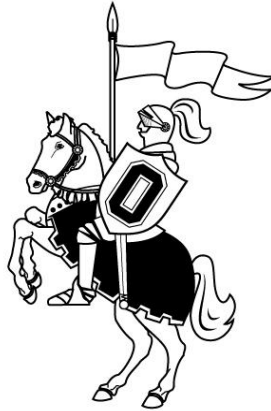


OTSEGO LOCAL SCHOOLS



“HOME OF THE KNIGHTS”

Athletic Code of Conduct

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

This handbook is being presented to you because your son/daughter desires to participate in interscholastic athletics at Otsego Local Schools. You have also expressed your willingness to permit him/her to compete. Your family's interest in this phase of our school program is gratifying. We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences, which assist students in personal growth and development.

The Otsego Local School District is interested in the development of young men and women through athletics. We feel that a properly controlled, well-organized sports program meets students' needs for self-expression, mental, and physical growth. It is our hope to maintain a program that is sound in purpose and that will further each student's educational maturity.

Likewise, we believe that you have committed yourselves to certain responsibilities and obligations as a parent /custodian of an athlete. We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with specific policies that are necessary for a well-organized program of athletics.

It is the role of the Athletic Department to make rules governing interscholastic competition. These rules need broad based community support to be fully effective. This is achieved only through communication between the Athletic Department and the parent (s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s) of our athletes. It is our hope to accomplish this objective through this athletic handbook for students, parents and coaches.

PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ATHLETIC POLICIES

We believe that the responsibility of an athlete to his/her fellow athletes is a year-round commitment and does not end with the season. Therefore, the Athletic Code of Conduct is in effect for each student-athletes entire enrollment at Otsego Local Schools for 12 months of each year (7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 52 weeks of the year) beginning with the signed date on the Informed Consent Agreement until the student graduates from high school.

Each student and parent/guardian shall read all of the enclosed material and certify, by their signatures, that they understand the Drug/Alcohol Policies and other Athletic Code of Conduct Policies of the Otsego Local School District. The signed informed consent waiver will be filed in the Athletic office.

Yours in scholarship, sportsmanship and success,

**Michael Wiley,
High School Athletic Director**

**Charlie Spencer,
Junior High Athletic Director**

**Jeff Snyder,
Junior High/High School Principal**

RULES OF CONDUCT

Student-Athletes are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct as outlined in the student handbook, as well as the following rules:

Sportsmanship and Conduct: Conduct must, at all times, be such that it reflects favorably on yourself, your family, school and community. This refers to conduct both in and out of school. Problems in or out of school may result in suspension of play/participation or dismissal from the team or squad.

Conduct Inappropriate for a Student Athlete/School Representative: Any action (including but not limited to) arrests or citations by police that cause discredit to the team, school, or community (as determined by Athletic Director or Principal) may result in a suspension or removal from the team. The length of suspension shall be determined by a joint decision of the Head Coach, Athletic Director, and Principal.

Students attending gathering and/or parties etc. at which drugs/alcohol are present, may be subject to disciplinary action(s) up to suspension or removal from the team.

Academic Eligibility: All regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) will be observed. An athlete, to be eligible during any grading period, must have been in school the immediately preceding grading period, and must have passed 5 credits (high school) or must have passed 75% of his/her courses (middle school). In addition, students must achieve a minimum of a 1.5 grade point average for the preceding grading period.

The eligibility or ineligibility of a student-athlete continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the ineligibility for the first grading period commences with the start of the fall sports season. (For the purposes of this bylaw, school days include faculty in-service days, calamity days and regular school attendance days, but not holidays or school breaks). Eligibility or ineligibility would remain until the first day after the next grading period begins. **A student coming off the ineligible status may become eligible 24 hours after the mandatory grade reporting date established by the Board of Education, provided said grade reporting date is applicable to all students in the district.** A letter grade of I (incomplete) is considered to be an F when determining eligibility. Night school, summer school, special examinations, etc. may not be used to regain eligibility.

Attendance: To participate in a contest or attend practice, an athlete must be in school all day (no later than 10 minutes after school starts until the end of the school day) unless prior arrangements are made with the principal. In the case of a weeknight contest, an athlete must be in attendance the entire following day in order to participate in the next contest.

