

# **Hudson Area Schools Athletic Code**

## **Introduction**

It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to be familiar with the specific rules and regulations of their selected sport as well as the general policies of this Athletic Code. Student-athletes will be accountable for compliance with these rules. Also, cheerleaders are under the title of student-athletes unless a provision specifically addresses cheerleaders.

## **Philosophy**

Our athletic program is an important part of our overall educational program. When properly approached, athletics have a great deal to offer young men and women. Athletics present many opportunities for development of leadership skills and good moral and ethical standards of behavior.

Students have the privilege of being a part of an athletic program if they choose. Students who accept the privilege to participate must also accept the responsibilities.

As members of a Hudson Area Schools athletic team, we are a very visible part of our school program. Members of the Hudson community provide the support for the total school program. In turn, they have the right to expect team members to represent them in a manner of which they will be proud. The Athletic Code defines the behavior which the community expects from these student-athletes. Students have the privilege to choose whether they will or will not participate, and they must realize that they have committed themselves to the total program. Team members cannot accept only those parts of the Athletic Code with which they agree and ignore those parts with which they disagree.

At Hudson Area Schools, more than compliance with minimum requirements is expected of student-athletes. Maximum effort is expected in the classroom and on the athletic field. Student-athletes are to work hard in all of their school endeavors. Besides athletic ability, the right to represent Hudson Area Schools is also determined by the student-athlete's citizenship, scholastic record, and attitude.

## **MHSAA Student Advisory Council Belief Statement**

We believe athletes should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe students in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe coaches should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports in perspective. We believe that parents should always be positive role models and be supportive of their child's decisions. We believe officials commit their own time to high school sports and respect should always be shown and given to them. The most important goal for student-athletes is to enjoy high school sports while keeping a high level of respect between all those involved in the games.

## **Michigan High School Athletic Association Athletic Code**

The following “Athletic Code” was developed by the MHSAA. It embodies the best principles that participation in athletics represents. We hope team members desire to participate against other student-athletes who believe in this code.

### **The Contest Demands:**

1. Fair play at all times.
2. A square deal to opponents by players and spectators.
3. Playing for the joy of playing and for the success of team.
4. Playing hard to the end.
5. Keeping one’s head and playing the game, not talking it.
6. Respect for officials and the expectation that they will enforce the rules.
7. That a student-athlete should not quit, cheat, bet, “grandstand”, or abuse his/her body.

### **The school demands:**

1. Out-of-school and out-of-town conduct of the highest type.
2. Faithful completion of school work as practical evidence of loyalty to school and team.
3. Complete observance of training rules as a duty to school, team, and self.

### **Sportsmanship demands:**

1. Treatment of visiting team and officials as guests and the extension of every courtesy to them.
2. Giving opponents full credit when they win, and learning to correct faults through failure.
3. Modesty and consideration in victory.
4. A student-athlete will never crow in victory or blame the officials in defeat.

## **MHSAA Code for Athletes**

1. Know and adhere to the athletic code of the school.
2. Exceed all attendance and academic requirements as practical evidence of loyalty to school and team and a proper philosophy of school-sponsored athletics.
3. Observe completely all policies regarding conduct, doing so as a duty to school, team and self.
4. Counsel with the athletic director over questions of eligibility.
5. Practice and play fairly, giving complete effort in all circumstances and credit in victory to teammates and to opponents in defeat.
6. Accept favorable and unfavorable decisions, as well as victory and defeat, with equal grace.
7. Demonstrate respect for opponents and of officials before, during and after contests.
8. Participation in extracurricular competitive interscholastic athletics is a student’s privilege, not a right, and can be removed at any time for failure to meet the standards and requirements of particular teams, school or school districts, leagues or conferences, and regional, statewide or national organizations to which the student’s school belongs.

