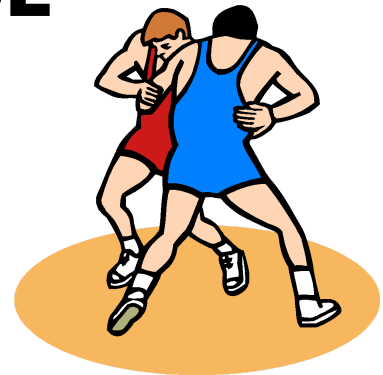
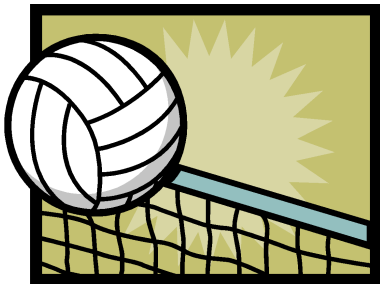


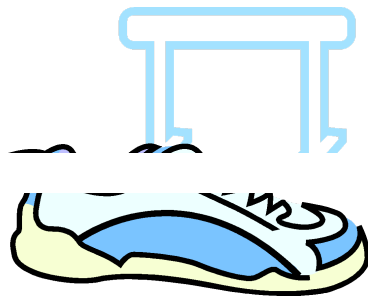
**2023-2024**



**SLINGER  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**ATHLETIC  
CODE  
HANDBOOK**



## **Sports Philosophy**

The philosophy of the Middle School Athletic program is to offer a positive and cooperative learning environment where students develop self-esteem, citizenship, responsibility and leadership skills. Although winning is part of this learning process, it is not our main focus; our main focus is a positive learning climate for students to try out new activities and explore other interests. Any student may become a team member of sports offered by the Middle School.

As a member of the Braveland Conference for middle schools, we will have A and B teams determined by a student's skill level in the given sport. This is done throughout the conference and gives coaches the ability to place students on teams that maximizes skill development and playing time; therefore, our sports teams have a no-cut policy.

This handbook provides information and guidelines for students and participants about their conduct during Slinger Middle School athletics. Participation is controlled and regulated by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Slinger School District. Administration of the sports program is also subject to local interpretation and conditions. Students are required to meet eligibility standards as stated in the handbook, maintain their academic status, and represent the school and themselves appropriately throughout the year.

Middle school sports are voluntary programs provided as additional opportunities for those students with interest and desire to participate. When a student elects to participate, the student automatically and without reservation acknowledges these rules and guidelines as those the student must adhere to so long as the student intends to participate, not only through a season, but from the beginning to the end of their participation in these programs.

## **General Statement**

The Board of Education of the School District of Slinger supports co-curricular activities to provide students with particular interests, an opportunity to participate, under the supervision of qualified personnel in controlled and structured activities and competitions within the school and inter scholastically between schools. These programs for girls and boys are but one facet of the co-curricular program. It functions on a conference basis and throughout the state under leadership and control of the W.I.A.A. and the District.

This handbook is published to present to students and parents pertinent information concerning athletic programs at Slinger.

This handbook includes

- Season dates
- W.I.A.A. rules, regulations, and recommendations governing interscholastic sports
- Slinger School District regulations required to meet District and W.I.A.A. requirements
- General information and guidelines concerning the organization of these programs



2023 - 2024

Season Dates - may be subject to change

Girls

Boys

<b>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cross Country</b> September 6 <sup>th</sup> to October 10 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball</b> September 6 <sup>th</sup> to October 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling</b> November 7 <sup>th</sup> to January 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball</b> January 23 <sup>rd</sup> to March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball</b> October 30 <sup>st</sup> to January 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track</b> Late March through Late May	
<b>Practice Times</b> <b>Cross Country</b> Monday and Thursday from 2:45 – 4:00 at the middle school <b>Track</b> 2:50 – 4:30 p.m. at the high school <b>Basketball, Wrestling, and Volleyball</b> Alternating Early (3:00-4:25) and Late (4:30-6:00) <b>Supervision is not available after school; students who have late practice must leave the building and return at 4:15 for practice.</b>	



## W.I.A.A. Regulations...Excerpts

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (W.I.A.A.) is the governing and regulatory body for all interscholastic athletics, boys and girls, at all public schools in the state. Certain rules and regulations of the W.I.A.A. particularly concerned with eligibility should be of significant interest to students and parents and therefore are published herein.

## W.I.A.A. Regulations...Excerpts

### ARTICLE XXII

- A. A student is eligible for interscholastic competition only at the school in the district in which the student's parents are legal (physical) residents and those students who are part of the choice program. Student athletes need to attend classes in our building as per article XXIV.

### ARTICLE XXXIII

- A. A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition while competing as a member of a Grade 7, 8, and/or 9 team if the student reaches his or her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 1<sup>st</sup> of any given school year.

### ARTICLE XXIV – *Amateur Status*

- A. A student shall be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any sport. The student shall become ineligible for all further participation in the school's interscholastic program if the student:
  - a. Accepts for participation reimbursement in any for (1) salary, (2) cash, (3) merchandise of any kind or amount or (4) share of game or season proceeds.
  - b. Signs a contract or agreement for services as a participating athlete.
  - c. Permits, with or without actual endorsement, the use of name, picture and/or personal appearance as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
  - d. Plays in a contest under a name other than the student's own given name.

