

HOPATCONG HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

AND

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



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Dear Student,

Welcome to Hopatcong High School. Whether you are a new student or a returning upper-classman to our high school, we hope you will find your experiences at Hopatcong High School to be memorable and exciting.

During the school year, we encourage you to participate in one or more of the exciting extracurricular activities and athletic programs that are offered.

Participation in extracurricular activities and athletics will provide you with opportunities to widen and enrich your academic undertakings, while providing you with new experiences and friendships that will be remembered for a lifetime.

As you review this handbook, we hope that you will familiarize yourself with the extracurricular activities and athletic programs offered, as well as your responsibilities as a participant.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are here to assist you.

Hopatcong High School Administration

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Hopatcong High School athletic program. To ensure a positive athletic experience for our student athletes, we emphasize healthy competition, self-discipline, and the development of appropriate attitudes toward winning and losing. We encourage your attendance at athletic events, your cooperation with established athletic department policies, and your continued support for your child throughout the season.

Each coach will review the participation requirements at the first team meeting. Your signature on the parent consent form indicates that you are aware of our expectations and eligibility requirements for athletes. This is a shared responsibility between coaches, guidance counselors, athletes, and parents. We view the opportunity to represent Hopatcong High School and the community as a privilege. We will provide an atmosphere conducive to personal growth, stressing conduct, technique, and physical conditioning. The use of alcohol, non-prescription drugs or tobacco products is not consistent with our school philosophy and will not be tolerated. We are confident that all parents will be supportive of our efforts to establish and maintain appropriate standards for our student-athletes.

Hopatcong High School Athletics

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

The Hopatcong School District intends to provide the students with a comprehensive, well-planned, and balanced program of interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities.

The program shall be managed and the teams/activities coached/supervised in a manner to achieve the following objectives:

- Promote individual and team desire for excellence, while emphasizing that interscholastic sports and extracurricular activities be kept in perspective, and that the first priority for all students is intellectual and emotional growth.
- Encourage enjoyment of participation, competition, a desire to win and a healthy attitude towards winning and losing.
- Develop self-confidence and self-respect of each participant.
- Develop the specialized talents, skills and physical fitness of each participant.
- Develop the life skills of time management, self-discipline, commitment, setting goals and desirable work habits.
- Develop attitudes and skills which foster teamwork, cooperation, loyalty and spirit.
- Develop the highest degree of sportsmanship, sense of fair play and respect for coaches/supervisors, officials and especially fellow student-athletes.
- Promote a sense of pride and “family atmosphere” to the Hopatcong School district and community.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

As a student at Hopatcong High School, you will find that you will have the freedom to choose and manage your lifestyle, probably to a greater degree than you have experienced before. It is essential that this freedom be handled in a responsible manner so as not to jeopardize the opportunity you and your fellow students have been given. Because of the time and energy required for successful participation in extracurricular activities, budget your time wisely and establish sound objectives and priorities. You should strive for a reasonable balance between academic, social, and extracurricular activities and develop and exercise self-discipline to attain these objectives.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

Students at Hopatcong High School may choose from a wide variety of interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities which include:

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Fall

Football

Mark Certo mcerto@hopatcongschools.org

Soccer Girls

Craig Vallaro cvallaro@hopatcongschools.org

Soccer Boys

Wilson Cusano wcusano@hopatcongschools.org

Cross-Country (Boys and Girls)

Peter Oesen poesen@hopatcongschools.org

Cheerleading

Izzy Yarosz iyarosz1@hopatcongschools.org
Christina Gannon cgannon@hopatcongschools.org

Tennis (Girls)

Heather DelBagno hdelbagno@hopatcongschools.org

Winter:

Basketball

Girls - Jamie Douglas jdouglas@hopatcongschools.org
Boys - Vinny Marinoni vmarinoni@hopatcongschools.org

Wrestling

Eric Fajerman efajeramn@hopatcongschools.org

Bowling (Co-ed)

Mike Juskus mjuskus@hopatcongschools.org

Ice Hockey (Co-Ed)

Ryan Tatarka rtatarka@hackettstown.org

Spring:

Baseball

Jim Valentine jvalentine@hopatcongschools.org

Softball

Paul Miller pmiller@hopatcongschools.org

Track & Field

Boys - Mike Juskus mjuskus@hopatcongschools.org

Girls - Peter Oesen poesen@hopatcongschools.org

Golf (Co-ed)

Loren Turner lturner@hopatcongschools.org

Tennis (Boys)

Heather DelBagno hdelbagno@hopatcongschools.org

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Arts Honor Society

Jon Rischawy

jrischawy@hopatcongschools.org

Academic Bowl Team

Nancy Duffly

nduffly@hopatcongschools.org

Class Government

Senior class advisor - Kelcey Russo

krusso@hopatcongschools.org

Junior class advisor - Megan Nardone

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Sophomore class advisor - Austin Brown

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Freshman class advisor - Laura

Tykowski

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National Honor Society

Junior National Honor Society

Christine Kalemba

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Heather DelBagno

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Quest

Ken Olsen

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Hank Fattorusso

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Student Council

Peter Oesen

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Ken Olsen

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Color Guard

Heather Loven

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Drama Club

Megan Nardone

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Kerri Batche

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ESports

James McKowen

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Chorus

Kristen O'Shea

koshea@hopatcongschools.org

Literary Magazine

Christine Kalemba

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Marching Band

Tyler Federenko

tfederenko@hopatcongschools.org

Jazz Band

Tyler Federenko

tfederenko@hopatcongschools.org

Thespian Honor Society

Megan Nardone

mnardone@hopatcongschools.org

TriM - Music Honor Society

Tyler Federenko

tfederenko@hopatcongschools.org

Yearbook

Dominic Schiavone

dschiavone@hopatcongschools.org

Weight Room

FALL - Jason Mulvihill

jmulvihill@hopatcongschools.org

WINTER - Austin Brown

abrown@hopatcongschools.org

SPRING - Dave Campagna

dcampagna@hopatcongschools.org

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

A student at Hopatcong High School must maintain the following state requirements to be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics, as well as all extracurricular activities:

1. Annually, these requirements shall automatically be revised to be in accord with the [New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association](#) requirements, New Jersey State Board of Education rulings and code requirements, statutes and court rulings. In the event of any conflict, the aforementioned shall prevail over Board policy.
 - a. Any student, 19 years of age, prior to September 1st, is not eligible for interscholastic athletics at any time thereafter (while enrolled in high school).
 - b. A student at Hopatcong High School must maintain the following state requirements to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities.

Eligibility

Grade 9	1 st semester – Full time enrollment as high school student.
Grade 9	2 nd semester – Passing grades in/or completion of 15.00 credits.
Grade 10	1 st semester – 30 credits earned during previous year.
Grade 10	2 nd semester – Passing grades in/or completion of additional 15 credits.
Grade 11	1 st semester – 30 credits earned during previous year.
Grade 11	2 nd semester – Passing grades in/or completion of additional 15 credits.
Grade 12	1 st semester – 30 credits earned during previous year.
Grade 12	2 nd semester – On pace for graduation.

[NJSIAA Constitution - E. Credits](#)

A pupil who is eligible at the beginning of a sports season shall be allowed to finish that season.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY (cont.)

- c. Any student is eligible for athletic competition only for eight consecutive semesters.
 - d. Students will not accept money for participation in any sport; students must maintain a totally amateur athletic status.
 - e. Students attending or participating in athletics and extracurricular activities *must be present in school* in order to participate in a school sponsored function that same day, unless attending a funeral or driver's license test. In those cases, students are expected to be present for a part of the school day within reason. For more clarification, please see the Principal or Coordinator of Student Discipline.
 - f. An absence on a Friday would result in a student being ineligible for the subsequent weekend sponsored events.
 - g. Please note - students on a Quarantine / Exclusion List are not present in school, and therefore ineligible to participate in extracurricular and school functions.
 - h. Any student suspended out of school will not be permitted to participate in any practice, game or school activity. This may be for either the immediate event that day, or week, or for the entire season depending upon the nature of the offense leading to the suspension.
 - i. Students are reminded that after school or Saturday detentions take precedence over all other activities.
2. High School activities are a privilege and will be extended only to those who demonstrate positive qualities of sportsmanship and good citizenship within the High School community.
 3. Other Requirements for Participation
 - a. Students must present a properly signed school form from parent or guardian granting approval and permission for participation in activities/athletics.
 - b. Students must undergo and pass a health physical administered by a physician.
 - c. Students will not be covered by the school district's interscholastic athletic insurance policy.
 - d. No student athletes are to participate unless the above requirements of parent's permission, MD physical and approval, and insurance coverage are all acceptable and in force prior to the first practice.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY (cont.)

