

PACER ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

Section 1: PROGRAMS OFFERED

Fall Season: Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Volleyball

Winter Season: Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling

Spring Season: Baseball, Golf, Softball, Track

Non-IHSAA: Archery, Bowling, Cheerleading

Section 2: ELIGIBILITY RULES

Switzerland County is a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association as well as the Ohio River Valley Conference. Our administrators, Coaches, and Athletes will abide by any regulations of this association and this conference. The IHSAA By-Laws can be found online.

To be eligible to participate in athletics a student-athlete at SCHS must pass a minimum of 5 classes.

Grade Check

Switzerland County High School operates on a nine (9) week grading period. Grades will be checked by the Athletic Director prior to the beginning of the sports season and at the conclusion of each grading period. Switzerland County has declared that grade eligibility will be determined on the day grades become official.

Parent's & Physician's Consent Form-IHSAA Rule 3-10

Between April 1 and student's first practice in preparation for inter-school athletic participation:

- a. Between April 1 and student's first Practice in preparation for interschool athletic participation:
 - (1.) the student shall have a physical examination by, a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine, a nurse practitioner or a physician assistant who shall clear the student for athletic participation using the current IHSAA Pre-Participation Evaluation form;
 - (2.) the parent/s or Guardian/s shall give written consent for such participation, shall acknowledge the risks of athletic participation and shall release and hold harmless the IHSAA and all member Schools from liability, unless the student is emancipated and then the Emancipated Student shall consent, acknowledge, and release and hold harmless, using the current IHSAA Consent, Acknowledgement and Release form;
 - (3.) the student shall acknowledge the risks of athletic participation and shall release and hold harmless the IHSAA and all member Schools from liability, using the current IHSAA Consent, Acknowledgement and Release form;
 - (4.) the parent/s or Guardian/s shall consent, unless the student is emancipated, and then the Emancipated Student shall consent, to the disclosure by the School, to the IHSAA, of all requested detailed financial (athletic or otherwise), scholastic and attendance records of the School, including records which may concern or be related to the student unless the student is emancipated in which event the student shall give such consent;
 - (5.) the parent/s, Guardian/s and student shall consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of courts in Marion County, Indiana for all claims and disputes between and among the IHSAA and the

parent/s, Guardian/s, and/or student, including but not limited to, any claims or disputes involving Membership, eligibility, or rule violation using the current IHSA Consent, Acknowledgement and Release form.

Practice Rules - requirements before competing in an interscholastic athletic event

Students must participate in ten (10) separate days (two days for girls golf) of practice or enter that sport directly from another school sport (in this case 5 practices would suffice) before he/she may participate in an Interscholastic athletic event. Practice must be under the direct supervision of a member of the coaching staff. Only one practice may be counted for any one day.

VALIDLY ADOPTED SCHOOL POLICIES

Athletes who fail to follow school policies will receive penalties as determined by their coach and/or Athletic Director.

Practice Attendance

Athletes are expected to attend all practices. The coach must be personally notified by the athlete prior to practice if he cannot attend. Penalty for unexcused absences will be left to the discretion of the coach.

School Attendance

If there is an emergency situation, it should be brought to the attention of the Athletic Director and/or the attendance officer prior to the absence. A decision on participation status will then be made. Attendance of 4 periods/day may allow the athlete to participate in practice or contests. Doctor visits are not subject to this rule if approved by the athletic director.

School Suspensions

An athlete who has received a full day of out-of-school suspension will not be eligible for any contest or practice on the day the suspension is served, as well as Saturday for Friday suspensions.

Contest Expulsion

If an athlete is expelled from an athletic contest by a game official, the athlete will be suspended from the next played contest. A second expulsion during the same sport season will result in a more severe penalty, to be determined by the AD and the head coach of the sport in which the expulsion occurred.

Parent Awareness

Parents are strongly encouraged to become familiar with the team rules & regulations in order to help their child adhere to those rules.

Awards Programs

All athletes are expected to attend the athletic awards presentation for their sport. If an athlete is unable to attend, the coach must be notified before the awards presentation takes place.

