

Instruction**Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics****Club Sports**

In order to be considered as a Club Sport by the Board of Education, a petition in writing must be submitted to the Athletic Director/Principal with a copy to the Superintendent of schools. The Superintendent of Schools will submit the petition to the Board of Education for approval. Parties submitting a petition attest/ agree to the following:

- There is enough interest to support a viable competitive team,
- The club will be formed in compliance with non-discrimination regulations of Title IX,
- All costs of funding the program will be absorbed by the participants,
- Coach(es) are certified by the State of Connecticut and will attend pre-season athletic department meetings,
- All athletes will comply with Board and Weston High School policies,
- Submission of a copy of the club's athletic schedule to the Athletic Director,
- Submission of a team roster within one week of the start of the season,
- Members will comply with all SWC and CIAC rules of eligibility,
- Submission of all required forms (parent consent, emergency medical card, current physical),
- Training rules which prohibit the use and/or possession of illicit drugs including alcohol, tobacco(smoking, chewing, snuff), inhalants or steroids,
- Program supervision by the Athletic Director, and
- Transportation by bus to and from all competitions for team, not individual competitors.

The Board in accepting a sport under Club Status assumes the responsibility for liability insurance and, if the sport grows as a program over a three year period, agrees to the club sport becoming an athletic program under the auspices of the Board. Participants will be eligible for athletic honors and awards. The Athletic Director will provide scheduling support to the club.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject an activity as a club and/or financially supported athletic program.

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The Board of Education believes individual students will benefit from opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through experiences that provide the opportunity for self discipline and team efforts made possible through competitive interschool and intramural team and individual sports activities.

District participation in interscholastic athletics shall be subject to approval by the Board. This shall include approval of membership in any leagues, associations, or conferences, of rules for student participation, and of annual sports schedules.

It is the Board's policy to provide students interscholastic athletic competition in a variety of sports. Students shall be allowed to participate in individual sports on the basis of their physical condition and desire. Qualified personnel shall be provided for coaching and supervising individual sports. In addition, the Board encourages intramural athletic activities as an outgrowth of class instruction in physical education commensurate with the grade level of the students involved.

Each student who chooses to participate in an interscholastic athletic program is required to have on file in the offices of the building administrator and the athletic director, a certificate of consent which is signed by the parent or legal guardian. No student may start practice for any athletic team until he or she has been examined and approved by a medical doctor. This certificate of consent shall be in effect for each student for each sports season.

The purpose of school athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many students as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the prime consideration. Participation should be without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school, community and home.

It is recognized that a well-organized and well-conducted athletic program is a potent factor in the morale of a student body and an important phase of good community-school relations.

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Every possible effort shall be made to offer equal opportunities for both sexes in sports and activities which shall include life sports that a student can carry through adulthood.

Although user fees are designed to partially offset the costs of extracurricular athletics, these programs shall be open to all students without regard for ability to pay. Funding shall be provided for students unable to pay for participation in approved sports and activities.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-149 Qualifications for coaches of intramural and interscholastic athletics.

Stratton v St. Joseph's High School, Bridgeport Superior Court, June 4, 1986 (12 CLT 26)9/87

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