- e. Students shall receive from the school district through the activity advisor or head coach, equipment that is appropriate to the sport or activity. Students and their parents are fully responsible for the care and maintenance of this equipment. Damage because of negligence or loss (even if by misplacing or theft) shall not relieve the student/parent from the obligation of paying for the replacement of such equipment.
- f. Student athletes must be physically present at, and successfully participate in, at least six practice sessions prior to any interscholastic participation.
[Program Regulations Section 7 Practices/Scrimmages/Games/Meets](#)
- g. Rules of participation regarding a non-strenuous sport as defined by NJSIAA shall apply.
[Program Regulations Section 2 Strenuous Sports](#)
- h. Students shall accept and comply with such rules set forth by their coaches and advisors.

ATHLETIC TEAM/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

Any student who does not meet NJSIAA academic regulations pertaining to credits will not be permitted to take part in any extracurricular activity or athletic program. **Academically ineligible** students will be allowed to practice with their team but not compete in any scrimmage or other competition. **Academically ineligible** students may travel with their team to competitions, but can not compete. Your school conduct and discipline can have an effect on your retention of this privilege.

Any student who is suspended from school (OSS) may not participate in the sport/activity during the suspension period and may receive additional discipline from their coach or advisor. Refer to the Student Handbook.

Multiple suspensions may require a student, along with his/her parent/guardian, to appear before an administrative review committee. At this meeting, exclusion from all athletic, extracurricular, social activities and school trips for the remainder of the school year will be considered.

**ATHLETIC TEAM / EXTRACURRICULAR / CO-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES**

Any student found to be in possession of, under the influence of, admitting to the use of, or in the active presence of the use of alcohol, non-prescription drugs or tobacco products including Random Drug Testing 24/7, 12 months a year will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

For more detail and/or specific information see the Student Handbook and/or Drug Test for students in Grades 9 - 12.

([POLICY #5536](#))

First Offense

Seven calendar day suspension, starting from the day the administration becomes aware of the incident and/or result, from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities and sports as a participant and as a spectator; may not be on school property after 2pm; must complete all steps recommended before returning to activity.

Second Offense

Fifteen day suspension, starting from the day the administration becomes aware of the incident and/or result, from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities and sports, and required parent conference; must complete all steps recommended before returning to activity.

Third Offense

Exclusion from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities and sports for the one full calendar year; required parent conference with the Principal and Director of Athletics.

Athletic Team/Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Participation Substance Abuse Policy is in effect for students for the entire NJSIAA and school calendar year, 24 hours a day, both on and off school property. Students in possible violation of this policy should confer with/report the incident to the high school administration in an effort to expedite resolution.

Hopatcong Athletics Varsity Letter Requirements

General Requirements for varsity awards in all sports:

- Must be in good athletic and academic standing, complete the season and be eligible academically.
- Injured players may receive a letter if in the opinion of the head coach he/she would have participated enough if they had not been injured, and also served the team in some capacity while injured.
- Show marked improvement during the season and from the previous season.
- Be of good character, a teammate, and team player.
- Attend at least 90% of all practices, and participate in at least 50 % of all competitions, games, meets or matches unless excused by the coach or doctor.
- Contribute to the team's success.
- Regular member of the varsity team.
- **Athletes who do not meet the requirements but make contributions to the team, are awarded letters at the discretion of the coaches.**