Team Transportation

An athlete involved in a school sponsored athletic event will be transported on approved school transportation under the supervision of the coach from selected school approved drop off/pick up points. Athletes who submit a written request to the coach prior to departure from Switzerland County High School may be permitted to ride home with their parent/guardian with the coach's consent.

Equipment & Uniforms

Any equipment given to the student for his/her use must be taken care of and returned in satisfactory condition. If the equipment is lost, stolen, damaged or abused, the student will be charged the price of replacing the equipment.

Injuries

Any injury sustained by an athlete must be reported to the coach and athletic trainer immediately.

Athletic Insurance

a. Neither the Switzerland County School Corporation nor the SCHS Athletic Department carries insurance which covers students in case of athletic injuries. Parents are encouraged to check with their present health and hospitalization insurance carrier to determine if additional insurance is needed.

b. Catastrophic protection is provided by the Indiana High School Athletic Association for all athletes participating in IHSAA sponsored athletics. This plan is a \$25,000 deductible policy. For more information contact your Athletic Director.

c. If additional insurance is needed, the student insurance plan offered by the Switzerland County School Corporation will cover participation in all sports offered at S.C.H.S. Forms for the student insurance are available in the office, and all questions can be answered by calling 1-800-328-2739.

Dress Code For Athletic Events

Athletes should represent Switzerland County High School in a respectable manner. When a SCHS athlete attends a home event or travels to another school as a competitor, he/she should dress in a manner above criticism. Coaches may require certain types of attire.

Policy For Participation After an Athlete Quits a Sport

An athlete that has participated in a sport through the first contest and quits, may not participate in another sport during the same season without the written permission of the coach of the sport the athlete quit and the athletic director. After quitting a sport during one season, an athlete may not begin participation in another sport during the next season until the previous sports regular season has been completed, without the written permission of the coach of the sport the athlete quit and the athletic director, including conditioning programs and open facilities.

Dual Sport Participation Policy

An athlete that wishes to participate in two sports during the same season, must file an agreement form in the athletic office one week prior to the beginning of practice for the two sports. Conference contests shall take precedence over non-conference contests. State tournament contests shall take precedence over all other contests. All other conflicts will be discussed prior to the event by the athlete, the coaches, and the Athletic Director.

Preseason Injured Athlete

If an athlete is injured and cannot tryout because of an injury, the athlete will be permitted to tryout for said team at a later date. The athlete must petition the varsity coach in writing at the time of the official tryout period of said sport and agree on the anticipated tryout date.

AWARDS

Standards

The varsity coach of each sport will make the decision as to whether a student-athlete deserves a letter.

Good Standing

An athlete must complete the season and be in good standing with the coaching staff, the athletic office, and the school to be eligible for an award.

Inability To Complete Season

If athletes cannot complete the season due to an injury, they may still receive an award if they remain involved with the team in some capacity as directed by the coach (i.e., manager or statistician).

4.4 Varsity Award Jackets

Athletes may purchase an award jacket after earning their first varsity letter. The athletic department will not make any payment toward the purchase of this jacket.

“PACER CODE”

Philosophy

It is the sincere belief of the Athletic Council (Head Coaches) of Switzerland County High School that athletics should be an enjoyable, gratifying and rewarding experience. We encourage each of our athletes to reap the numerous benefits that athletic participation offers. If the program is worth the time and effort required, it is certainly worth giving your all. As a Switzerland County athlete, you will be challenged to become a more disciplined individual, and you will be asked to make sacrifices for something that you profess to believe in. We hope that you find the SCHS Athletic Program a totally rewarding experience.

Violations and Penalties

Insubordination

The failure of an athlete to obey directions issued by a coach or administrator.

PENALTY: To be determined by the head coach, the Principal, and the Ass't Principal/AD.

Felonies and Misdemeanors Penalty

Any athlete convicted of a felony shall be suspended from SCHS Athletics for one calendar year from the day of conviction.

Convictions of a misdemeanor will result in a minimum suspension of 30% per misdemeanor of the sports scheduled contests. This must be a sport that was previously played by the athlete.

