

Klickitat



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**Student/Parent
Athletic Handbook
2024-2025**

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Big Sky Conference

Klickitat High School is a member of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and the Big Sky Conference. As such, we are governed by the rules established by both organizations.

Klickitat High School Information:

Classification: 1A

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Checklist for Athletic Participation at Klickitat High School

- Must have passed all classes (5 classes and on track to graduate) during the last academic term. (Excludes incoming freshman)
- Must be in attendance on that school day for all classes in which they are enrolled. Students/Athletes will only be allowed to participate in activities (practice/games/contests) with a pre-arranged absence.
- Must be enrolled full time at the high school (or) an approved amount of college credits and or high school classes.
- Must have a physical every two years and on file at the high school.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and students must have signed athletic notice of understanding.
- School must have insurance information on file each year.
- Must have passed all classes student enrolled in (or) been placed on and meet the requirement of an academic plan that has been given by the athletic appeals committee.

Athletic Policy

Introduction:

These rules are in effect from the first day a student begins practice in a school sport or activity throughout the remainder of the school year and all subsequent years of student attendance at Klickitat High School. It is in effect 24 hours a day 7 days per week for the entire athletic/academic year.

The guidelines set forth in this handbook have been established as a minimum code for participants. The coach or supervisor will administer these rules in conjunction with athletic and building administrators.

Before participating in an activity, the students and parent(s)/guardian(s) are expected to read the athletic handbook and sign the athletic handbook notice of understanding form. (Attached on back of handbook).

By signing the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) understand that the student shall comply and abide by the terms and conditions listed in the athletic handbook

General Rules:

1. Academic Requirements: In order to compete in athletics at Klickitat High School you must meet the following academic criteria:

- a. Enrolled full time at Klickitat High School (or) an approved amount of college credits and or high school classes (or) an administrator approved combination of both.
- b. At each grade check, earn a grade of at least 60% in each class you are enrolled in. If you receive a grade of less than 60%, you will be deemed ineligible to participate until the grade is 60% or higher. Also, for high school students to maintain athletic eligibility the student shall be earning a minimum grade point average of 2.0 at each weekly grade check. Eligibility for the first two grade checks of each semester will be determined by prior semester final grades.
- c. Pass all classes that you are enrolled in at the end of each quarter and term
- d. An ineligible student may not suit up for away games or travel with the team if leaving before school is released for the day but is expected to participate in practice and/or team activities. The suspension will carry over to the next activity or sport the student participates in if not completed prior to the end of the activity or season.
- e. Athletes that are ineligible for four (4) consecutive weeks per sport will be suspended from participating for the remainder of that sport season.
- f. Minimum graduation progress per the following table: (OSAA Guideline)

Prior to Grade 10-	4.5 credits earned
Prior to Grade 11-	11 credits earned
Prior to Grade 12-	18.5 credits earned

Note: If a student fails to meet the criteria for section 1b, 1c or 1e they may petition the athletic appeal committee to possibly regain their athletic eligibility. (*Appeals committee consists of Administrator and Athletic Director*)

(These are considered minimum standards, a coach with athletic director and administrative approval may increase the standard)

2. Athletic Appeals: Will be submitted to the athletic director.

- a. An athletic appeal can override a deficiency in section 1b, 1c or 1e.
- b. A student whose appeals are granted will be placed on an academic plan of assistance. Students must meet the requirements that have been placed on them by the athletic director. If the student fails to meet the expectations of the academic plan of assistance, they will be deemed ineligible.

3. Physical Exams: All students participating in Klickitat High School athletics must have a physical exam performed by a licensed physician.

- a. Students/Athlete(s) must have a physical on file when participating in athletics. Physicals are valid for two calendar years from the date of the physical.
- b. Yearly medical release/emergency contact information on file in the office.
- c. Yearly concussion acknowledgement on file in the office.

4. Doctors Release: Any student who goes to see a doctor at any point during an athletic season for an injury must bring a note releasing them to participate in athletics. Failure to do so will result in the student being unable to participate in athletic events (practices or games) until a medical release note has been turned in to the Athletic Director.

Attendance: Students are expected to be at school all day. If a student needs to leave school for any reason, they may not participate in practice/competition unless the absence is excused.

- a. Students must be at school all day on the day of a practice/contest/match/game. The only excused absences on a game day are: prearranged absences for school activities and doctor/dentist appointments. A note from the doctor is required upon checking back into school to maintain athletic eligibility for that day.
- b. If a student is absent from school due to an illness, they may not participate in practice or a contest that day.
- c. Attendance is required the school day before and after a competition unless *prior* authorization has been granted by the athletic director.

