The Dunmore School District Athletic Program is a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) and follows in the belief that all students should have equal opportunity to participate in all levels of interscholastic athletics regardless of race, color, sex, creed, religion or ethnic background.

The Dunmore School District Athletic Program provides to all persons equal access to all categories of employment regardless of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, handicap/disability or genetic information.

Under the jurisdiction of District II of the PIAA, the Athletic Program is also a member of the Lackawanna Interscholastic Athletic Association (LIAA).

This handbook is provided as a reference to coaches, students and parents regarding the basic policies, procedures, rules and regulations that govern the operations of the Dunmore School District Athletic Program. The High School Principal has the responsibility for the adherence to and enforcement of PIAA, LIAA and DSD Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations by all members of the Athletic Program.

Goals and Objectives of the DHS Athletic Program

The goals of the Dunmore School District Athletic Program are to:

1. Provide student-athletes with a safe, quality program to facilitate the development of character traits necessary to succeed on and away from the athletic arena.
2. Provide properly and gender equitably resourced programs with respect to facilities, uniforms, equipment, and scheduling, coaching and administrative oversight.
3. Student-athletes will learn, develop and improve the fundamental skills associated with selected sports to reach their potential while understanding the importance, and appreciate the benefits, of exercise and fitness.
4. Provide for the cooperation, collaboration and open communication within and among all athletic teams to encourage maximal student participation.
5. Promote and resource, within budgetary constraints, coaching professional development, student-athlete leadership workshops and parent-focused educational presentations.

Message from the Athletic Director

Welcome to the Dunmore School District Athletic Department

We are pleased that your son/daughter has chosen to participate in the Dunmore School District Athletic Program. We will do all we can to provide a positive experience for your child. The athletic program is an integral part of the educational process. Dunmore athletics hopes to promote a greater desire in our student body and community to take an active role in our sports program either as participants or spectators. Our aim is to develop highly competitive athletics, while not losing sight of educational values such as sportsmanship, healthy attitudes, and scholastic achievement. The athletic program should be considered part of the curriculum and aid in promoting school morale. Dunmore is proud of the opportunities it offers for student-athletes.

We are always open to ideas and ways to improve our programs, so feel free to contact the Athletic Office at (570) 343-2110 ext. 318 in relation to our interscholastic athletic programs. I would like to wish all of our student-athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators a safe and successful season!

Once a Buck, Always a Buck!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Finan

Dunmore High School Athletic Director

Dunmore School District Sports Teams

Fall Sports

Varsity

Football-Boys

Golf-Girls & Boys

Soccer-Girls & Boys

Volleyball-Girls

Tennis-Girls

Cross Country-Girls & Boys

Sub Varsity

JH Football

Co-Ed Soccer

JH Cross Country

Winter Sports

Varsity

Basketball-Girls & Boys

Swimming-Girls

Sub Varsity

Freshman Basketball-Boys

JH Basketball-Girls & Boys

Spring Sports

Varsity

Baseball-Boys

Softball-Girls

Track-Girls & Boys

Tennis-Boys

Sub Varsity

JV Baseball-Boys

JH Softball-Girls

JH Baseball-Boys

JH Track-Girls & Boys

Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

The Dunmore School District encourages all of its student body to participate in extracurricular programs. These programs are designed as an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extra-curricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the student-athlete will demonstrate the following:

- 1) Never allow their involvement in Athletics to interfere with their Academic responsibilities.
- 2) Attend and be on time for all classes.
- 3) Work to the best of their ability in all assigned classes.
- 4) Respect all teachers and classmates and act appropriately in class.
- 5) Complete all required assignments and exams in each class on time.
- 6) Inform teachers of upcoming excused class absences and arrange to make up any assessments or assignments missed.
- 7) Respect officials, opponents, teammates and coaches.
- 8) Communicate directly with your coach if you have any questions/concerns.
- 9) Be respectful during the playing of the national anthem and/or alma mater.
- 10) Understand that harassment, bullying, hazing, initiations or intimidation of any kind will not be tolerated. Offenders will be subject to legal consequences, school discipline in addition, removal from the team as determined by team coaches and school administration.
- 11) Understand that behavioral infractions of the school discipline code will be referred to the school administration for disciplinary consequences.
- 12) Display appropriate safety behavior in the locker rooms, Athletic Training Room, shower areas, practice areas and on school transportation.
- 13) Be responsible for all issued equipment and uniforms. All issued equipment and uniforms must be returned at the conclusion of each season and prior to joining another team. Loss or failure to turn in equipment and/or uniforms at the end of the

season will result in payment to replace the items.

