



## Pittsfield Middle High School Athletic Department Athletic Contract

### Academic and Athletic Eligibility Policy

To be eligible to participate in any extracurricular and/or co-curricular activity, the student must be passing a minimum of 4 credit-bearing courses (not including Drivers' Education or Advisory) during the previous PMHS reporting period. Passing is defined by the institution granting credit. The progress report snapshot date will vary. (see handbook for dates).

A student who is considered ineligible (not passing a minimum of 4 credit bearing courses) is not allowed to participate or attend any activity, meeting, practice, or team event until the next reporting out date or the start of the next season.

Students who do not meet the PMHS extracurricular requirements have until the start date of the next season (as set forth by the NHIAA guidelines) to do competency recovery to become eligible.

All student/athletes must have a current sport/camp physical on file at the school before they can participate in any practices or games. Physicals must be renewed every year within 1 year and 3 months from the previous physical.

Participation in middle and high school athletics requires a "Pay to Participate" fee. The fee is due prior to the first contest on the season.

### Injuries

Student-athletes are required to report all injuries they sustain before, during, or after a practice or game to their coach. Any injury that results in a doctor's note for care, prevention, or restriction from participation will require a parent/guardian and coach consultation prior to the student/athlete resuming participation.

### Student Athlete Conduct

Being a student-athlete at Pittsfield Middle High School is a privilege that carries certain responsibilities. Student athletes represent the school in an environment outside of the classroom and should conduct themselves in a way that best represents the school and the community. Student-athletes should display good sportsmanship and act responsibly at all times. Student-athletes are expected to adhere to the NORMS stated in the PMHS Student Handbook. In addition to the NORMS, each coach will have program or team standards that student-athletes are expected to follow. All student-athletes will be afforded due process in any situation that may require disciplinary action.

**MINOR MISCONDUCT:** The head coach is responsible for handling minor misconduct during an athletic event and notifying the Athletic Director of any behavior resulting in a suspension. Minor misconduct includes, but is not limited to, failure to adhere to program or team standards, yellow or red cards, flagrant or technical fouls, and ejections.

**MAJOR MISCONDUCT:** The head coach is responsible for notifying the Athletic Director of any major misconduct during an athletic event and it will be reviewed by the Dean of Operations, Athletic Director, and head coach. Major misconduct includes, but is not limited to, use or possession of illegal substances, red cards, and ejections.

### Travel

All student-athletes are expected to travel on the bus provided for athletic games. A student-athlete may travel to and from games with a parent/guardian provided the head coach is notified. A student-athlete will be allowed to travel on other transportation to away games only under extenuating circumstances with prior approval from the Athletic Director.

### Communication of Concerns

If a student-athlete or parent/guardian encounters a concern, the following chain of command must be used to resolve those concerns.

1. Coach
2. Athletic Director
3. Principal
4. Superintendent
5. School Board