## **Eligibility Requirements of the MHSAA (revised 8/1/09)**

Participation in competitive athletics at Hudson Area Schools is a privilege and an honor. The rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association are administered and enforced by our school. You should be familiar with the following rules:

1. **Age:**
  - a. **Seventh Graders:** the fourteenth birthday must occur on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year
  - b. **Eighth Graders:** the fifteenth birthday must occur on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year
  - c. **Ninth Graders:** the sixteenth birthday must occur on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year
  - d. **Tenth Graders:** the seventeenth birthday must occur on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year
  - e. **Eleventh Graders:** the eighteenth birthday must occur on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year
  - f. **Twelfth Graders:** the nineteenth birthday must occur on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year
2. **Physical Examination:** Students must have on file, in the athletic office, a physician's statement for the current school year (after April 15<sup>th</sup>) certifying that he/she is physically able to compete in athletic practices and contests.
3. **Enrollment:** Students must be enrolled in school prior to the fourth Friday after Labor Day (1<sup>st</sup> semester) or the fourth Friday of February (2<sup>nd</sup> semester). A student must be enrolled in the school for which he/she competes.
4. **Semesters/Trimesters of Enrollment:** Students cannot be eligible in high school for more than eight semesters or 12 trimesters. The seventh and eighth semester and the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth trimesters must be consecutive. Student-athletes are allowed four first semesters and four second semesters of competition and cannot compete if they have graduated from high school.
5. **Semester Records:** High school student-athletes must have passed at least four full credit subjects in the previous trimester of enrollment, and must be currently passing four full trimester courses. Middle school student-athletes must have passed at least three full credit subjects in the previous trimester and current trimester.
6. **Transfer students:** A student-athlete in grades 9 thru 12 who transfers to another high school is not eligible to participate in an interscholastic contest for one full semester (90 days for schools on trimesters) unless the student-athlete qualifies for immediate eligibility under one or more of thirteen published exceptions.
7. **Undue Influence:** The use of undue influence by any person directly or indirectly associated with a school to secure or encourage the attendance of a student-athlete for athletic purposes shall cause the student-athlete to become ineligible for a minimum of one semester.
8. **Limited Team Membership:** After practicing with or participating with high school teams, student-athletes cannot participate in any athletic competition not sponsored by his or her school in the same sport during the same season.

9. **All Star Competition:** Student-athletes shall not compete at any time in any sport under MHSAA jurisdiction in all-star contests or national championships regardless of the method of selection. Participation in such a contest shall cause that student to become ineligible for a maximum of one year of school enrollment.
10. **Awards and Amateurism:** Student-athletes cannot receive money or other valuable consideration for participating in MHSAA sponsored sports or officiating in interscholastic athletic contests, except as allowed by the MHSAA Handbook. Student-athletes may accept, for participation in MHSAA sponsored sports, a symbolic or merchandise award which does not have a value over \$25. Awards in the form of cash, merchandise, certificates, or any other negotiable document are never allowed.

## **Hudson Area Schools Academic Eligibility (revised 8/1/14)**

While it is the understanding that athletes are students first and athletes second, it is the policy of Hudson Area Schools to both maximize athletic participation and encourage individual academic achievement. All student-athletes in grades 7-12 must meet the minimum academic standards set by the MHSAA in addition to the following requirements from Hudson Area Schools.

### **Trimester and Progress Report Cards:**

1. Student-athletes must pass 4/6 classes
  - a. Student-athletes who do not pass 4/6 classes at the trimester will be ineligible until the credits are recovered or the student passes 4/6 classes in a trimester.
  - b. Student-athletes who do not pass 4/6 classes at the trimester progress report will be placed on academic probation.
2. Student athletes with a 2.0 GPA and no failing grades:
  - a. Weekly grade checks will be performed
  - b. Will not be penalized by failing grades, simply made aware
3. Student athletes with below a 2.0 GPA or with 1 or 2 failing grades at either the trimester or progress report will be placed on academic probation:
  - a. Weekly grade checks will be performed as listed below

### **Weekly Eligibility:**

1. Grades will be checked weekly for all student-athletes.
  - a. Grade checks will begin on the first day of the third week following the start of each trimester.
  - b. Students on the "F" list will be made aware in person by the athletic director and will have until lunch the next day to rectify the grade.
2. Student-athletes on academic probation must maintain a current grade of D- or better in ALL classes.
  - a. Student-athletes with a failing grade will be immediately ineligible until the next grade check- NO EXCEPTIONS!
  - b. Student-athletes who appear on the ineligibility list have until lunch the next school day to rectify the grade with their teachers.