14) Respect and keep all athletic facilities neat by disposing of all waste and trash and placing all equipment in its proper storage area prior to departing the facility.

15) Wish your opponents good luck before the Contest and congratulate them in a serious manner following either a victory or defeat. Always be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

Coaches Code of Conduct

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. Accordingly, these are the following guidelines for coaches in the Dunmore School District:

1. The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
2. The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with students, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
3. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.
4. The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
5. The coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
6. The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster club, and administrators.
7. The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
8. The coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

9. The coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student special consideration.
10. The coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or state high school athletic association.

Volunteer Coaches

The Dunmore Athletic Department at the discretion of the Head Coach can ask for volunteer coaches to be a part of his/her staff with Board of Education permission. The volunteer coach must meet all of the requirements similar to a paid assistant. These requirements include: all applicants must complete all of their clearances prior to being considered for a position in the district. Any questions on this topic should be directed to Kelly Byron at 570-343-2110 ext. 416 or at byronk@dunmoreshooldistrict.net. In addition, upon appointment the volunteer coach must complete their coaching education within a 2 year time frame of being appointed the position.

Coaching Requirements

The Dunmore School District requires all applicants to complete all of their clearances prior to being considered for a position in the district. These requirements also apply to Volunteer Applicants. All questions on this topic should be directed to Kelly Byron at 570-343-2110 ext. 416 or at byronk@dunmoreshooldistrict.net

I) PDE REQUIRED BACKGROUND CLEARANCES

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

PDE Required Background Clearances (must be completed once every 60 months):

1. FBI clearance (ACT 114) - The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has changed the provider for this clearance. For more information regarding the new process, [click here](#). Follow these instructions to register for fingerprints:

Visit <https://uenroll.identogo.com/>

When prompted for a Service Code, enter 1KG6XN

On the next screen, click "Schedule or Manage Appointment"

Fill out all the required information. As you fill out the required information, you will be asked to search for a place to have your fingerprints captured. The locations are not the same as the old cogent sites. You will choose a day and time, or just walk-in, to have your fingerprints captured.

You will pay the fee of \$22.60 when you arrive at the fingerprinting site.

You will receive additional instructions on how to receive your results after completing the fingerprinting.

2. PA State Police clearance (ACT 34) - <https://epatch.state.pa.us>

In completing the PA State Police clearance, the “reason” is employment

3. Department of Human Services clearance (PA Child Abuse) (ACT 151) - <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

****Once at this site create an individual account****

In completing the Child Abuse History clearance, under the application purpose, check the box titled, “School Employee Governed by Public School Code”.

****The PA State Police clearance and the Department of Human Services clearance can be printed and mailed to those depts.**

II) PA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUIRED COACHING EDUCATION

Saturday, July 1, 2023

A coach must complete a course under each heading, annually, prior to holding practice with their students:

1. Concussion Training Course (must complete either of the two courses)

NFHS Concussion In Sports -- What You Need to Know

ConcussionWise

2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training Course

CardiacWise

III) PIAA COACHING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

The following continuing educational courses will be required for coaches engaged at a PIAA Member School (Effective July 1, 2016*): All Coaches must have these course completed within 2 years of being hired in the Dunmore School District.

Core Courses (complete a coaching education course and a First Aid course from either of the two providers below, once completed please submit a certificate or transcript for approval to the PIAA by creating a coach’s profile, directions below):

Note: NO SPORT SPECIFIC COURSES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

OPTIONS:

1) NFHS (access info @ www.nfhslearn.com)

Fundamentals of Coaching (\$50)

First Aid, Health and Safety (\$45)

ASEP (access info @ Human Kinetics)

Coaching Principles (fee depends on instructor)

Sport First Aid (fee depends on instructor)

*NOTE: All paid or volunteer coaches currently employed or engaged by a PIAA member school must complete two courses as provided above no later than June 30, 2018. First time coaches hired at any PIAA school after July 1, 2016, will have two years from their date of hire to complete this requirement.