Football	If a player plays the equivalent to 2 varsity football games or has a position which is a consistent role on special teams for the majority of the season.
Soccer	Must participate in at least 50% of Varsity matchups during the season
Tennis	Must participate in at least 50% of the Varsity matches during the season
Marching Band	Must have participated for 3 years (participation starts in grades 9-12)
Fall Cheer	Must try out and score above the qualifying benchmark for that year. Must cheer in at least 90% of football games.
Cross Country	Top 7 runners that compete in a minimum of 50% of the races during the season.
Wrestling	Consistently attend practice and competitions
Basketball	A player participated in 5 separate games or made a meaningful impact with the varsity team. Coaches discretion.
Bowling	Uses the above general requirements and plays in 50% of varsity matches.
Comp Cheer	Must try out and score above the qualifying benchmark for that year. Compete in at least 90% of cheer competitions and attend Nationals.
Ice Hockey	Coaches will award athletes with a varsity letter if they meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Player will have at least one shift in half of our varsity games.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ injured players who would have appeared will be awarded a letter. ○ Goalies must appear in 5 varsity games ● Players do not have any violations to player contracts within the season. ● Players are eligible academically
Track & Field	Must earn a minimum of 12 points during the season.
Golf	Uses the above general requirements and plays in 50% of varsity matches.
Softball	5 official at bats in varsity games
Baseball	Uses the above general requirements - plays in 50 % of all varsity games
Esports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in a Championship (Varsity) Level title, and participate in 50% of games throughout the season. 2. Contribute to the Esports Program in a “behind the scenes” roll that directly benefits the performance of the team during a season (i.e. - statistician, analyst, videographer, secretary, etc.)
Drama Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To earn a Varsity Letter for Drama, a student needs to accumulate 30 points (for participation during grades 9 through 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 points will be awarded for each principal role or crew leadership position per show - 5 points will be awarded for each supporting/ensemble role or crew member position per show 2. For a student who has already "lettered" to receive a bar you must accumulate at least at additional 10 points per year. One bar awarded per year. <p>*It will be at the advisors discretion to award a letter to an exemplary student who may not have met the above criteria</p>

STUDENT AMATEUR STATUS

An amateur athlete is one who participates in athletics solely for the physical, mental, social and educational benefits derived from such participation. The amateur athlete treats all athletic activities in which he/she participates as a vocational endeavor. One who takes pay, has accepted the promise of pay in any form, for participation in athletics, or has directly or indirectly used his/her athletic skill for pay in any form shall not be considered an amateur and will not be eligible for high school interscholastic athletics in the State of New Jersey.

STUDENT COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

During the school year, there will be many individuals at Hopatcong High School who will be watching your academic and extracurricular progress. Two of these individuals, your School [Counselor](#) and your [activity advisor](#) or [coach](#), have a genuine interest in you as a student and in your extracurricular activities/sports. If you have problems that arise from your participation in extracurricular activities/sports, these and/or other individuals can assist you.

STUDENT PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

If a student/athlete has a concern regarding his/her activity or sport, an attempt should be made to resolve the problem informally with the coach/advisor concerned. If not resolved, the student may request a conference with the Director of Athletics. If not resolved, the Director of Athletics will set up a meeting with the student, parent and coach in attendance. If not resolved, an informal meeting with the persons mentioned and the Principal will be held.

If still not resolved, the concern becomes formal with the submission in writing to the Principal. Parental involvement is considered necessary. The course of action will be scheduled meetings with all parties listed. Stage "one" will be a meeting with the Principal. If not resolved, it will go to a stage "two" meeting with the Superintendent. If not resolved, it may be appealed to stage "three" which is a hearing with the Board of Education and all listed parties. If still unresolved after stage three, parents and student would file a petition for an appeal of the matter to the State Commissioner of Education.

DISQUALIFICATION POLICY

Any athlete disqualified from a game or contest will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:

FIRST OFFENSE: Suspension from the next (2) regularly scheduled games/meets, with the exception of sports that compete only once a week (1 game/meet).

SECOND OFFENSE: The penalty will be doubled.

If the disqualification is at the end of the season or final game/meet, the disqualification will carry over to the next year in that sport. If the athlete is a senior, a meeting will be held with the Principal, Athletic Director and student athlete to discuss appropriate discipline.