### **Trimester Eligibility:**

1. High school student-athletes must pass four classes per trimester to be eligible until the next trimester.
2. Middle school student-athletes must pass three classes per trimester to be eligible until the next trimester.

## **Training Rules:**

All student-athletes are subject to the Athletic Code and training rules for twelve months out of the year. This applies to student-athletes in or out of an athletic season. Reports of violations will be accepted from Hudson coaches, teachers, administrators, police reports, or admissions by a student athlete or a student athlete's parents or guardians. The following rules and penalties shall be enforced in grades 7-12 and are cumulative throughout high school. When a student athlete reaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade, all previous middle school offenses are absolved.

1. No student-athlete shall at any time purchase, attempt to purchase, obtain, consume, or knowingly possess or transport any alcoholic liquor.
2. The use or possession of tobacco in any form is prohibited.
3. The possession, sale, or use of illegal or look-alike drugs is prohibited.

### **Penalty of Training Rule Violations:**

#### **First Offense Penalty:**

1. Seasons which involve **nine or less** regular season days of competition require all of the following:
  - a. Two consecutive dates suspension
  - b. An assessment to be done by an agency acceptable to the school (optional)
  - c. Enrollment and participation in any treatment program prescribed by the assessment agency (optional)
2. Season which involve **ten or more** regular season days of competition require all of the following:
  - a. Four consecutive dates suspension
  - b. An assessment to be done by an agency acceptable to the school (optional)
  - c. Enrollment and participation in any treatment program prescribed by the assessment agency (optional)
3. While on suspension the student-athlete will attend and participate in all practices, but will not dress for games.
4. If a student-athlete's suspension carries over to another season:
  - a. Must be in a sport that he/she participated in the previous year
  - b. The student-athlete must successfully complete the entire year

**Second Offense Penalty:** Suspension from all athletics for one calendar year. While on suspension, the student athlete shall not participate in games or practices until the suspension period is completed.

**Third Offense Penalty:** Suspension from all athletics for the remainder of the student-athlete's career.

## **Athletic Committees:**

The two standing athletic committees will be the Athletic Hearing Board and the Athletic Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Athletic Hearing Board is to provide an appeal process for violations of the Athletic Code. The purpose of the Athletic Advisory Committee is to provide a process for Athletic Code revision and to help the Athletic Director in the decision making process.

### **Code Violation Appeal Process:**

1. The Athletic Hearing Board shall consist of the following:
  - a. Building Principal (or a designated alternate)
  - b. Two members of the Athletic Committee from the Board of Education (or a designated alternate)
  - c. Two varsity head coaches (excluding the coach(es) whose athlete is involved)
2. If the Athletic Director finds against the student-athlete, he/she will have the right to appeal the decision to the Athletic Hearing Board. Request for appeal must be filed within 72 hours of the decision to the Athletic Director, and must be made in writing to the building principal. The appeal hearing before the Athletic Hearing Board shall be based on the record of the hearing before the Athletic Director. Appeal hearing shall be not less than 24 hours and not more than 72 hours after receipt of request for appeal by the building principal.
3. The principal will act as a chairperson at the Athletic Hearing Board. If he/she is not present, he/she may select another member to chair the meeting.
4. When it becomes necessary for the Athletic Hearing Board to enforce the Athletic Code, decisions will be reached by a majority of the members present at the hearing.
5. The student-athlete may appeal to the Athletic Hearing Board. In the event that the Athletic Hearing Board determines that the nature of violation calls for a penalty which exceeds the parameters already set forth, then the Athletic Hearing Board shall have the power to set a stricter penalty.