Attendance at practice is essential to a successful athletic experience. All practices are required unless prior excuse is granted by the coach.

Hazing Policy: Hazing in athletic activities is prohibited. Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim. This includes any act of initiation

toward any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk for causing mental or physical harm to any person. No student athlete shall plan, encourage or engage in physical harm to any person. No student athlete shall plan, encourage or engage in any form of hazing in practices, competitions, or performances. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subject to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. The student-athlete will be denied participation from athletics for violation of this policy.

Transportation: All athletes and cheerleaders are required to ride the school bus, when provided, both to the athletic contest and home from the athletic contest or practice unless prior arrangements are made with the coach in charge.

Insurance: Each athlete should be covered by adequate insurance before he/she will be allowed to participate in athletics. This can be either the school time coverage offered for a nominal fee or through each student-athlete's own insurance policy at home. In the event a student-athlete chooses not to carry adequate insurance, the Otsego Local Schools will not be responsible for any injuries incurred while participating in interscholastic sports.

Intention to participate: Student-athletes must declare their intention to participate on or before the official start of practice, which is set by the OHSAA. Exceptions include foreign exchange students, transfer students, or athletes cut from another team.

Athletic Forms: Each athlete must have on file in the Athletic Office

1. Completed Physical Form
2. Emergency Medical Form
3. Signed Athletic Code of Conduct Informed Consent Agreement Form

Participation in other activities: The Athletic Department recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extra-curricular activities and will attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts. However, an individual who attempts to participate in too many other activities will, undoubtedly, be in a position of a conflict of obligations. Students have the responsibility to do what they can to avoid a continuous conflict. When conflicts do arise, coaches and/or sponsors of other activities should be notified as soon as possible.

Uniforms and Equipment: Athletes are responsible for all school issued athletic equipment and should take pride in its care. Uniforms, warm-ups and school issued practice gear are to be worn only at practices and games unless prior arrangements are made by the coach. All school issued equipment is to be returned in good and clean condition on the date set by the coach at the end of the season. In several sports, athletes may be required to purchase a portion of the uniform or equipment that will become their property.

Athletic Lettering Policy: It is desired that the Varsity "O" be something that the athlete must earn by athletic ability, but not be so unattainable that only the outstanding athlete can achieve it. To earn a varsity letter in most sports an athlete should participate in ½ of the quarters, periods or halves. Varsity letters can also be awarded at the coach's

discretion. Athletes also must complete the season in good standing and return all school issued equipment.

Awards Program: At the end of each season, fall, winter and spring, the athletic department will host an awards program. Attendance is expected. If for some reason attendance is not possible, the coach or athletic director should be notified prior to the program date.

Individual Team Rules: In addition to the aforementioned expectations and responsibilities each team will have its own set of rules that coincide with the Code of Conduct. These rules may include, but are not limited to, punctuality, curfew, practice, game, travel dress, and appropriate behavior.

Athletic Training Service: These services are available through St. Luke's MedSports. An athletic trainer will be available most weekdays from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. and at most home varsity contest.

Athletic Boosters: The Otsego Athletic Boosters help to promote and assist the student athletes at Otsego High School. The Boosters meet the first Monday of each month in the high school library. The Boosters are a vital part of the athletic program. Please continue to say “yes” when you are asked to help, and consider attending a monthly meeting. Your son or daughter benefits directly from the efforts of this group of volunteers.

SPORTSMANSHIP: ADULTS ARE THE KEY

The Otsego Athletic Department and the Ohio High School Athletic Department strongly emphasize sportsmanship in athletics. You may have seen the logo “Be a Good Sport.” We continually emphasize to all our students the importance of good sportsmanship. We are asking for your cooperation, and that of the coaches to set the example of good sportsmanship. Unfortunately, the poor behavior of a few reflects badly on all of us.

Coaches, athletes and officials are human, and they make mistakes. Yelling at them doesn't solve anything – it only makes matters worse. Help by doing positive cheering for our teams and not cheering negatively against our opponents. Officials, security personnel and school administration reserve the right to remove or deny participation to any person or persons who are out of control at athletic events.