INAPPROPRIATE/UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR

Any student who exhibits inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior in any activity or sport such as but not limited to: yellow/red cards, penalty points, foul language, bus misconduct and abuse of home and visiting facilities will be subject to the following:

As per the Hopatcong High School district regulation [#5570: "Sportsmanship"](#), individuals who violate this regulation shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions to be imposed by the Principal or designee

- a. **First Offense** - warning by the Principal or designee.
- b. **Second Offense** - short term suspension from the athletic or intramural program - duration to be determined by the Principal or designee, but not to exceed ten school days.
- c. **Third Offense** - long term suspension - up to one school year from the athletic or intramural program.
- d. **Fourth Offense** - permanent expulsion from participation in the athletic or intramural program by the Principal or designee.
- e. The determination of the Principal or designee may be appealed to the Superintendent who shall make a determination within ten working days.
- f. A determination by the Superintendent resulting in a long term suspension or expulsion from the athletic or intramural program may be appealed to the Board which may hold a hearing on the matter and render a determination of the matter within thirty calendar days.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

Division I or II colleges require high school athletes to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if they plan to participate in college athletics. For more information go to: www.ncaa.org, or contact the High School Guidance Office.

STUDENT ATHLETE WAIVER/PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

All Student Athletes and Parents will be asked to read the following prior to each individual season and sign off on an acknowledgment of District Policies:

- [NJSIAA Concussion + Head Injury Fact Sheet \(Policy #2431.4\)](#)
- [Random Testing for Student Alcohol or Drug Abuse \(Policy #5536\)](#)
- [Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Athletes](#)
- Student/Athlete Contract
- [NJSIAA Steroid Testing](#)
- Helmet Warning - Football Only
- [Opioid Form](#)



Hopatcong High School Athletics & Activities CODE OF CONDUCT



Hopatcong High School's philosophy:

It is the intent of the Hopatcong School District to provide the students with a comprehensive, well-planned and balanced program of interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities.

I. Procedure

A. All participants must have a signed and valid [physical](#), [academic clearance](#) (pg.5) and Student Athlete Contract on file in the Athletic Office in order to participate in our interscholastic athletic programs.

(as found in the [Hopatcong Athletics Handbook](#)).

B. Athlete must meet Hopatcong High School eligibility requirements

C. Athletes must abide by all school policies and practices.

D. In order to be covered by school insurance as a secondary provider, all injuries must be reported as soon as possible to your coach and athletic trainer for proper examination and/or medical referral.

II. Academic Clearance

Credits ([NJSIAA Standards](#))

Fall Season – 30 credits earned the previous year.

Winter Season – 30 credits earned the previous year.

Spring Season – 15 credits during the 1st semester of the current year.

(see the [Hopatcong Athletics Handbook](#) and/or the [NJSIAA constitution](#) for more details)

III. 6 Practice Rule

A student shall not be permitted to participate in a scrimmage or a game (interschool) in any strenuous sport until they have completed six (6) days of practice in that sport and one day of rest. Practices are counted on a 24-hour basis not the number of sessions.

IV. Doctors Clearance

If a student goes to the doctor or emergency room for any reason during the athletics season they must have a note from their primary physician stating they are cleared to return to their sports practices / competitions.

V. Failure of a Random Drug Test

Students who participate in athletics, extracurricular activities, will be required to consent to the provisions of the Random Drug Testing Program. Consequences are listed in Regulation. Consequences for a Confirmed Positive Alcohol or Drug Test for students in Grades 9 - 12.

([POLICY #5536](#))

(see the [Hopatcong Athletics Handbook](#) for more details)

First Violation: Seven calendar day suspension from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities and sports as a participant and as a spectator.

Second Violation: Fifteen calendar day suspension from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities and sports.

Third Violation: Exclusion from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities and sports for the one (1) full calendar year;

VI. Attendance: Administrative policy requires athletes to **attend school full day** in order to participate in practices and interscholastic competition and/or to attend an after school event. *Students must be in attendance at school before 9:55 a.m. or until 11:30 a.m. in order for their school day to count as per the four (4) hour day.*

(as found in the [Hopatcong Athletics Handbook](#))

The Coordinator of Athletics / Activities or High School Principal must approve exceptions.

VII. Conduct

A. Conduct: Student-Athletes are representatives of Hopatcong High School and at all times must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on their teams, school and community.