### ARTICLE XXV – *Attendance and Scholarship*

- A. A student is eligible for middle school interscholastic competition and practice if the student attends school for four full class periods/day.
  - a. **NOTE: Grade-level Independent Study times are not considered class periods.**
- B. Students on a medical excuse for Physical Education classes are not eligible to participate in practices or games until released by a doctor's note to return to Physical Education classes.
  - a. **NOTE: Students excused from physical education class or activities by a parent's request are viewed in the same light as a doctor's note, so this stipulation will be enforced in such cases.**
- C. Eligibility for middle school interscholastic athletics shall be governed by the following provisions:
  - a. A student must have completed all required work below sixth grade in order to be eligible for interscholastic competition.
  - b. A student is ineligible for any team if the student has completed all required studies through eighth grade.

## W.I.A.A. Regulations...Excerpts

### ARTICLE XXVII – *General*

- A. A student may **not** participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has on file:
- a. Current physical card (green) signed by a doctor or a waiver card (cream) for second year of participation
    - i. This material can be accessed through the online registration process.
    - ii. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Lastovich SMS Athletic Director, or Mr. Daniels, District Athletic Director.
  - b. Signed athletic code

### Slinger School District Eligibility Guidelines

#### Alcohol, Tobacco, Drug Use

Slinger Middle School will not tolerate students being involved with alcohol consumption, tobacco products, or illegal drugs. If a student finds himself or herself in a situation where underage drinking or drug use is occurring, we expect the student would leave immediately. If, through our investigation, we find that the student did not take this action and remained in a situation involving alcohol or drugs, the sanctions listed below will be implemented. If it is found that a student has used tobacco products, the same penalties will be applied.

**1st offense** - The student will be suspended from games equal to 20% of the season. This number may carry-over to the next sport.

**2nd offense** - Suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

#### Scholastic Regulations

Students are expected to place scholastics above playing a sport; therefore, grades for eligibility will be checked on the publishing date as follows for each sport season.

<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>September 22<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>In-quarter grade check</b>
<b>Girls Basketball</b>	<b>September 22<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>In-quarter grade check</b>
<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> quarter report card</b>
<b>Boys Basketball</b>	<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>In-quarter grade check</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report card</b>
<b>Track</b>	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card</b>

At the grade check or as soon as grades are published in the office, any student with 2 D's or an F will be placed on probation. The principal will notify the student and her or his parents of the suspension and dates. During the probation period, the student will:

- continue to practice with the team
- not be allowed to participate in games (will not dress for games)
- not be allowed to travel to away games

After three weeks, the student's grades will be re-checked and she or he will be reinstated if all classes are cleared without 2 D's or an F. If the grade check is unsuccessful, she or he will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

## **Training and Conduct Regulations**

Students signing up for a Middle School sport are expected to make a full commitment to every practice and game or meet.

- Personal schedules need to be arranged in order to give the time the sport requires. Communication with coaches is a must if you have to miss a practice or game.
- Unexcused absences will be determined by a coach depending on the circumstance.
- **School teams have priority over club and recreational teams, so students are to stay for the entire practice, game or meet (not leave early for club sport participation). Commitment includes any make-up/rescheduled meets/games.**

If a student misses practice the day before a contest because of detention, unexcused absence, or suspension from school or from practice, she or he will be suspended from play for that game.

Any student serving any suspension time during a school day OR serving an after school detention may not participate in any sport activity (practice or game) that same day.

For any conduct that brings criticism on the student body and the School District of Slinger (technical foul, inappropriate behavior, etc.), the student will be suspended from play for a period of time, which could include the remainder of the season. The length of the suspension will be determined by the coach, principal and athletic director who will notify the student and family.

When a coach is notified that a student has not been complying with school expectations and policies (poor academic or disrespectful behavior, being tardy/truant, etc.), the coach, athletic director and administration will confer; afterwards, they will institute an appropriate consequence to reinforce to the student that positive academic behavior makes for successful athletes.

## **Transportation**

The middle school is unable to provide transportation for students to and from events. The release of liability for transportation was signed at the beginning of the year with your athletic fees.

We do ask the following:

- Parents make every effort to arrange transportation so a child is not sitting at school after a home contest.
- Students and parents must check out with a coach before leaving from an away contest.

## **Equipment**

**School uniforms and equipment may only be worn and used during regularly scheduled practices and games.**

All equipment issued to a student for a sport is numbered and recorded when assigned to a student. The student is fully responsible for that equipment for the entire season including return of all equipment at the end..

If a student is removed from the team for a code violation or if a student chooses not to complete the season, equipment and uniforms must be returned immediately.

Students will not be issued another uniform because they forgot it the day of a game.

A student will not be allowed to participate in another sport if all issued uniform and equipment has not been turned in, or replacement fees paid in full.

## **Care of personal belongings**

The student should make sure all personal belongings, clothing, and other valuables are in a locker and the locker locked at all times during practices and games.

## **Health and Welfare**

### **Injuries and Accidents**

- In the best interest of the health and welfare of participants, all injuries incurred while participating in a school sponsored sport, in practices or events, must be reported to the coach, regardless of the degree of seriousness. Injuries that may require professional medical attention must be reported to the office to initiate a school claim.

### **Insurance**

- Medical insurance to cover medical services of a student participating in a school sponsored athletic event is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian's insurance plan. The school does have insurance to help with costs that exceed the parent's insurance. Please see Mrs. Havey should you need this information.