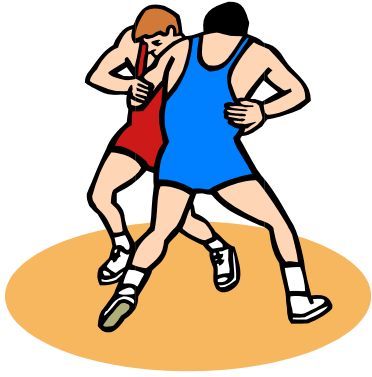
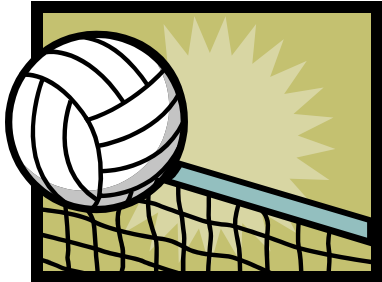




2022-2023



**SLINGER
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



**ATHLETIC
CODE
HANDBOOK**



Slinger Middle School

Sports Philosophy

The philosophy of the Middle School Athletic program is to develop individual and team skill. Although winning is part of this learning process, it is not our main focus. Any student may become a team member of any or all 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 interscholastically 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



**2022 - 2023
Season Dates**

Girls

Boys

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Cross Country September 6 th to October 10 th	
7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball September 6 th to October 20 th	6th, 7th and 8th Grade Wrestling November 7 th to January 14 th
7th and 8th Grade Volleyball January 23 rd to March 9 th	7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball October 31 st to January 11 th
7th and 8th Grade Track April through May	
Practice Times Cross Country Monday and Thursday from 2:45 – 4:00 at the middle school Track 2:50 – 4:30 p.m. at the high school Basketball, Wrestling, and Volleyball Alternating Early (2:50-4:15) and Late (4:20-5:50) Supervision is not available after school; students who have late practice must leave the building and return at 4:15 for practice.	



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 16th birthday before August 1st 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 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. Due to COVID-19, exceptions are being made and can be accessed through the online registration process.
 - ii. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Westerman, 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.

Cross Country	September 23 rd	In-quarter grade check
Girls Basketball	September 23 rd	In-quarter grade check
Wrestling	November 4 th	1 st quarter report card
Boys Basketball	November 4 th	In-quarter grade check
Volleyball	January 20 th	2 nd quarter report card
Track	April 3 rd	3 rd quarter report card

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.
- Unexcused absences will be determined by a coach depending on the circumstance and past excuses.
- Students must realize that a commitment to an athletic team means giving their first priority in time and energy to that team.
- **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 an indefinite period of time. The amount of time is up to the discretion of the coach and the principal.

When a coach is notified that a student has not been complying with school expectations (disrespectful, tardy or truant, uncompliant with rules or policies), the coach and the principal will confer; afterwards, they will institute an appropriate consequence to let that student know that conduct and grades are important.

Transportation

All participants are expected to ride school-sponsored transportation to an athletic/activity contests and practices. Parents may only transport their child home from contests or practices unless prior arrangements to transport another parent's child are made through the office.

- Parents who have another parent providing transportation need to have a note signed by a school administrator acknowledging the information has been shared. The note needs to be signed prior to end of the school day on the day of the contest for one-time requests. If parent's have a plan for the entire season, the note needs to be signed prior to the first contest.
- Students and parents must check out with a coach before leaving.

Equipment

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.

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 are responsible for the return of all assigned uniforms and equipment on the final date of the season.

Any equipment/uniforms missing must be paid in-full at replacement cost.

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.

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

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.

**Slinger Middle School Athletic Code
2022-2023**

- I have read the Slinger Middle School Athletic Code and understand and accept all of the rules and consequences listed within.
- By signing the code, I agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations listed in the Code.
- I understand the regulations are in effect the whole school year and apply to all school athletics.

Student's Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

I have reviewed and discussed the code with my child.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Please remove entire page from the handbook and hand it in with other required forms.