5. Locker Room Conduct: Locker rooms are off limits until a coach or supervisor is present. "Rough-housing" or "horse-play" of any sort in the locker room is dangerous and will not be permitted at any time. There will be consequences in accordance with the student handbook.

6. **Transportation:** All students are **required** to ride on **school transportation** to all athletic practices and contests. Students are allowed to ride home with their parents/guardians **ONLY**. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign their child out with the coach before leaving the contest venue. Any other travel arrangements must be approved by the Klickitat School District Athletic Director **IN ADVANCE**.
7. **Equipment:** All students will be personally responsible for all equipment issued to them and will return it in good condition and on time. Students will be responsible for replacing all lost or damaged equipment.
8. **Changing Sports:** No student may transfer from one athletic team to another athletic team during a sports season after the initial two-week period. The two-week period shall commence on the first official practice day for that sport. Any athlete who has a valid reason to not start a sport on the first practice date will be allowed to come out at a later time if permitted by the coach.
 - a. A student may change sports after the two-week period if he/she has written permission from the head coach of sports involved and the athletic director.
 - b. If a student quits a sport, student(s) and parent(s) will need to have a meeting with the Athletic Director before turning out for the next sport.
9. **Practices:** Students may not miss practices without a legitimate reason and will make every effort to contact the program coach to let him/her know of the absence and reason for it prior to missing practice. The head coach will determine if the absence is excused or not. If a student is missing a practice for a doctor's appointment, they must bring a note or appointment card from the doctor's office for the practice to be excused.
 - a. **If a student stays home sick the expectation is the player will contact the coach and let them know they will not be at practice.**

The following outline will be used for unexcused absences:

1 unexcused absence = suspension for one athletic contest.

2 unexcused absences = suspension for one athletic contest and a conference with the coach and athletic director.

3 unexcused absences = expulsion from the team.

(Coaches may increase the standard with athletic director and administrative approval)

OSAA: All students participating in Klickitat High School athletics must meet all OSAA rules that apply, including academic, age, and residency requirements, etc.

10. Medical Insurance: All students participating in Klickitat High School Athletics are to provide medical insurance information. If the student athlete does not have medical insurance, arrangements must be made through the high school office.

11. Student conduct: The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that student participation in extracurricular activities in a public school is a privilege, not a right. To promote organized and reasonable activity on part of the student participants in extracurricular activities, it is incumbent upon local districts to formulate and enforce policies and standards regulating student activities.

POLICY CONCERNING TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Your team membership may be suspended for violation of the following general rules:

1. Use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, drugs or controlled substances at any time during your participation in sports (including non-school hours) is prohibited.
2. Hosting or attending a social function for minors where the above products are in possession, being used, sold or distributed is prohibited.
3. Missing a practice or game is prohibited unless:
 - a. You have an excuse from school.
 - b. You contact one of the coaches in your activity prior to practice or game.
4. Exceeding normal standards of conduct during travel, practice, or contests.
 - a. You are a representative of your family, school, team and community.
 - b. You should expect no special treatment because you are an athlete.
 - c. You are expected to be on your best conduct going to, during and coming from an athletic contest.
 - (1) You will never argue with a game official
 - (2) You will never engage in “trash talk” with the opposing team, or spectators.
 - (3) You will never intentionally attempt to injure an opposing player.
 - (4) Your language and behavior should be such that it will never be a discredit to the team.
 - (5) Profanity, bickering, squabbling, and un-sportsman-like displays will not be tolerated at games or practices.
5. Failing to meet academic standards as stated in the academic requirements.

Violating any of the preceding rules the athlete may be penalized (All years of high school 9th-12th grade) in one of the following manners:

Coaches may dismiss an athlete from the team: an athlete may be dismissed without any record of previous violation(s).

Violation Procedures:

1st Violation- The athlete will be suspended from game competition for 1 calendar week (7 days) beginning when the student receives the Discipline Form. The suspension may include up to two(2) competitions. The Athletic Director or Principal will immediately report offenses in violation of state law to proper authorities. The Athletic Director will make a referral to the school counselor and contact the parents. The athlete must participate in all practices during his/her suspension. If it is a referral for drugs or alcohol, the athlete may be required to complete an appropriate drug and alcohol intervention.