B. Sportsmanship: All Student-Athletes, Parents/Spectators and Coaches will adhere to all

guidelines of proper sportsmanship and must show proper respect for their teammates, opposing players, their coaches and officials alike.

C. Hazing: Any action taken or situation created, intentionally, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule as a condition of joining a team, student organization, or other group. Hopatcong High School will not tolerate hazing of any kind to our student-athletes. A pupil who fails to observe the prohibitions and mandates of this policy will be subject to appropriate discipline, suspension, and/or expulsion from their team.

D. Ethics: Interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills.

E. Transportation / Behavior: Appropriate demeanor and conduct are expected at all times. Reasonable volume must be maintained. Distasteful displays, obscene language, and any other action deemed as unbecoming will result in individual and team discipline.

VIII. INAPPROPRIATE / UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR

Any student who exhibits inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior in any activity or sport such as but not limited to: yellow/red cards, removal or ejection from game, penalty points, foul language, bus misconduct and abuse of home and visiting facilities will be subject to the following:

* Individuals who violate Policy [#5570: "Sportsmanship"](#), Sportsmanship shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions to be imposed by the Principal or designee.

Violations shall be dealt with in the following manner:

First Offense - warning by the Principal or designee.

Second Offense - short term suspension from the athletic or intramural program - duration to be determined by the Principal or designee, but not to exceed ten school days.

Third Offense - long term suspension - up to one school year from the athletic or intramural program.

Fourth Offense - permanent expulsion from participation in the athletic or intramural program by the Principal or designee.

IX. Responsibilities

A. Play Time: It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to decide which student-athletes will participate and at

which level of competition, as well as the amount of playing time that the student-athlete will have. Parents and student-athletes are reminded to contact the coach for clarification, understanding, and counsel.

B. Attendance: Student-Athletes must attend all practices/contests, be punctual for all practices/contests, and be prepared to participate at all times. Student-Athletes should prioritize their involvement and affiliations with community teams/organizations/clubs, placing their loyalties and focus on the needs of the Hopatcong High School team FIRST!

C. Equipment: Student-Athletes are responsible for all care and maintenance of issued equipment. Equipment and uniforms are to be worn for Hopatcong athletic events ONLY! Student-Athletes will be responsible for restitution for all damaged and lost items.

D. Transportation: All student-athletes are expected to depart and return to the school as a TEAM! This promotes team unity, ensures proper supervision and allows for greater safety of our students. **Only the parent/guardian of the student may drive students to and from away games for specific reasons** provided an [Alternate Transportation Form](#) is submitted to the Coordinator of Athletics / Activities prior to the date. Under no circumstances will athletes be allowed to travel to and from away contests with other students.

Athletes must arrange timely transportation home from Hopatcong High School after practices and/or after a game. Students are not allowed to linger in the building. There is no late bus.

E. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations stipulated in the Hopatcong High School Student Handbook, Athletics Handbook, or any of the requirements stated in this contract will be referred to the Coach, the Coordinator of Athletics / Activities and/or the Administration for appropriate discipline outlined in our code violation

X. Social Media

Any type of negative posting via text, Facebook, Twitter, Snap-Chat, Instagram, email or any other form of social media/technology will not be tolerated and may result in suspension or immediate removal from the program. Any infraction and course of discipline is at the discretion of the Administration as outlined in the Hopatcong High School Student Handbook.



INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTRACT/AGREEMENT

Code of Conduct Signature page

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM EXPECTED TO PERFORM ACCORDING TO THIS CONTRACT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE CONSEQUENCES OR PENALTIES IF I DO NOT. IN ADDITION, I HAVE READ THE SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN YOUNG ATHLETES BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING.

9163 - SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTS

Parent/Guardian Consent: I hereby consent to allow my son/daughter to participate in the above program sponsored at Hopatcong High School and further authorize the school physician to examine my child. Realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury, which is inherent in all sports. I/We acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or even death. I/We acknowledge that I/We have read and understand this warning.

Student-Athletes and Parent/Legal Guardians must sign this document prior to the first competition.

Sport(s): Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring _____

Print Student-Athlete's Name	Student-Athlete's Signature	Date
Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name	Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	Date

Website Posting & Media Waiver Consent Form

Pursuant to law, we will not release any personally identifiable information without prior written consent from you as parent or guardian. Personal identifiable information includes student full names, first name only, photos or images, or school-developed identifier of athletic events.