2) Additional Accepted Coursework:

PIAA will be accepting of American Red Cross and American Heart Association First Aid training for the first aid requirement. Please upload a copy of card to your coach's profile.

PIAA will be accepting of college level courses for either the coaching and/or first aid requirements. (Example courses are Principles of Coaching or Fundamentals of Coaching). A coach must upload a copy of their transcript or certificate indicating satisfactory completion of the course(s) to the PIAA Website for credit.

The following links provide course offerings provided by an institution of higher education and satisfy the requirements for coaching education at a PIAA-member school:

Drexel University

Eastern University

Millersville University

Point Park University

3) PIAA will be accepting of SafeSchools Training for Coaching Education as long as your school or school district has purchased SafeSchools Training for ALL STAFF. Listed below are the modules needed to satisfy the Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid Requirements.

Fundamentals of Coaching Coursework:

Athletic Liability, Conflict Management: Managing the Angry Parent, Title IX and Gender Equity in Athletics, Hazing, Steroid and PED Awareness in Athletics, Emergency Operations Planning: Building the Plan, Emergency Operations Planning: Implementing the Plan, Sensitivity Awareness, Conflict Management: Student-to-Student, Diversity Awareness: Staff-to-Student, and Online Safety: Cyberbullying

First Aid Coursework:

First-Aid, Sport Supervision & Safety, Heat Illness Prevention, Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse, AED, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Once completed, coaches will receive TWO certificates for all modules completed through SafeSchools Training. One certificate will be for the Fundamentals of Coaching coursework and the other will be for the First Aid coursework. Please contact your SafeSchools Account Manager to set this up. These certificates can then be uploaded to their Coaches' profile for approval by the PIAA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jennifer Grassel, PIAA Assistant Executive Director in the PIAA Office at (717) 697-0374, or (800) 382-1392.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Parents/Guardians want the best opportunities for their student-athletes and therefore have a very influential role in the student-athlete's attitude towards the athletic team/program.

Participation in the Dunmore School District Athletic Program is a privilege. All stakeholders have responsibilities which accompany student-athlete participation. Parents/Guardians are expected to comply with the following guidelines:

1. Encourage self-advocacy with their student-athlete and encourage their Student-athlete to self-advocate by meeting with the coach to express concerns.
2. Support their student-athlete's efforts for success. Emphasize a team over self philosophy and appreciate that all player's roles are important to the success of any team.
3. Become familiar with and review the Athletic Handbook with their student-athlete.
4. Treat coaches, officials, parents and players with respect. Insist that their Student-athlete do the same.
5. Make every effort to attend parent meetings and other team-supportive activities.
6. Assure that their student-athlete attends all scheduled practices and contests.
7. Acknowledge and support the ultimate authority of the coaching staff to determine playing time, player selection and strategy. There will be no meetings held to discuss playing time of any student-athlete. Playing time is strictly at the discretion of the Head Coach.

8. Promote and model sportsmanlike behavior at all sporting events. Do not Coach from the sideline.
9. Work closely with the coaches, guidance counselors and school personnel to identify reasonable and realistic post-secondary plans for your student-athlete.
10. Support your student-athlete's development by teaching him/her respectful behavior while handling frustrations. Promote the understanding that what is best for the team trumps the student-athlete's personal best interest.
11. Behave in a positive manner toward student-athletes, opponents, coaches, officials and fans. Refrain from any derogatory behavior against such participants at all times.
12. Help your student-athlete focus on what is in their control such as fitness level, skill development, attitude, effort and contributions to the team.
13. Never criticize physical and mental mistakes in games. Players know what mistakes They make on the field of play.
14. Parents are encouraged not to attempt to contact the coach prior to, during, or after an event to discuss any concerns they may have with their child's particular program. All issues should be brought to the attention of the Athletic Director for resolution.
15. Parents should sign the individual team's respective rules prior to the start of the season acknowledging understanding of the student-athletes individual and team responsibilities.

Spectator Code of Conduct

The Dunmore School District encourages all spectators to act in a sportsmanlike manner when attending all athletic events. The administration and/or game manager have the right to revoke anyone privilege of attending a contest(s based on inappropriate behavior. These are the following guidelines for all spectators at events:

1. Be a positive role model through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.
2. Remember that you are at a Contest to support and cheer for your Team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other Team and its fans.
3. Interscholastic athletics are a learning experience for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.

