

## **Policy 558 – Athletic/Activities Participation Agreement**

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“Pursuing Educational Excellence for All”

The athletic and activities programs at Bagley High School are an extension of the educational experience. Participation provides opportunities for students to develop physically, intellectually, socially, and morally. While competition and winning are encouraged, the program emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, and personal responsibility.

### **Athletic Philosophy:**

*Encourage all student athletes to develop leadership skills, practice sportsmanship and demonstrate personal and team excellence through athletic competition.*

*Bagley School District #162 is a member of the Minnesota State High School League and has resolved to adopt the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of said League and all amendments thereto as the same as are published in the latest edition of the League’s Official Handbook or as appears on the League’s website, as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities.*

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### **Student Athlete Expectations**

Student-athletes representing Bagley High School are expected to:

- Treat teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and spectators with respect.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and positive behavior at all times.
- Follow all team rules and school policies.
- Represent the school positively in the classroom, community, and athletic competitions.
- Play according to the rules and accept officials’ decisions respectfully.
- Demonstrate effort, teamwork, and a willingness to learn.
- Maintain appropriate conduct and language.

Participation may be limited or revoked if a student demonstrates poor behavior, poor attitude, or failure to meet team expectations.

### **Academic Eligibility**

Student-athletes must maintain satisfactory academic progress to remain eligible.

### **Requirements include:**

- Students must pass all classes to participate in games or competitions.
- Academic eligibility is monitored every two weeks as outlined in the BHS Handbook
- Students failing a class are ineligible for competition until the grade improves.
- Ineligible students may continue to attend practices unless otherwise determined.
- Academic eligibility resets at the beginning of each school year

## **Chemical Use Policy**

Use or possession of the following substances is prohibited: alcohol, tobacco, vaping, nicotine, controlled substances and any other substances that violate MSHSL policies. Violations of chemical policies will result in suspension from participation or dismissal from the team according to school and Minnesota State High School League policies and bylaws

Students who are ineligible to compete because of failure to meet academic eligibility, chemical eligibility (MSHSL Bylaw 205), and/or Good Standing and General Eligibility Requirements (MSHSL Bylaw 206) are encouraged to attend practice per MSHSL regulations.

## **Category II Violations**

Students who participate in MSHSL defined Category II activities (fine arts) will be ineligible to participate for two weeks following the first offense, six weeks following the second offense, and twelve weeks following the third, and subsequent violations if they are found to be in violation of MSHSL policies.

## **District Investigations of Alleged Violations**

District #162 is committed to adhering to the policies and procedures of the governing bodies of all of our activities. The district will investigate all credible, reliable and valid information that is received.

## **Attendance Requirements**

Student-athletes are expected to attend school and team activities consistently.

## **Requirements include:**

- Students must attend at least four (4) consecutive class periods on the day of a practice or competition unless approved by the Athletic Director.
- Students serving In-School Suspension (ISS) or Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) may not participate in practice or games during the suspension.
- Students receiving their third lunch detention (or more) during a season are not eligible to participate that day.
- Athletes must attend all practices and competitions unless excused by the coach.
- Athletes are responsible for notifying the coach in advance of any absence.

Family commitments will not result in disciplinary action, though playing time may be affected.

## **Team Levels and Playing Time:**

- Junior High
- C Team
- Junior Varsity
- Varsity

### **Playing time may vary based on:**

- Skill level and development
- Effort and attitude
- Coachability
- Team needs
- Practice attendance
- Academic eligibility

Coaches make the final decision regarding playing time and team placement. Cuts may occur at certain levels depending on participation numbers and program needs.

### **Sportsmanship and Conduct**

All student-athletes are expected to display appropriate behavior during practices, competitions, and school events.

#### **Unacceptable behavior includes but not limited to:**

- Profanity
- Taunting or disrespect toward opponents
- Offensive remarks related to race, gender, or identity
- Unsportsmanlike gestures
- Reckless behavior that could cause injury

### **Parent/Guardian Expectations**

Parents and guardians play an important role in supporting student-athletes and promoting sportsmanship.

#### **Parents are expected to:**

- Demonstrate respect toward coaches, officials, players, and spectators.
- Encourage effort, teamwork, and positive attitudes.
- Support coaches and allow them to manage team decisions.
- Emphasize learning, development, and enjoyment over winning.

Parents who behave in a disruptive or unsportsmanlike manner may be asked to leave an event which could result in disciplinary action at future events.

### **Communication and Concerns**

If a concern arises regarding a team or athletic participation, the following chain of communication must be followed:

1. Student-athlete meets with the coach
2. Parent/guardian and athlete meet with the coach
3. Athletic Director
4. Principal
5. Superintendent
6. School Board

Parents and spectators should not confront coaches or officials before, during, or immediately after games or practices. When a parent concern arises, parents should allow for a minimum of 24 hours before initiating the chain-of-command.

### **Participation Requirements**

Before participating in athletics, students must complete the following:

- Current physical exam on file (valid for 3 years)
- MSHSL eligibility form
- MSHSL Health questionnaire if applicable
- Activity fee
- Signed Insurance
- Signed Bagley Athletic Participation Agreement

Students may not participate until all required forms are completed and submitted.

## Student-Athlete Agreement

I understand that participation in athletics is a privilege. I agree to follow the expectations and policies outlined in this Athletic Participation Agreement. I will represent my school, teammates, and coaches with respect, integrity, and sportsmanship.

**Student Name (Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Agreement

I have read and understand the expectations for student-athletes and for parents. I agree to support the athletic program by demonstrating good sportsmanship and respecting coaches, officials, and participants.

**Parent/Guardian Name(Printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Bagley School District #162 does not provide any type of health insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school. We encourage all families to have accident coverage on their children, prior to participation in any sports or school sponsored activity. If you feel your coverage is adequate, please sign the statement below.***

If you are interested in purchasing inexpensive accident insurance you may do so by contacting the high school office at 694-3120.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sport(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned, feel we have adequate insurance protection for our child while practicing or participating in School District #162 Sports.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_