Any athlete wearing a court ordered ankle bracelet would not be allowed to participate in an athletic contest.

Illegal Possession of/or Illegal Use of a Controlled Substance or Non-Prescription Drug Penalty

1st Violation: Suspension from 50% of the regular scheduled season contest.

2nd Violation: Suspension from athletics for one calendar year.

3rd Violation: Suspension from athletics for the remainder of the athlete's HS career.

Illegal Possession Of/Or Illegal Use Of Alcohol

1st Violation: Suspension from 25% of the regular scheduled season contests.

2nd Violation: Suspension from one complete sport season which includes the IHSAA tournament. This sport must be one of past participation by the athlete. An athlete may attend practices during a suspended season with the permission of the head coach of that sport.

3rd Violation: Expulsion from athletics for a calendar year.

*Self-Reporting - For 1st violations only - the total penalty will be reduced to 10% of the contests of the sports scheduled games if the student or the students parents/guardians report the violation within 48 hours of the violation.

Possession Of/Or Use Of Tobacco Products

1st Violation: Suspension from 20% of the regular scheduled season contests.

2nd Violation: Suspension from 50% of the regular scheduled season contests.

3rd Violation: Expulsion from athletics for a calendar year.

*Self-Reporting - For 1st violations only - the total penalty will be reduced to 10% of the contests of the sports scheduled games if the student or the students parents/guardians report the violation within 48 hours of the violation.

Enactment Policy

All violations must be reported to the Athletic Director.

After an investigation, the Athletic Director will notify the athlete and the head coach of the penalty to be served.

Enactment of the rules and penalties will be made by the Athletic Director based on:

1. Admission by the athlete.
2. Observation and confrontation by a member of the SCSC staff, or a member of the school administration.
3. A determination of fact resulting from an investigation by school administrators.
4. By charges established by law enforcement officials or agencies.

Out Of Season Violation

Suspension will take place during the next season in which an athlete participates. This season must be satisfactorily completed to clear the penalty. It must be a sport in which the athlete previously competed.

In Season Violations ... Suspension for 100%

Suspension for a percent of a season will be administered as follows:

If an athlete is excluded from 10 scheduled games and the season consists of 20 games, then 50% of the penalty has been satisfied. The remaining 50% must come from the next season that he/she satisfactorily completes. The sport must be one in which the athlete previously competed. The IHSAA sectional tournament is included in the regular season games.

Suspension For Less Than 100%

If an athlete has a 20% penalty and is excluded for one (1) scheduled game and the season consists of 10 games, then 10% of the penalty has been satisfied. The remaining 10% must come from the next season

he/she satisfactorily completes. The sport must be one in which the athlete previously competed. The IHSAA sectional tournament is included in the regular season games. When a suspension percentage ends in a fraction of a game, it will always be rounded up to the next whole number (Ex.: a 20% suspension from an eight (8) game schedule would be 1.6 games. Actual suspension would be two (2) games).

The PACER code is in effect 365 days a year.

6.5 NCAA Clearinghouse Information:



Estimated Probability of Competing in Athletics Beyond the High School Interscholastic Level

Student Athletes	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball	Men's Ice Hockey	Men's Soccer
High School Student Athletes	538,676	433,120	1,086,627	474,791	35,198	410,982
High School Senior Student Athletes	153,907	123,749	310,465	135,655	10,057	117,423
NCAA Student Athletes	17,984	16,186	70,147	32,450	3,964	23,365
NCAA Freshman Roster Positions	5,138	4,625	20,042	9,271	1,133	6,676
NCAA Senior Student Athletes	3,996	3,597	15,588	7,211	881	5,192
NCAA Student Athletes Drafted	46	32	254	678	7	101
Percent High School to NCAA	3.3%	3.7%	6.5%	6.8%	11.3%	5.7%
Percent NCAA to Professional	1.2%	0.9%	1.6%	9.4%	0.8%	1.9%
Percent High School to Professional	0.03%	0.03%	0.08%	0.50%	0.07%	0.09%

Note: These percentages are based on estimated data and should be considered approximations of the actual percentages.

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