4. A ticket is a privilege to observe the Contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally unruly towards, PIAA Officials, Coaches, Student-Athletes, or fellow Spectators.
5. Learn the rules of the Contest so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
6. Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
7. Respect the integrity and judgment of Contest officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
8. Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either Team.
9. Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc.) before, and during Contests, and afterwards on or near the site of the Contest (i.e. tailgating).
10. Use only those cheers that support and uplift the Teams involved.

PIAA Physical Form Requirements

The Dunmore School District requires all student-athletes to receive a comprehensive physical or re-certification form prior to participating in a particular sport season. The school district offers free physicals prior to the start of each season by Dr. Dempsey of the Wright Center. All forms can be obtained at www.piaa.org. The Dunmore School District also offers online registration for student athletes' families. You can register at www.familyid.com and upload Section 6 of the Physical form to the site to complete the required paperwork.

If anyone has any questions on registering please feel free to contact our head trainer Mr. Scott Summers at scott.summers@dunmoreschooldistrict.net or Athletic Director Mr. Mark Finan at finanm@dunmoreschooldistrict.net.

INITIAL EVALUATION: Prior to any student participating in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, at any PIAA member school in any school year, the student is required to (1) complete a Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE); and (2) have the appropriate person(s) complete the first six Sections of the CIPPE Form. Upon completion of Sections 1 and 2 by the parent/guardian; Sections 3, 4, and 5 by the student and parent/guardian; and Section 6 by an Authorized Medical Examiner (AME), those Sections must be turned in to the Principal, or the Principal's designee, of the student's school for retention by the school. The CIPPE may not be authorized earlier than June 1st and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until the latter of the next

May 31st or the conclusion of the spring sports season.

SUBSEQUENT SPORT(S) IN THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR: Following completion of a CIPPE, the same student seeking to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in subsequent sport(s) in the same school year, must complete Section 7 of this form and must turn in that Section to the Principal, or Principal's designee, of his or her school. The Principal, or the Principal's designee, will then determine whether Section 8 need be completed. (See Form at the end of the Handbook)

Golden Age Policy

Dunmore School Board's "Golden Age Policy" which allows Dunmore residents 62 years of age and older free admission to District-Sponsored events, will be offered to the general public at the discretion of the Board of Education. This policy is for Senior citizens who can obtain their passes to attend all paid athletic events on the Dunmore High School Campus. Anyone seeking a pass must show proof of eligibility. The passes are non-transferrable. These passes are different than PIAA Gold Cards. The Golden Age passes are only good during league contests and are only valid for Bucks League Home games. If anyone has any questions should please contact Dunmore High School's Athletic Director at 570-343-2110, ext. 318.

Grounds Policy

The Dunmore School District takes great pride in the campus and its sports complex. The general public must adhere to the district policies on availability. The trail, basketball courts, tennis courts, batting cages, and track are not be used during school hours for security purposes. If any team is practicing or competing in a contest the grounds again our closed to the public. In addition, we ask all spectators to park in the lots in front of the schools. No one is permitted to park in the back without a handicap sticker or parking pass for a football event. Anyone in violation will be dealt with by the Dunmore Police Department. The purpose of not parking behind the school is assure the safety of our student-athletes, faculty, staff, and all spectators.

Social Media Policy

Student-athletes at Dunmore High School are held in the highest regard and are seen as role models in the community. As leaders you have the responsibility to portray your team, your family, your school and yourselves in a positive manner at all times. Sometimes this means doing things that are an inconvenience to you, but benefit the whole team. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Vine, Snapchat and other social media sites have increased in popularity globally, and are used by the majority of student athletes here at Dunmore High School in one form or another. Student-athletes should be aware that third parties, including the media, faculty, future employers and NCAA universities and coaches, could easily access your profiles and view all personal information. This includes all pictures, videos, comments and posters. Inappropriate material found by third parties affects the perception of the student-athlete, our

athletic program and Dunmore High School. This can also be detrimental to a student-athletes future college and employment options.