All of us together can make **Otsego** the best sports around. **BE A GOOD SPORT!**

DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO POLICY

PHILOSOPHY

The policy is designed to help students and parents cope with drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. Therefore, the policy is in place to provide guidelines for each student/family to receive assistance as needed. Accordingly, the policies established by the Otsego Local Schools' administration are based upon the following beliefs:

1. We believe that there is no such thing as responsible use of controlled substance/mood altering chemicals, alcohol, or tobacco by any high school or middle school student. Adolescent use is against the law. It jeopardizes the student's health and safety, and it inhibits attainment of individual potential. Therefore, any use of controlled substances/mood-altering drugs, alcohol, or tobacco by student-athletes will not be tolerated.
2. **We believe that participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right.** Student athletes are in a highly visible setting of leadership and/or competition performance. Therefore, these student athletes will be held to a higher accountability of conduct and behavior than the student who chooses neither to participate nor to represent Otsego Local Schools.
3. We believe that the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student athlete have a right to be informed. Therefore, the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s) will be notified regarding findings by school staff.
4. We believe that violating the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy in a school or community setting reflects poorly on the individual, family, team/organization, and school. Therefore, violations of this nature will carry penalties in regard to competition/contests/performances.
5. We believe that participation is better than exclusion. Therefore, first offense violations allow the student to remain a member of a team as long as he/she follows the assistance recommendations.
6. Information regarding the results of a drug test conducted under this policy will be provided only to the superintendent, the principal and the assistant principal of the schools the student attends, and the athletic director, and such other school personnel as have a need to know.

PURPOSE

1. To provide a healthy and safe environment to all student athletes participating in the athletic program.
2. To discourage or provide a deterrence for all student athletes from using drugs and alcohol
3. To provide solutions for the student athlete who does use drugs and alcohol.
4. To provide the athletic department with guidelines and disciplinary policies for violations of the drug free policy.

5. To discourage conduct un-becoming of a student-athlete/school representative.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Student-Athlete:** Any person participating in the middle school or high school athletic program and/or contests under the control and jurisdiction of the Otsego Local School District and/or the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
2. **Athletic Season:** In-season start dates will begin as published by the Ohio High School Athletic Association or sanctioning organization and continue until the completion of all contests for that sport for the Otsego Local Schools.
3. **Random Selection:** A system of selecting athletes for drug and alcohol testing in which each athlete shall have a fair and equitable chance of being selected each time selections are required. The board approved testing facility will use a system to ensure that students are selected in a random fashion. This system may include computer generated random numbers or names or by pulling numbers from a pool of numbers equal to the number of eligible student athletes.
4. **Illegal/Illicit Drugs:** Any controlled substance or other drug as referenced and included within the scope of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 802 and 812, the possession, use distribution or purchase of which is prohibited by federal and/or state law. Illegal/illicit drugs include without limitation mood altering chemicals.
This definition also includes all prescription drugs obtained without authorization and all prescribed and over-the-counter drugs being used in any way other than for medical purposes in accordance with the directions for use provided by in the prescription or by the manufacturer.
5. **Alcohol:** Any intoxicating liquor, alcohol, wine, beer, mixed beverage, or malt alcohol in any proportion or percentage. The term “alcoholic beverage” does not include a substance used for medical purposes in accordance with directions for use provided in a prescription or by the manufacturer, and in accordance with school district policy and rules related to the use of prescription and non-prescription drugs, providing the substance is (a) authorized by a medical prescription from a licensed physician and kept in the original container, which container shall state the student’s name and directions for use or (b) an over-the-counter medicine.
6. **Assessment:** A program operated by a certified chemical dependency counselor or at any agency certified by the Ohio Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency.
7. **Possession:** Having control over an item.

