## New Berlin Pretzel Basketball



Team Expectations 2025-26

### **Player Conduct**

Student athletes are a representation of our basketball program, school, and community. Players are to conduct themselves appropriately at all times with a high level of character.

#### **Academic Eligibility**

The New Berlin High School Athletic Handbook will be followed in regards to academic responsibilities of athletes. If a player is academically ineligible for a third week during the season, a player may be dismissed from the team at the discretion of the coaching staff.

#### **Drugs and Alcohol**

The New Berlin Junior High School Athletic Handbook states: "In order for our student-athletes to represent our school in an appropriate manner, students representing Pretzel sports shall refrain from the purchase, distribution, use, or possession of any form of tobacco, alcohol, and/or drugs." Violations of this policy will be handled in the following manner:

- 1st offense: suspension from participating in the next 25% of the games for that season.
- 2nd offense: suspension from athletic competition for 365 days.

#### **Absences**

The coaching staff has the discretion to determine whether a player's absence from practice is excused or unexcused. In order for an absence to be considered excused, the player and/or parents must notify a coach prior to, or on the day of, the absence.

The expectation is to NOT have an unexcused absence. Here are the consequences if it happens:

- 1st offense: player is suspended for one half of a game.
- 2nd offense: player is suspended for 1 game.
- 3rd offense: player will be dismissed from the team at the discretion of the coaching staff.

#### **Guidelines & Expectations**

- Players are required to be dressed and on the court at the scheduled practice time.
- Players are encouraged to be at the gym ready to leave 15 minutes prior to scheduled bus departure time for away games.
- Players are not allowed to wear wristbands or jewelry any time they are representing New Berlin Pretzel Basketball.
- Cell phone use is NOT allowed during practice or either game without permission from the coaching staff.
- Players are expected to ride the team bus to all away games unless it has otherwise been approved by the coaching staff. Players may ride home from an away game with a parent/guardian after signing the sign out sheet. A Player may NOT ride home with a parent/guardian other than their own without a signed note, and prior approval by a coach.
- If a parent wishes to discuss any matter with a member of the coaching staff, their child is required to attend the meeting. Encourage your child to advocate for himself prior to meeting with a coach.
- Practices are closed to anyone other than team personnel.
- Wear shorts to practice
- Beginning October 31, boys should not leave practice without long sleeves and some type of pants. They should usually have head cover too.
- We wear team shirts or a nice shirt to games with khakis or nice jeans. Do NOT wear shorts to a game. Get dressed after the game is over.
- Parents should NOT organize basketball activities for players i.e. practice after practice, scrimmages between dads and players, Sunday night practices. If you're aware of a get together like this, don't go. If boys want to play against each other 1-on-1, 3-on-3 at the houses, let them.
- Off-color socks will NOT be tolerated in games.
- \*Players cannot wear Crocs or slides to games.
- Athletes will run after practice for D and F grades.
- Students missing any classes on game days cannot play that night.

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Parent Signature and Date		
Player Signature and Date		