Examples of inappropriate and offensive behaviors concerning participation in online communities may include depictions or presentations of the following:

1. Photos, videos, comments or posters showing the personal use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco e.g., no holding cups, cans, shot glasses etc.
2. Photos, videos, and comments that are of a sexual nature. This includes links to websites of pornographic nature and other inappropriate material.
3. Pictures, videos, comments or posters that condone drug-related activity. This includes but is not limited to images that portray the personal use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
4. Content online that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning or threatening toward any other individual or entity (examples: derogatory comments regarding another school; taunting comments aimed at a student-athlete, coach or team at another school and derogatory comments against race and/or gender).
5. No posts should depict or encourage unacceptable, violent or illegal activities (examples: hazing, sexual harassment/assault, gambling, discrimination, fighting, vandalism, academic dishonesty, underage drinking, and illegal drug use).
6. Information that is sensitive or personal in nature or is proprietary to the athletic program or Dunmore High School, which is not public information (examples: tentative or future team schedules, student athlete injuries and eligibility status, travel plans/itineraries or information).

Please keep the following recommendations in mind as you participate in social media websites:

1. Set your security settings so that only your friends can view your profile.
2. You should not post your email, home address, local address, telephone number(s), or other personal information as it could lead to unwanted attention, stalking, identity theft, etc.
3. Be aware of who you add as a friend to your site – many people are looking to take advantage of student-athletes or to seek connection with student-athletes.
4. Consider how the above behaviors can be reflected in all Facebook applications. If you are ever in doubt of the appropriateness of your online public material, consider whether it upholds and positively reflects your own values and ethics as well as the athletic program and Dunmore High School. Remember, always present a positive image and don't do anything to embarrass yourself, the team, your family or Dunmore High School.

The Dunmore Athletic Department will use Twitter, Facebook, Dunmore Athletics Website, and HUDL to promote its school district activities. These social media outlets are provided as a

courtesy to our community. Any recognition of an athlete accomplishment(s) are strictly the responsibility of the Head Coach. In addition, the District offers schedules, announcements, and livestreaming events to try to help keep the public informed of all Athletic contests. The District reserves the right to livestream any home event or not depending on administrative discretion.

School Classifications

On Monday, November 15, 2021 by first class mail, PIAA advised its member senior high schools of the (1) PIAA-established multi-class sports' parameters for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years; and (2) sports' enrollment classifications in which each member senior high school will compete during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, as a result of each member senior high school submitting to PIAA its male and female enrollments, as of Friday, October 1, 2021. In addition, each member senior high school was provided with the opportunity to upgrade to a higher sports' enrollment classification for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, provided the request to upgrade was received in writing, at the PIAA Office, by no later than Wednesday, January 5, 2022. These reports reflect all voluntary upgrades received and approved by the December 4, 2019 deadline. The classification enrollment requirements for PIAA sports, is also available for viewing.

The Dunmore School District which competes in the PIAA is designated for certain classification based on enrollment in a 2-year cycle. The teams can change classification based on enrollment numbers increasing or decreasing. Each individual sport classification varies based on the PIAA parameters for each respective sport. The following guidelines have been provided (see next page):

LIAA Divisional Breakdowns/District Competition

The Dunmore School District which competes in the Lackawanna Interscholastic Athletic Association and District 2 is designated for certain divisions/classification based on enrollment, competitiveness, and league structure. The teams can change divisions/classification based on enrollment numbers increasing or decreasing. Each individual sport/classification varies based on the PIAA parameters and the LIAA needs for each respective sport. The leagues/classifications are also based on a 2-year cycle and coincide with the PIAA classifications. The LIAA Athletic Directors meet on a monthly basis and help formulate the leagues for the Bucks to compete. Upon approval from the Principals, our teams will compete in various divisions throughout the school year. The District competition is strictly based on enrollment and we participate in various tournaments based on the District 2 committee designations.

All Star/All Regional Selections

Dunmore High School participates in the Lackawanna Interscholastic Athletic Association (LIAA). Each year the coaches of each sport come together to select All-Stars for their respective sports at the Varsity level. The selection process varies from sport to sport on how any athlete are chosen for a particular team. However, the common theme for the Coaches All Star Teams is that our coaches cannot vote for their own athlete. Therefore, how an athlete selected is completely out of our coaches' control. In contrast, the sports staff of the Scranton Times chooses All-Regional selection for each sport.

Wall of Fame

The Dunmore Athletic Department strives to honor all student-athletes who achieve All-State status during their careers at Dunmore High School. Any athlete who achieves 1st-Team All-State will have their number retired and place on our Wall of Fame outside of the gymnasium. For any sport where All State status is given without designation (ex. Soccer), the athlete will receive Wall of Fame Status. These retired jerseys will stay out of circulation at the Varsity level only for a 5-year period. After that period has elapsed, the Head Coach reserves the right to put that number circulation for team usage.