Media Waiver form:

Interscholastic events and activities are sometimes photographed or videotaped by school representatives or local media to post in newsletters, newspapers, television stations, electronic yearbooks, magazines, Internet, or other professional periodicals and venues. Permission is required to authorize your child's voice, physical presence and participation to be transmitted and possibly recorded for viewing by others.

_____ **DO authorize permission** for my child's voice, physical presence and participation to be transmitted and possibly recorded for viewing by others. I release and discharge Hopatcong High Schools and its employees from any liability to me and/or my child by virtue of any representation that may occur in making or editing of said recordings.

_____ **I DO NOT authorize permission.**

I have read this agreement, prior to signing below, and warrant that I do fully understand its contents.

If you, as parent or guardian, wish to rescind this agreement, you may do so at any time in writing by sending a letter to the Coordinator of Athletics/Activities.



Athletic Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians

The following model athletic code of conduct is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2002, Chapter 74.

I pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending interscholastic sporting event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendees.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending an interscholastic sporting event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by a league, organization or school official.
2. Written warning issued by a league, organization or school official.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by a league, organization or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by a school board or youth sports organization.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by a league, organization or school official who is authorized to issue such suspension by a school board or youth sports organization.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by a school board or youth sports organization.

Name

Signature

Date

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School Directions

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[Butler](#)
[Chatham](#)
[Delbarton](#)
[Dover](#)
[Hackettstown](#)
[High Point](#)
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[Kinnelon](#)
[Kittatinny](#)
[Lenape Valley](#)
[Madison](#)
[Montville](#)
[Morris Catholic](#)
[Morris Hills](#)
[Morris Knolls](#)
[Morristown](#)
[Morris County Tech](#)
[Morristown Beard](#)
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[Newton](#)
[Parsippany](#)
[Parsippany Hills](#)
[Pequannock](#)
[Pope John](#)
[Randolph](#)
[Roxbury](#)
[Sparta](#)
[Sussex Tech](#)
[Vernon](#)
[Villa Walsh Acad](#)
[Wallkill Valley](#)

Website

boonton.org/schools
morris.k12.nj.us/butler
chatham-nj.org
delbarton.org
dover-nj.org
gti.net/hackboe
hpregonal.org
Jefftpw.org
kinnelonschools.org
krhs.net
lvhs.org
madisonpublicschools.org
montville.net
morriscatholic.net
mhrd.k12.nj.us
mhrd.k12.nj.us/mk
morristownhighschool.org
mcvts.org
mobeard.org
mtoliveboe.org
mtlakes.org/schools/hs
newtonnj.org
<https://phs.pthsd.k12.nj.us/>
<https://phhs.pthsd.k12.nj.us/>
pequannock.org
popejohn.org
rtnj.org
roxbury.org
sparta.org
sussex.tec.nj.us
vtsd.com
villawalsh.org
wallkill.k12.nj.us

DIRECTIONS FOR HUNTERDON/WARREN SCHOOLS

www.hunterdon-warren-sussex.org

Please go to the following websites:

School Directions

[Belvidere](#)

[Delaware Valley](#)

[Hunterdon Central](#)

[North Hunterdon](#)

[North Warren](#)

[Phillipsburg](#)

[South Hunterdon](#)

[Voorhees](#)

[Warren Hills](#)

Website

belvideresd.org

dvrhs.org

hcrhs.k12.nj.us

nhvweb.net

northwarren.org

pburg.k12.nj.us

shrhs.org

nhvweb.net

warrenhills.org

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HOPATCONG HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

HAIL HOPATCONG HIGH

On the shores of Lake Hopatcong,
 'Neath the bright blue sky,
Here on Windsor we do gather
 At Hopatcong High.

Teachers, students work together
 All throughout the year.
Pride and spirit move us forward
 As we shout and cheer.

All the mem'ries stored and treasured
 After four long years,
These have been the times most cherished,
 And we hold them dear.

Memories of the joy and laughter,
 How the time did fly!

Hail to thee, our alma mater,
 Hail, Hopatcong High!