### **Code Revision:**

1. Periodic revision of the Athletic Code and training rules as recommended by the Athletic Director and/or Athletic Advisory Committee may be necessary.
2. Request for revision of the Athletic Code and training rules must be brought before the Athletic Director. If the Athletic Director feels the request has merit, an Athletic Advisory Committee will be appointed of:
  - a. Two Board of Education members
  - b. Building Principal
  - c. Athletic Director
  - d. Three varsity head coaches
    - i. One fall, one winter, and one spring
    - ii. At least one male and one female
  - e. Two parents
    - i. One male and one female
3. After the committee has acted on the revisions of the Athletic Code, the Hudson Board of Education must give final approval for the revisions to take effect.

## **Athletic Issues and Requirements**

### **Care of Equipment:**

The proper care of equipment is expected and is the student-athlete's responsibility.

**Only the student-athlete may use or wear the equipment or uniform during the season.** The student-athlete will be held responsible for reimbursing the cost of lost equipment that was assigned to him/her. Student-athletes will not be allowed to participate in a sport unless all equipment and uniforms from the preceding sport have been turned in or reimbursement has been made.

### **Appearance of Athlete:**

1. Student athletes will be required to be appropriately dressed for all contests. Appropriate dress will be determined by the Athletic Director and the Coach of the sport.
2. Student-athletes are expected to be well groomed. Full beards are not permitted. Goatees and mustaches must be trimmed.
3. During an athletic event, all parts of the uniform issued must be worn.

### **Changing Sports:**

A student-athlete cannot change sports after the first scheduled game has been played in either sport. The head varsity coach will make the decision when a player who has not been in another sport that season may come out for the team. Student-athletes are allowed to compete in one sport per season unless approved to dual sport (see below).

### **Dual Sport Process: (revised 8/1/14)**

1. A student-athlete interested in playing 2 sports in the same season fills out an application with the Athletic Director.
2. The Athletic Director meets with the head coach of both sports and discusses the feasibility of the request.
3. The Athletic Director and the two coaches involved in the dual sport request confirm the details of the student-athlete's calendar.
4. The Athletic Director and the two coaches involved in the request vote on whether or not to allow the athlete to dual sport. The vote must be unanimous for the athlete to be allowed to dual sport. Either coach or the AD could prevent an athlete from being able to do both sports.

### **Dual Sport Deadlines: (revised 8/1/14)**

Fall sports: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after Spring Break

Winter sports: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after Summer Break

Spring sports: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after Christmas Break

The above dates are final deadlines. Applications can and will be considered prior to the dates listed above. Applicants are strongly encouraged to talk with their parents, coaches, and teachers and submit applications well in advance of the deadline. Applicants must be re-approved annually.

**Cutting Student Athletes from Squad:**

If a student-athlete is cut from one sport, he/she is eligible to participate in another sport during that season at the discretion of the coaches involved. The student-athlete faced with this situation is encouraged to go out for another sport unless he/she was cut because of disciplinary reasons or eligibility infractions.

**Quitting the Team:**

Any student-athlete may withdraw from a sport providing:

1. The student-athlete meets all obligations to the team
  - a. uniform and equipment turned in
  - b. financial obligations met
2. The student-athlete personally delivers notice to the coach
3. The student-athlete's reason for quitting is made known to the coach

Any student-athlete who quits a sport after final cuts have been made, without following the guidelines above, will be suspended from the next sport participated in for 25% of the games.

**Removal from the Team: (revised 8/18/08)**

When behavior issues arise between coach and player the following steps will be followed:

1. The coach will discuss the issue with the player and firmly outline expectations and consequences. The coach will then follow up either verbally or in writing with the Athletic Director.
2. If the issue remains unresolved the coach, player, and Athletic Director will meet and discuss the issue. Expectations and consequences will again be firmly outlined, this time in writing. Coach, player, and Athletic Director will then sign. Coach or Athletic Director will then notify the parents of the behavior and situation.
3. If the issue remains unresolved, the coach, player, Athletic Director, and parents will sit down and discuss the issue. At this point a suspension may be issued.
4. If the issue remains unresolved the coach, player, and Athletic Director will meet and discuss removing the player from the team. At this point the Athletic Director will notify the parents of the decision.