8. **Trafficking:** sell, offer to sell, distribute, possess with intent to distribute, cultivate, manufacture, or otherwise engage in any part of the production of an illegal/illicit drug, or attempting to sell, distribute, cultivate or manufacture an illegal/illicit drug.
9. **Mood-Altering Chemicals:** Includes, without limitation, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, counterfeit drugs, marijuana, alcohol, and any common substance such as white-out," glue, gasoline, etc., used for its mood-altering effect. Prescription drugs are included in this, unless authorized by a medical prescription from a licensed physician and kept in the original container, which container shall state the student's name and the directions for proper use.
10. **Paraphernalia:** Instruments such as pipes, roach clips, syringes, hypodermic needles, cocaine spoons or kits, and any other items normally or actually used for the packaging, conveyance, dispensation, or use of drugs will not be permitted on any school property or vehicle and will be subject to confiscation. Possession of drug paraphernalia will be treated the same as possession of an illegal/illicit drug.
11. **Tobacco:** All types of tobacco products, including smokeless.
12. **Counterfeit Substance:**
 - (1) Any drug that bears, or whose container or label bears, a trademark, trade name, or another identifying mark used without authorization of the owner or rights to such trademark, trade name, or identifying mark.
 - (2) Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is represented to be an illegal/illicit drug as defined in this policy, manufactured, possessed, packed, or distributed by a person other than the person that manufactured, processed, packed, or distributed it.
 - (3) Any substance that is represented to be an illegal/illicit drug, but is not an illegal/illicit drug is a different illegal/illicit drug.
 - (4) Any substance other than an illegal/illicit drug that a reasonable person would believe to be an illegal/illicit drug because of its similarity in shape, size, and color or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.

TYPES OF TESTING

1. TEAM TESTING

At the beginning of each season, all eligible athletes will submit to urine drug testing. This testing will be completed within the first two weeks of the season on a specified date and time. The collection process will take place on school property or at the Board of Education approved testing facility (Great Lakes Biomedical). In the event that the athlete is absent from the pre-season testing, the athlete will submit to urine drug and alcohol testing at the Board of Education approved testing facility within **five calendar days** of the scheduled pre-season team testing. Failure to do so will result in the athlete not being permitted to play that season in any sport. The Athletic Director is responsible for ensuring that all student athletes and their parent/guardian properly sign the INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT prior to testing. Any student moving into the District shall be tested prior to the time he/she joins a sport.

2. RANDOM TESTING

In-season random testing will be done throughout the season. Each season there may be 20% of the athletes tested per sport per random selection. An athlete may be randomly tested more than once per season. In the event of a positive result, the athlete may have the original sample re-tested within 24 hours at his/her own expense.

(1) Random Selection of Student Athletes

Great Lakes Biomedical will use a system to ensure that students are selected in a random fashion. This system may include computer generated random number or names or by pulling numbers from a pool of numbers equal to the number of eligible student athletes this list will be. Alternate students will be selected in the event that a randomly selected student is absent from school on that day.

(2) Scheduling of Urine Drug Testing

Random testing is unannounced. The day and date are selected by the Athletic Director and confirmed with the building principal. Random testing may be done weekly.

REFUSAL TO TEST

Any student athlete refusing to submit a urine sample during a pre-season or random test will have **24 hours** to produce a non-diluted sample at the approved Board of Education facility, at their own expense, with no cost reduction. Failure to comply within the 24 hour period is an Athletic Code of Conduct violation which is equivalent to a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd offense violation of the Drug Policy (this is dependent upon any previous violations).

DRUGS FOR WHICH ATHLETES MAY BE TESTED

LSD – Alcohol – Marijuana – Amphetamines – Barbiturates – Benzodiazepines – Methadone – Anabolic Steroids – Methaqualone – Opiates – Cocaine - Propoxyphene(Darvon) - tobacco – or any other drug referenced and include within the scope of title 21, United States Code, Sections 802 and/or 812.

APPROVED BOARD OF EDUCATION TESTING FACILITY

The only facility in which the Otsego Schools will accept test results from is:

GREAT LAKES BIOMEDICAL
25660 N DIXIE HWY, PERRYSBURG, OH 43551
(419) 872-5343 OFFICE
(419) 872-7464 FAX

This facility has on-call technicians 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help working parents. Call ahead to notify them of your arrival. Testing done at this facility is at the athlete's expense with no cost reduction. **A parent/guardian is required to accompany any minor under the age of 18 years old.** If a parent/guardian is unable to accompany a minor, the parent may sign a waiver allowing the minor to test without adult supervision. These forms are available in the Athletic Office or they can be faxed from the facility.