Signing Ceremonies

The Dunmore School District recognizes any senior who will continue their Academic and Athletic career at the collegiate level. In coordination with the Athletic Director, Guidance, and Administration the senior athlete must inform each party of their future plans. Once the all parties have been notified, a date is set for the athlete, family, team, coaches, and administration to have a signing ceremony.

Transportation

In conjunction with Pete's garage, the Dunmore School District uses their services to transport athletes to and from each athletic event. The Head Coach is responsible for the team's actions while traveling on the buses. All student-athletes are required to travel with the team to and from each game. When an issue arises and the student-athlete cannot travel with the team, the player must notify the coach 24 hours prior to the event. The player must give either Mr. Hopkins (Grades 10 through 12) or Mr. Lucas (Grades 7 through 9) asking permission for this exemption. In addition, the student-athlete must travel with their parent/guardian are not permitted to bring any other athlete with them without the school's permission.

Academic Eligibility Report

The Dunmore School District prioritizes that academics is of the utmost importance. Athletics is an extension of a classroom and it is a privilege to participate on one of our teams. The administration will run a weekly academic report. The reports are usually run at approximately at Noon on Fridays. If any student-athlete is failing 2 major academic courses, the student-athlete will become ineligible from the Sunday through Saturday of the following week. The player loses privileges to practice or dress for the team's games during this probationary period. Regardless if during this probationary period if the student-athletes grades improve, the student-athlete must serve the entire 6-day suspension of play.

Attendance

All student-athletes are required to attend all scheduled practices/games in order to participate. This process begins with the player attending school each day. If any player is absent from school, they are not permitted to participate in any scheduled event that day. If an athlete is absent on Friday, the athlete is not permitted to participate that day and all weekend. Each Head Coach is responsible for enforcing this rule. Attendance Sheets are sent to the coaches each day by the Athletic Director to enforce the attendance policy. If any student is excused by the administration from school that day then the player is permitted to participate as usual. Lastly, any student who comes in late for school and is not in school by 11AM, that student-athlete must receive permission from Mr. Hopkins or Mr. Lucas to participate that day.

Team Rules

Each Head Coach in the Dunmore Athletic Department is responsible for putting together Team Rules to govern their teams. All student-athletes and parents should sign the Team Rules Sheet form presented at the beginning of the season. These signatures act as an agreement between the Coach, Players, and Parents/Guardians that everyone is aware of the expectations and rules for the upcoming season. When a violation of a team rule does take place, the head coach will determine the appropriate consequence. However, any violation that may occur outside of the team setting, the administration reserves the right to invoke their own consequences on such issues. Please note that the Academic Eligibility Report Policy is an example of Administrative enforcement consequence. The head coach has no role on this matter and will abide by the school rule.

Fundraising Policy

Each program within our athletic department at the discretion of the head coach has the ability to fundraise for their respective programs. All fundraising must receive permission by the high school principal Mr. Tim Hopkins before proceeding with their event. The purpose of fundraising is give the student athlete additional equipment/clothing that exceeds the coaches' yearly budget. In addition, all equipment/clothing purchased by the school will be collected and return after each season. The fundraising items purchased will stay with the student athlete at the conclusion of the season unless other arrangements have been made prior to the purchase of the equipment/clothing by the team and coach. Lastly, the funds raised will be submitted to the DHS Student Activity Fund to Dee Capooci. The head coach will be responsible for offering a detailed account of the fundraising event and will be solely responsible for the allocation of the funds for their respective programs.

Sports Breakfast

The Dunmore Booster Club each year sponsors a Sports Breakfast as an end of the year banquet. The purpose of this event is a way of honoring all of its Senior Athletes, Cheerleaders, Miss Buck, Majorettes, and Team championship teams from the past school year. Also any athlete that earns 1st Team, 2nd Team League Honors, All Regional Honors, or All State Honors will also be recognized at the Breakfast. In conjunction with the Athletic Director and Administration, the Booster Club coordinates the program. They are solely responsible for the costs of this event. Without their tireless support of Dunmore Athletics throughout the school year with various fundraising ventures, this banquet wouldn't be possible.