**Election of Captains:**

Methods by which captains are selected are determined by the head coach. The final selections are at the discretion of the head coach.

**Banquets:**

All student-athletes are expected to attend the after season awards banquet. Student-athletes are encouraged to dress as on game days.

**College Recruitment Policy:**

In the event a student-athlete should be contacted personally by a college recruiter, he/she has an obligation to work through his/her coach and the Athletic Department. Inform the coach of such contact as soon as possible.

**Supervision:**

Student athletes must be supervised by coaches any time that they are involved in any athletic related activity.

**Profanity:**

The use of profanity is unacceptable at all times. Coaches will handle these situations as they arise.

**Locker Room Behavior:**

Student-athletes will behave appropriately in the locker room. Horseplay and vandalism will not be tolerated by the coaches or the Athletic Department.

**Parent Signature Page:**

The parent signature page must be signed by both the parent and the student athlete before the student athlete will be allowed to participate in the first contest. This form merely means that the parents and the student-athlete have read the Athletic Code.

**Detrimental Behavior:**

Any behavior or action not mentioned above that detracts from or brings embarrassment to the coach, team, school system, or the community may cause the student-athlete to be suspended from the team. Penalty will be administered by the Coach and the Athletic Director. The Coach and Athletic Director are to call the parents when the penalty has been established.

**Curfew Hours:**

With the exception of school related events, the night before a school day is to be 10:00 p.m. The night before an athletic contest is 10:00 p.m. The weekend is 12:30 a.m. Penalty to be determined by the coach. Minimum penalty is a warning, maximum penalty is a one contest suspension.

**Citizenship:**

Citizenship in and out of the school must be above reproach. Penalty to be determined by the Athletic Director. Minimum penalty is a warning, maximum penalty is a one contest suspension.

**Sportsmanship:**

All student-athletes are expected to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, both as contestants and spectators, and will follow MHSAA policy. Penalty to be determined by the Athletic Director. Minimum penalty is a warning, maximum penalty is a one contest suspension.

**Higher Standard:**

The Athletic Code and training rules are minimum standards. Any coach may set rules which are more demanding as long as they do not contradict the provisions or intent of this code. Questions or concerns shall be decided by the Athletic Director and/or the Athletic Advisory Committee at the request of any member. Copies of any additional rules shall be cleared with the Athletic Director and be on file in the Athletic Office.

## **Practices, Game Attendance, Vacations, Holidays:**

- 1. Practice Before Season:**
  - a. A student-athlete must have a minimum of two weeks of practice (five consecutive days per week) supervised by a coach of that sport.
  - b. Conditioning may be counted, but ten days practice must be completed before participation in a scheduled contest.
  - c. Special situations can be accounted for with the AD and with parental permission.
- 2. Practice and Game Attendance:**
  - a. Student-athletes are expected to attend all practices and games.
- 3. School Attendance:**
  - a. In order to practice or participate in a game, the student-athlete must be in attendance for four hours of school that day, unless excused in advance by the administration. Penalty to be determined by the AD. Minimum penalty is a warning, maximum penalty is a one contest suspension.
  - b. Student athletes who are involved with in-school or out of school suspension are not allowed to participate in games or practices.
- 4. Sundays, Holidays, Vacations:**
  - a. No required practices allowed.
    - i. If the Sunday or Holiday is immediately followed by an athletic contest, than practice would be permitted.
    - ii. Family commitments take precedence over practice.
    - iii. Athletes need to be conditioned.
    - iv. Athletes need to be advised that no position is guaranteed.
  - b. Exception: August practices may be required depending on the first MHSAA official start date.
  - c. Exception: Labor Day evening practice may be required.
  - d. A schedule of practices during vacation periods must be given to the Athletic Director. The AD must approve this schedule prior to the vacation period.
- 5. Closed Practices:**
  - a. Closed practices are at the coach's discretion.
- 6. Snow/Inclement Weather Days:**
  - a. If school is cancelled during the day, no practices may be held.
  - b. If there is a snow/inclement weather day, optional varsity practices may occur after 2:00 p.m. and only after conditions improve, with the approval of the AD. A snow day schedule will be set by the AD.
  - c. If the area is under a tornado watch or warning, all events will be postponed or cancelled until after the watch or warning has been lifted.
- 7. Ending Times of Practices:**
  - a. Coaches are to stop practices when they are scheduled to be over, so that parents are not kept waiting for their student athlete.