COLLECTION PROCESS

The selected student will be notified to report to the collection site at either the High School or Middle School. A specimen of urine is collected following this process:

1. Drug testing area must be secured during the testing.
2. Only lab technicians and the student to be tested will be present.
3. Privacy must be kept for all students.
4. The Athletic Director is responsible for ensuring that the Informed Consent Agreement is completed and signed by both parent/guardian and student.
5. Any student who is taking medication must provide a copy of the doctor's authorization for the medication or list the medication by prescription name on paper, place that information in a sealed envelope, and provide the sealed envelope to the technician prior to testing. The envelope will be opened by the laboratory only in the event of a positive test.
6. No bags, backpacks, purses, cups, containers or drinks will be allowed to enter the collection area. All coats, vests, jackets, sweaters, hats, scarves, baggy clothing or other outer layers of clothing must be removed before entering the collection site. Only pants, shorts or skirts and shirts, blouses, T-shirts or dresses may be worn in the collection area.
7. Students processed by the technician who cannot produce a sample will be kept in a secured area to wait until they can test. If they leave this area they may not be allowed to test at that time. They are not to have contact with anyone until after they have tested.
8. Students will be asked to hold out their hands and a sanitizer will be put on their hands. The lab personnel will add a dye to the toilet.

9. Students will be asked to urinate directly into the collection cup given to them by the lab technician. The technician will stand outside the stall and listen for normal sounds of urination.
10. Any and all adulterations or diluted samples of the specimen will be detected and considered the same as a test refusal or drug policy violation. The lab checks samples for adulterations or diluted samples and requires a retest within 24 hours.
11. Any suspicion of tampering with the sample will be brought to the tester's attention. The sample will be sent to the lab for immediate confirmation of tampering.
12. The sample must be taken in one attempt and be at least 30 ml in size. The student must hand the cup to the lab technician.
13. Students are not to flush the toilets. In the event that a student flushes the toilet, he/she will be required to give a new sample immediately or the sample will be invalid.
14. With the student watching, the technician will recap the sample and hand it to the student who must then return it to the technician. In the event the student does not hand the cup directly to the technician, the sample is invalid and a new sample must be taken. If the student leaves the collection area or walks out to talk with anyone, the sample will be invalid and the student will have to give another sample.
15. Any infringement of these rules will result in the student taking a retest.
16. This collection procedure is subject to change because of procedural requirements by the testing agency. The Otsego Local School Board reserves the right to change the collection procedure to coincide with the testing guidelines as set forth by the agency.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF DRUG POLICY

A. POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/MOOD ALTERING CHEMICALS AND TOBACCO

OR

B. POSITIVE TEST RESULT (Drugs, Alcohol)

FIRST OFFENSE

1. Loss of any leadership position in athletic activities for the remainder of the school year.
2. A letter shall be mailed to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and a copy placed in the athlete's file that alerts the athlete of the violation and informs the athlete of the consequences of further violations.
3. The athlete will have to make an appointment with a certified chemical dependency counselor (or at an agency certified by the Ohio Dept. of Health or the Ohio Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services) for chemical dependency assessment, and then follow the recommendations of the counselor. The parent/guardian is responsible for all expenses and for providing the Athletic Department with documentation that the athlete has completed all

recommendations of the counselor. The athlete will be denied participation for a minimum of 20% of the regularly scheduled contests of the current sport season. This may include post-season contests or be extended through the next sport season. The parent/guardian and athlete will meet with the Athletic Director, the coach, and the administrator to determine reinstatement. The athlete may be required, at parent/guardian expense, to submit to weekly testing for the remainder of the current athletic season.

OR

If the athlete does not comply with the first offense consequences (item 1-3), the student will be denied participation in interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season.

4. For tobacco, the denial of privilege may be reduced to 10% of the scheduled contests, if the athlete participates in a tobacco intervention/education program. The Athletic Director may reinstate the athlete upon evidence of participation in a tobacco intervention/education program. The participation in a tobacco intervention/education program is paid for by the parent(s)/guardian(s)/custodian(s) of the athlete.
5. The denial of the privilege to compete will begin with the last contest in which the athlete has been eligible to compete, or the date on which a violation of the substance abuse policy has been determined.