2nd Violation- Any athlete who has been suspended for any violation of the athletic code will, upon a second violation of the athletic code, be suspended from all athletic participation for 2 calendar weeks (14 days) or the remainder of the current sport season. If an athlete is not currently participating in a sport, the suspension will begin with the first practice of the subsequent sport season in which they participate. The Athletic Director or Principal will immediately report offenses in violation of state law to the proper authorities. The Athletic Director will make a referral to the school counselor and contact the parents. Before any future athletic participation will be allowed, a conference must be held with the athlete, parent, Athletic Director, coach, and head coach of the sport to be participated in. If it is a second referral for drugs or alcohol, the athlete must have completed an appropriate drug and alcohol assessment.

3rd Violation- Same 2nd Violation except 6 weeks.

4th Violation- Suspension for a minimum of one calendar year of any athletic participation will occur. Reinstatement to the athletic program will occur only with approval of the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

Denial of awards: Any athlete who does not complete a season in good standing may be denied the opportunity to receive a letter, team awards, conference, or state recognition.

12. Association with Violators: If it is verified that a student has consciously remained in association with people possessing or using illegal substances, he or she may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the team.

13. Appearance: It is up to the coach's discretion to determine the grooming and physical appearance of his or her players for practices, team travel, and athletic contests.

14. Team Rules: The program head coaches at Klickitat High School are permitted and encouraged to create and implement their own set of team rules. Team rules may be stricter than the current athletic policies posted in the athletic handbook with approval of the Athletic Director.

15. Fines: All fines levied by the OSAA will be the direct responsibility of the player/coach involved in the infraction. These may include, but are not limited to, fines for ejections,

unsportsmanlike conduct, inappropriate behavior and participation limitations violations. The student cannot participate in any sport/activity until this fine is done. All unpaid fines will go directly to the student's high school account.

PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

School sponsored or approved activities are an important part of the school program and offer students the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities not offered during the regular school day. School sponsored or approved activities are provided for the enjoyment and opportunity for involvement they afford the students.

Spectators are permitted to attend school sponsored or approved activities only as guests of the school district, and, accordingly as a condition of such permission, they must comply with the school district's rules and policies. Spectators will not be allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of the students participating, other spectators or with the performance of employees and officials supervising the school sponsored or approved activity. Spectators, like the student participants, are expected to display mature behavior and sportsmanship. The failure of the spectators to do so is not only disruptive but also embarrassing to the students, the school district, and the entire community.

To protect the rights of students to participate without fear of interference, and to permit the sponsors and officials of sponsored or approved activities to perform their duties without interference, the following provisions are in effect:

- *Abusive, verbal, or physical conduct of spectators directed at participants, coaches, or officials of sponsored or approved activities or at other spectators is not permitted.
- *Verbal or physical conduct of spectators that interferes with the performance of students, coaches, or officials or of the sponsored or approved activities is not permitted.
- *The use of vulgar, obscene, or demeaning expressions directed at students, coaches, or officials who are participating in a sponsored or approved activity or at other spectators is not permitted.

If a spectator at a sponsored or approved activity becomes physically or verbally abusive, uses vulgar, obscene, or demeaning expressions, or in any way impedes the performance of an activity, the spectator may be removed from the event by the individual in charge of the event and the superintendent may recommend the exclusion of the spectator at future sponsored or approved activities.

Upon recommendation of the superintendent, a notice of exclusion from sponsored or approved activities will be sent to the spectator(s) involved. The notice shall advise the spectator of the school district's right to exclude the individual from school district activities and events and the duration of the exclusion. If the spectator disobeys the school official or district's order, law enforcement authorities may be contacted and asked to remove the spectator and be cited for a trespass violation. If a spectator has been notified of exclusion and thereafter attends a sponsored or approved activity, the spectator shall be advised that his/her attendance will result in prosecution. The school district may obtain a court order for permanent exclusion from future school sponsored or approved activities. A spectator who has been excluded from attending sponsored or approved activities may appeal to the Klickitat School District Board of Directors for reinstatement.

Parent Expectations:

We want to work in partnership with parents to provide the most rewarding experience possible for our students. When your child becomes involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child and what we expect from the parents. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach:

1. Expectations the coach has for the team.
2. Location and times of all practices and contests.
3. Team requirements (i.e., special equipment, off-season conditioning, and attendance of practices and games.)
4. Team rules and consequences for breaking those rules up to and including the denial of your child's participation in the sport.

