

Athletic Department Forms



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Student Athlete Sportsmanship Policy

To ensure the proper conduct of all Belle Vernon Area coaches, the following procedures have been added to the “*Belle Vernon Area Athletic Policy Manual*.”

Prior to the start of each school year, the Athletic Director will conduct a mandatory meeting for head coaches – regarding good sportsmanship and review of the Athletic Policy manual. Every coach is responsible ensuring and educating their student athletes.

1. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct by any student athlete resulting in a penalty during an interscholastic contest will be handled in the following manner:
 - The head coach will remove the student athlete from play from the contest for a period of time deemed appropriate by the coach (except in situations where an ejection has taken place).
 - A written report of said misconduct will be submitted by the head coach to the Athletic Director within 24 hours following the conclusion of the contest.
 - A committee comprised of the Athletic Director, Principal and Assistant Principal shall determine if and when the student athlete may return to competition.
 - A continued pattern of unsportsmanlike issues by a student athlete will result in removal from future participation as determined by the above mentioned committee.
 - All records of such reports and findings will be maintained by the Athletic Director.

Without exception, all District coaches must abide by the above procedures.

2. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct by a coach who is penalized for any act of unsportsmanlike behavior during a contest will be handled in the following manner:
 - The coach will submit a written account of the incident to the Athletic Director within 24 hours following the conclusion of the contest. The Athletic Director, Principal or his designee and Superintendent of Schools will meet to determine the course of action which may also result in a review by the Board of Education.

3. Pre-contest or post-contest incidents of misconduct by either a student athlete or coach will be handled in the same manner as stated above.

This amendment to the Belle Vernon Area Athletic Policy Manual has been approved by the Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education on the *20th* day of *December* 2010. Revised on August 1, 2016.

Student Athlete Drug Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

In order to provide for the health and safety of the individual athlete and other athletes, as well as providing a legitimate reason for students to say “no” to drug use and providing an opportunity for those taking drugs to receive help in locating programs which can provide assistance, the Belle Vernon Area School District (the “District”) is conducting a mandatory testing program for student athletes. The program is not punitive. It is designed to create a safe, drug free environment for student athletes and to assist them in getting help when needed.

Definitions

1. **Drug:** Any substance considered illegal or controlled by the Food and Drug Administration and/or identified as part of the athletic anabolic steroid panel.
2. **Student Athlete:** Any student participating in varsity athletic practices and/or contests under the control and jurisdiction of the District.
3. **Sport Season:** Fall, winter and spring seasons begin on the first day of practice allowed by the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League and end the day prior to the beginning date of practice of the next season.

STUDENT ATHLETE DRUG POLICY

PROCEDURES

1. **Consent:** Both the parent and/or guardian and the student athlete are required to sign the written General Authorization and Consent Form for the drug testing prior to participating in any District athletic program. Any time an athlete refuses to be tested, he/she will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season.
2. **Medication:** Student athletes who have been or who are taking prescription medication must provide verification (either by a copy of the prescription or by Doctor’s authorization) to the medical review officer upon request. Students who refuse to provide verification and test positive will be subject to the actions specified below for “Positive Tests.”
3. **Student Selection:** All student athletes will become part of the student athlete “pool” during the sport season in which they participate. There shall be three (3) season pools; fall, winter, and spring.
4. **Random Testing:** The Athletic Director shall select three (3) random test dates during the school year. Five percent (5%) of the “pool” shall be randomly selected and tested for the presence of drugs; additionally, twenty-five percent (25%) of the samples shall be tested for the presence of anabolic steroids on each of the three (3) random test dates. Student selected for random testing shall be selected at random by the agency which conducts the testing.



5. **“Positive” Tests:** If the student’s test indicates positive results, a second test must be administered as soon as possible. The second test shall be performed on the same sample collected at the initial test. Parents shall be notified after any and all positive(s). If the second test is negative, no future action will be taken. If the second test is positive, the follow action will be taken.

First Offense:

1. Notify parent or guardian.
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the Principal with the parent/guardian and the student.
3. Student will be given the option of:
 - a. Being suspended for the remainder of the current season and participating in assistance programs at no expense to the District, or
 - b. Being suspended from participating in athletics for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season for which he/she is eligible. The student will be retested before beginning the next season for which he/she is eligible.

Second Offense:

1. Notify parent or guardian.
2. A due process hearing will be conducted by the Principal with the parent/guardian and the student.
3. The student is suspended from participating in athletics for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season for which he/she is eligible. The student will be retested before beginning the next season for which he/she is eligible.



CONSENT FORMS

Please Note: This form must be completed in its and returned to the Athletic Director.

I understand fully that my performance as a student athlete and the reputation of my school are dependent, in part, on my conduct as an individual. I hereby agree to accept and abide by the standards, rules and regulations set forth by the Belle Vernon Area School District School Board of Directors and the sponsors for the activity in which I participate.

I also authorize Belle Vernon Area School District to conduct a test on a urine specimen which I provide to test for drugs and for anabolic steroids. I also authorize the release of information concerning the results of such a test to the Belle Vernon Area School District and to my parents and/or guardians.

This fully executed form represents my consent and my parents consent pursuant to the Family Education Right to Privacy Act for the release of above information to the parties named above.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Student Name

Sport

Date

I, (printed name of athlete) _____ have reviewed and understand the Belle Vernon Area Sportsmanship policy and related forms. I do participate in the sport on

_____ for the Belle Vernon Area Leopards. I understand that if I break this policy I will be subject to the punishment described therein.

I have been given a copy of the policy and have signed this acknowledgement which shall be kept on file with the Athletic Office.

Student Signature

Date

Coach as witness

Sport