SECOND OFFENSE

1. The athlete is denied contest participation for one calendar year from the date of notification of the violation. Coaches, at their discretion, may allow an athlete to practice with a team. The athlete will have to make an appointment with a certified chemical dependency counselor (or at an agency certified by the Ohio Dept. of Health or the Ohio Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services) for chemical dependency assessment, and then follow the recommendations of the counselor. The parent/guardian/custodian is responsible for all expenses and for providing the Athletic Department with documentation that the athlete completed all recommendations of the counselor. The parent/guardian/custodian and athlete will meet with the Athletic Director and the administrator to determine reinstatement. The athlete may be required, at parent/guardian/custodian expense, to submit to weekly testing for the remainder of the current athletic season.
2. The athlete shall be permitted to appeal to be reinstated up to 50% of the original full year of denial of contests if good behavior and other necessary criteria is met.

THIRD OFFENSE

1. The athlete is permanently denied participation in athletics in the Otsego Local Schools.

OFFENSES DISCOVERED ONE YEAR OR MORE AFTER THE DATE OF OFFENSE

Any violations discovered one year or more after violation took place will be subject to a meeting involving parents, coach, student-athlete and Athletic Director.

ROLL BACK PHASE

If a student-athlete violates the alcohol/drug policy during his/her 7th or 8th grade years, he/she may **roll back or erase** a violation step, (if) the following conditions are met: (this applies only to violations that occur in Middle School years):

1. The athlete submits to pre-season testing during fall, winter, and spring seasons, regardless if they are participating in a sport.
2. The athlete produces (3) negative test results during the time that extends to the first day of school his/her sophomore year.
3. Completion of any drug/alcohol counseling sessions.
4. Re-instatement meeting conducted with Principal and Athletic Director.

C. SELLING/ATTEMPTING TO SELL ALCOHOL TRAFFICKING IN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/MOOD ALTERING CHEMICALS

Student athletes who in any way aid or abet another student will be disciplined as if he/she were the principal offender.

FIRST OFFENSE

1. A letter shall be mailed to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and a copy placed in the athlete's file that alerts the athlete of violation and informs the athlete of the consequences of further violations.
2. Denial of participation in all athletics for the remainder of the school year, up to permanent denial of participation in athletics in the District, depending upon the severity of the first offense.

Any Additional Offense will result in permanent denial of participation in athletics in the Otsego Local Schools.

DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS FOR DRUG, ALCOHOL AND/OR TOBACCO VIOLATIONS

Athletes who use, possess, sell or attempt to use, possess or sell alcohol, drugs or tobacco will be subject to denial of participation in athletics. Denial of participation may result not only from the results of random drug and alcohol testing, but also from instances in which evidence other than the results of the drug testing described above indicates that a student has used possessed, sold, or attempted to use possess or sell alcohol, drugs or tobacco in violation of this policy and/or the student code of conduct. The Athletic Director, Principal, coach or faculty manager responsible for supervision of that activity will initiate the disciplinary procedure outlined below for

violations of the District's drug, alcohol and tobacco policy for student athletes, which may lead to sanctions in accordance with this policy including denial of participation in athletics. Drug, alcohol and/or tobacco abuse in violation of the student code of conduct (i.e., found from evidence other than random drug and alcohol testing as provided in this policy) shall be subject to discipline under the student code of conduct as well.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

1. When school personnel learn that a student has violated or is suspected to have violated any rule, the Athletic Director and Principal (designee) shall be notified immediately. The investigation shall be initiated within 72 hours of notification.
2. The student may be temporarily removed from an athletic contest and/or practice by the Principal (designee), Athletic Director, coach, or faculty manager responsible for supervision of that activity.
3. A review committee, consisting of the coach/advisor and the Athletic Director at a minimum, will meet to investigate the violation. If the review committee feels action beyond temporary removal is warranted, the Principal or designee shall inform the student and the parent of the specific violation and possible penalty.
4. An informal hearing with the student and the review committee will be held at which the student will be provided with notice of the conduct with which he or she is charged and an opportunity to respond to those charges.
5. Violations shall be determined based on the totality of all reasonable, available evidence. The review committee shall have the authority to hear testimony, receive sworn statements and evidence, and take any other reasonable actions necessary to reach a decision.
6. The building Principal/Designee will inform the student and the parents of the review committee's decision.
7. The review committee's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent/Designee.
8. During an appeal, the student may practice, but may not participate in any official activity pending the outcome of the hearing conducted by the Superintendent/Designee. The decision of the Superintendent/Designee is final.