Communication Coaches Expect from Parents:

1. Concerns expressed directly to coach.
2. Notification of family schedule conflicts.
3. Specific concerns regarding coaches' expectations for student athletes.

Involvement in athletics at Klickitat High School will provide opportunities to experience a wide range of emotions. Your child will experience both success and failure. The purpose of athletics is to teach students how to respond to both. Also, you or your student may not always agree with the coach's decisions. These are learning opportunities as well. Please keep communication with coaches limited to the topics below.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches:

1. Ways to help your child improve
2. Concerns about your child's behavior.
3. Treatment of your child

Coaches are professionals. They make decisions based on what they believe to be best for the team. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be discussed with your child's coach. Other things such as those on the following list must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues NOT Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches:

1. Playing time
2. Player positions
3. Team strategy
4. Play calling
5. Other student athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and parents. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the concern.

Procedure you should follow if you have a concern to discuss with the coach:

1. Call the high school (509-369-4145) to set up an appointment with the coach. E-mail is also an acceptable method (Calling or text messaging a coach on their personal phone number(s) is not appropriate) Contacting a coach on their personal numbers should be used in emergency situations only.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call, or e-mail the high school athletic director to assist in setting up a meeting with the coach.
3. Do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meeting at such times is inappropriate and seldom results in reaching a resolution.

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory solution?

1. Contact the High School Athletic Director and set up an appointment to discuss the situation further.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step(s) can be determined.

Klickitat fans will strive to fulfill their appropriate role:

1. Provide positive support for their team(s).
2. Never be abusive with language or actions toward any player, official, team or fellow fan
3. Realizing the officials are assigned and trained to enforce the rules of the game. (Yelling at the officials **NEVER** helps the situation)
4. Abiding by Big Sky conference and OSAA rules on spectator conduct.

(Spectator may be ejected from an event for violating these rules)

Varsity Awards

To earn a varsity letter in the sports Klickitat High School offers, these requirements must be met:

Football, Basketball:

Participate in half of the quarters played by the varsity. Or dress down for the varsity team at a state playoff game. Or coach's discretion.

Volleyball:

Participate in half of the games played by the varsity. Or dress down for the varsity team at a state playoff game. Or coach's discretion

Baseball: Participate in half of the innings played by the varsity. Or dress down for the varsity team at a state playoff game. Or coach's discretion.

Softball: Participate in half of the innings played by the varsity. Or dress down for the varsity team at a state playoff game. Or coach's discretion

Track: TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COACH/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Sports Offered at Klickitat High School:

Fall:

Football-

Combine: Lyle/Wishram

Volleyball-

Combine: Glenwood

Winter:

Girls/Boys Basketball-

Combine: Glenwood

Spring:

Softball/Baseball-

Combine: Lyle/Wishram

Track & Field-

(Athletic offerings may change due to participation numbers)

Athletic Coaches Directory:

Fall:

Volleyball:

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Winter:

Girls Basketball:

Boys Basketball:

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Spring:

Track and Field:

Softball:

Baseball:

ATHLETIC CERTIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read the Klickitat High School student/parent athletic handbook and certify that I understand that students participating in interscholastic athletics at Klickitat High School are subject to serious disciplinary actions for violations of rules and policies governing athletics. I agree to and acknowledge the athletics policies enclosed in the Klickitat High School athletic handbook.

Student's Name (PRINTED) _____

Student's (Signature) _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION:

I want my son or daughter to have the privilege of participating in competitive school athletics.

_____ *has my permission to compete in*

(Name of student PRINTED)

all sports approved by the board of Education of Klickitat School District and to go with the coach on regularly scheduled trips. While I expect school authorities to exercise reasonable precautions to avoid injury, I understand that they assume no financial obligation for any injury that may occur. I am advised that students are held responsible for all players' equipment owned and issued by the school.

I have also read the Klickitat High School student/parent athletic handbook and certify that I understand that students participating in interscholastic athletics at Klickitat High School are subject to serious disciplinary actions for violations of rules and policies governing athletics. I agree to and acknowledge all the policies pertaining to athletics that are enclosed in the Klickitat High School athletic handbook.

Parent/Guardian (PRINTED) _____

Parent/Guardian (Signature) _____ Date _____

All lines must be filled out appropriately for this consent to be accepted. (Names printed, signed, and dated). This form must be turned in to your head coach or Athletic Director prior to the first competition.