

Halifax West Athletic and Extracurricular Eligibility Policy

Student Eligibility

All participants in extracurricular activities must have a Student Government I.D. Card. A student must be under 19 years of age as of September 30th to be eligible to play High School sports. A student is eligible for three consecutive years beginning with the first year of high school (Grade10).

All athletic fees and uniform fees are to be paid **before** the student athlete plays their first game. Fees will not be refunded after the first game played. Fees will be set by the coach based on team requirements.

Eligibility in Current Semester

Students must be in good academic standing. This means the student should be passing all courses. A student to be eligible to play high school sports or major extracurricular events must be enrolled in three courses per semester.

# OF COURSES	PASSING ALL COURSES	WITHDRAWN FROM OR FAILING 1 COURSE	WITHDRAWN FROM OR FAILING 2 COURSES
4	Eligible	Academic Probation until the student is passing – Review committee may grant ability to participate	Not Eligible
3	Eligible	Academic Probation for 2 weeks to achieve a passing grade – Student may not participate in events, practices or competitions. Failure to comply will result in being Not Eligible	Not Eligible
2	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible

Eligibility Based on Previous Semester

Students withdrawn from or failing one course out of three at the end of the previous semester will be placed on Academic Probation. If the student was withdrawn from or failing two courses from the previous semester they will be ineligible to participate, tryout or compete.

# OF COURSES ATTEMPTED	PASSED ALL COURSES	WITHDRAWN FROM OR FAILED 1 COURSE	WITHDRAWN FROM OR FAILED 2 COURSES
4	Eligible	Eligible	Not Eligible
3	Eligible	Academic Probation until the student is deemed to be passing current courses - Review committee reserves the right to grant participation	Not Eligible

Attendance

Attendance at school is an important part of learning and the success of the student. The student participant is expected to be in class in order to be successful in their courses. Student participants who are NOT in school on the day of an event or game without a note from a parent/guardian or doctor are not eligible to participate.

Student participants who are absent from classes without an excuse at anytime during the week may also be removed from participation. Students who are missing from classes a number of times without an excuse may be removed from participation for a time period as deemed by the Athletic Director, Student Government Advisor and/or Administration.

Student participants are reminded that all school rules apply at all school sponsored activities. This includes events, competitions, practices, and tournaments etc, both at school and away from the school.

Multiple Sports

Student participants involved in more than one sport or event that overlaps are obligated to honor their first commitment. Failure to do so may result in the student participant being ineligible for other extracurricular teams or opportunities. The sport in season has

priority over other sports, practices or meetings. A student participant's commitment is to the first sport or event.

Uniforms

All uniforms and equipment belong to the school and are to be returned to the school in the same condition as they were given out. Failure to do so will result in the student being billed for the cost of the equipment or uniform. Uniforms are NOT to be worn to school as general clothing they are designated specifically for the sporting activity.

Students who are suspended from school are not eligible to participate in events, competitions, practices or meetings while suspended. If there is a weekend in the middle of the suspension the student cannot participate until they return to school. A student receiving a second school suspension, or if their first is for 5 days, they may be removed from participation and deemed ineligible to participate for the remainder of the year on any further teams or in extracurricular opportunities.

Student athletes should:

1. Play hard and respect the other team, officials and coaches.
2. Maintain a high degree of physical fitness.
3. Abstain from performance enhancing drugs along with illegal substances. Tobacco products including chewing tobacco are not permitted at school activities.
4. Demonstrate respect for the diversity among participants as it relates to race relations, cross-cultural understanding and human rights.
5. Play for the love of the game.

Student Activity Review Committee

The Student Activity Review Committee exists to review any problems that come to its attention. The committee ensures that the above standards are followed so that staff, coaches, and students are supported in their extracurricular activities through a consultation process. After all aspects of a situation have been examined, the Committee will forward its recommendation to administration for appropriate action.

At mid-term in the second semester, the committee has the option to further review an academic situation if there is improvement that is accepted by the committee.

Multiple Activities

While participating in multiple sports is often desirable by both parents and students, concerns regarding the student's ability to physically and mentally handle two or more commitment must be taken into consideration, especially in light of the demands placed on the student by the semester system. In light of this the following guidelines are in place:

1. It is the responsibility of the coaches whose sports overlap to communicate with each other when games and/or practices are in conflict. The student should be able to have a say as to the scheduling of times since he/she is more aware of his/her academic commitments.
2. **The student cannot decide unilaterally which sport to participate in. In the event of overlapping games the earlier starting season take priority.**
3. Decisions to play in games in one day in different sports must be first cleared by the AD a week in advance of the contests. The Extracurricular Activities Committee may hear appeals of his/her decision.
4. A student may tryout for more than one sport in a season with the approval of the coach of the second sport. The coach, in consultation with the AD, may not allow a tryout if it contravenes his/her coaching philosophy. Spots on the second team maybe held open until such time the athlete becomes available.
5. **Students may not leave a team in mid-season to join a second team.**
6. A student may become ineligible to participate in a school sponsored activity if, at the discretion of the school, the involvement in an outside school activity and the added involvement in a school sport is having an adverse effect on that student in either their academic standing or their performance on the school team.
7. **Students who miss classes the day of a scheduled game with NO EXCUSE may be considered ineligible to compete that day.**