DUE PROCESS

Each student who is in violation of the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policies will be afforded due process. The student will have the right of appeal of consequences to the building principal. This must be done, in writing, within 72 hours of the consequences being determined. All consequences will be enforced during the appeal period. A final appeal may be made to the Superintendent of schools or his/her designee, in writing, within 72 hours of the consequences being determined. All consequences will be enforced during the appeal period.

VOLUNTARY REFERRAL PERIOD

Students have the opportunity for a voluntary referral procedure to seek information, guidance, counseling, and/or assessment in regard to the use of possession of tobacco, alcohol and other controlled or non-controlled substances. Voluntary referrals may be made by the student, his/her immediate family, or from a fellow student. Voluntary referrals will not carry violation consequences on the first offense only; however it will be counted as a violation.

To avoid receiving a denial of participation, the student must complete an assessment and follow the recommendations of any evaluation or assessment. Completion of all assistance requirements must be within the time schedule established by Intervention Assistance. The voluntary referral can be made to the principal, athletic director, coach/advisor, guidance counselor, or the on-site prevention counselor. Voluntary referral cannot be used by student participants as a method to avoid consequences of the Athletic Code of Conduct and must be made within 72 hours of the violation. Voluntary referral must occur prior to any report of violations, and 72 hours prior to a random drug test. **Involvement by law enforcement official negates the option of voluntary referral.**

The student may use the option of voluntary referral once in his/her career at Otsego Middle School and/or once in his/her career Otsego High School. Voluntary referral which results in no prohibition from participations is considered a first violation. Any subsequent violations will be enforced accordingly. If the student requesting the voluntary referral opportunity does not complete the assessment recommendations by the established time schedule, the violation consequence will be put into effect immediately.

LEAGUE INFORMATION

Otsego is a member of the Northern Buckeye Conference, other members include:

**Eastwood
Lake**

**Elmwood
Rossford**

**Fostoria
Woodmore**

Genoa

Sports offered at Otsego Jr. High School are:

**Cross-Country
Cheerleading
Track and Field**

**Football
Basketball**

**Volleyball
Wrestling**

Sports offered at Otsego High School are:

**Cross-Country
Soccer
Basketball
Softball**

**Football
Volleyball
Wrestling
Track and Field**

**Golf
Cheerleading
Baseball**

Where They Play

SPORT	EASTWOOD	ELMWOOD	FOSTORIA	GENOA	LAKE	OTSEGO	ROSSFORD	WOODMORE
HS Football	High School	High School	Memorial Stadium	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School
JHS Football	High School	High School	Memorial Stadium	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School
HS Volleyball	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School
JHS Volleyball	Middle School	Middle School	Intermediate School	Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	Elem. Woodville
Soccer	High School	N/A	N/A	High School	High School	High School	Glenwood Athletic Complex	High School
Golf	Tanglewood	Briar Hills	Lakeland	Chippewa	Chippewa	Stone Ridge	B – Detwiler G - Crosswinds	Sugar Creek
Cross-Country	High School	High School	High School	High School	TBA	Mary Jane Thurstin St. Park	Glenwood Athletic Complex	High School
HS Basketball	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School
JHS Basketball	Middle School	Middle School	Intermediate School	Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	Elem. Woodville
HS Wrestling	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	Middle School	High School
JHS Wrestling	Middle School	Middle School	Intermediate School	Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	Middle School	High School
Baseball	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	Glenwood Athletic Complex	Elem. Woodville
Softball	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	High School	Glenwood Athletic Complex	Elem. Woodville
Track & Field	High School	High School	Memorial Stadium	High School	High School	High School	Glenwood Athletic Complex	High School

Great Lakes Biomedical

**25660 N DIXIE HWY
Perrysburg, OH 43551**

419-872-5343

**Monday –Friday - 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday/Sunday – 9:00- 2:00**

ACROSS THE STREET FROM LEVIS COMMONS

NBC SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Eastwood High School

Colors: Red, White, Columbian Blue
Nickname: Eagles
4900 Sand Ridge Road
Pemberville, OH 43450
419-833-3611
www.eastwood.k12.oh.us

Elmwood High School

Colors: Royal Blue and White
Nickname: Royals
7650 Jerry City Road
Bloomdale, OH 44817
419-655-2583
www.elmwood.k12.oh.us

Fostoria High School

Colors: Red and Black
Nickname: Redmen
1001 Park Avenue
Fostoria, OH 44830
419-436-4110
www.fostoria.k12.oh.us

Genoa High School

Colors: Maroon and Gray
Nickname: Comets
2980 N. Genoa Clay Center
Genoa, OH 43430
419-855-7735
www.genoaschools.com

Lake High School

Colors: Navy and White
Nickname: Flyers
28090 Lemoyne Road
Millbury, OH 43447
419-661-6662
www.lakelocal.k12.oh.us

Rossford High School

Colors: Maroon and Gray
Nickname: Bulldogs
701 Superior Street
Rossford, OH 43460
419-666-5262
www.rossford.k12.oh.us

Woodmore High School

Colors: Purple and Gold
Nickname: Wildcats
115 Water Street
Woodville, OH 43469
419-849-2381
www.woodmore.k12.oh.us

OTSEGO LOCAL SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

We understand and agree that participation in athletic activities is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of the Athletic code of Conduct.

We have read the Athletic Code of Conduct, and thoroughly understand the consequences of violating the Athletic Code of Conduct.

We understand and realize that there is risk of injury in participating in athletic activities.

We have read the OHSAA Athletic Eligibility information and understand the responsibility of complying with the rules set forth in the bulletin.

We pledge to promote healthy lifestyles for all student athletes of the Otsego Local Schools. My son/daughter has my permission to participate in athletics.

We understand that with participation in any athletic program, athletes are subject to initial and random urine drug and alcohol testing. We understand that refusal to test is a Athletic Code of conduct violation, which results in the equivalent consequences of the Drug Policy violations. We have read the Athletic Code of Conduct and Informed Consent Agreement and agree.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

As parent/guardian of a child wishing to participate in athletic activities and/or other activities taking place in the buildings or upon the grounds of the Otsego Local School District, I recognize and acknowledge that all such activities carry a certain risk of personal injury. I agree, on behalf of myself and my child, to assume all risks including any damages resulting from physical injuries, death, loss of services or consortium, loss or damage of property, or any other loss which I or my child may sustain as a result of participating in such activities.

I hereby give permission for my child (as named below) to participate in the activity/activities named below and any related events, activities or transportation. In consideration of allowing my child's participation in the activity or activities indicated below, I hereby, for myself, for my child, and for all my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby forever release, waive and relinquish all claims I or my child have or may have as a result of participating in this and other programs which are permitted to conduct activities in the buildings and grounds of the Otsego Local School District. Furthermore, I promise on behalf of myself and my child not to sue the Otsego Local School District Board of Education or any of its officers, employees or agents for actions or omissions arising from or connected with such activities, and to indemnify and hold the Otsego Board of Education harmless from any loss or damages incurred by the Otsego Local School District Board of Education as a consequence of my or my child's participation in such activities.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT / INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT
SIGNATURE PAGE

This agreement must be signed and on file in the Athletic Office before a student may participate/tryout in athletic activities for the Otsego Local Schools.
***Both parents must sign unless only one has legal custody of the student.**

Activity/Activities _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____

Parent*/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent*/Guardian Signature: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

My Medical Insurance Company is: _____

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OTSEGO ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Otsego Athletic Boosters are an integral part of the entire athletic program. They are requesting the following information so that they may keep you updated on important events.

Athlete Information:	Indicate sports with potential participation														
	Baseball	Basketball - Boys	Basketball - Girls	Cheerleading - FB	Cheerleading - BB	Cross Country	Football	Golf	Soccer - Boys	Soccer - Girls	Softball	Track	Volleyball	Wrestling	
List name of athlete below:	Class of														
Parents Names (please print): _____ Mailing address: _____ _____ Phone number: _____ Parents' e-mail address _____ Students' e-mail address _____ (mainly needed for Seniors)															