## Athletic Awards

### Varsity Awards

**Basketball (Boys and Girls):** Participation in at least one-half the total number of quarters of scheduled games, finish the season, unless excused, and/or must have the recommendation of the coach.

**Baseball/Softball:** Participation in at least one-third of the total innings of scheduled games, finish the season, unless excused, and/or have the recommendation of the coach.

**Cheerleaders:** By-laws and requirements according to the cheerleader constitution are on file in the high school principal's office.

**Cross Country:** Run on varsity (top 7) in 60% of all scheduled meets. Another qualification would be to score (top 5) in the LCAA or regional meets. Participate in one public service activity with the team per year (may be waived if none are available). Finish the season and/or have the recommendation of the coach.

**Football:** Participation in at least one-half the total number of quarters, finish the season, unless excused, and/or must have the recommendation of the coach.

**Golf:** Must be one of the team members whose score counted in two matches of must have beaten someone from the opponents' team (one of top four opponent golfers that match). Must have played in two matches, have two rounds where he/she has played nine holes, finish the season, unless excused, and/or must have the recommendation of the coach.

**Track (Boys and Girls):** Must average one point per dual, triangular, or quadrangular meet or must have placed in a major meet (five or more teams competing), finish the season, unless excused, and or must have the recommendation of the coach.

**Volleyball:** Participation in one-half of the total number of games played, finish the season, unless excused, and/or must have the recommendation of the coach.

**Wrestling:** Must earn 18 points during the season in scheduled varsity competitive matches or place in the conference tournament, finish the season, unless excused, and or must have the recommendation of the coach.

### **Exceptions to the above qualifying standards:**

1. Any team member, by virtue of faithful service to his/her team, will receive a varsity letter upon the coach's recommendation and approval by the Athletic Director.
2. If illness or injury prohibits the attainment of a varsity letter by ordinary standards, the student-athlete may be granted one upon the recommendation of the coach.

**Varsity Letters:**

8" or 7" block "H" chenille and certificate. Metal inserts or cloth swiss inserts are given to represent each sport. LCAA Champions will receive a special letter.

**Varsity Cheerleading Letter:**

8" block "H" chenille and "VAR" and megaphone insert and a certificate.

**Junior Varsity Awards:**

Junior varsity awards will be given in all junior varsity sports in the same manner that the varsity awards are given. The same requirements such as number of quarters, innings, games, or points apply.

**Junior Varsity Letter:**

6" or 5" block "H" chenille "JV" insert and certificate.

**Junior Varsity Cheerleading Letter:**

6" block "H" chenille "JV" and megaphone insert and a certificate.

**Freshman Awards:**

Freshman athletes will receive freshman awards.

Freshman letter, graduation year numerals, and a certificate.

**Middle School Awards:**

Middle school awards, and/or a certificate for each sport offered, will be given to Middle School student-athletes who finish the season, unless excused, and/or have the recommendation of the coach.

**Regulations Concerning Letter Awards:**

One letter per student-athlete per career will be given for varsity, junior varsity, and freshman.

Awards for all other activities and organizations will be something other than the block "H", shall be distinctive, and shall clearly indicate the activity or organization.

**Special Awards:**

Plaques or trophies, worth \$15 or less, will be awarded to the following:

**Most Valuable Player:** An award will be given to the student-athlete who is judged most valuable, by his/her teammates, in each varsity sport. The student-athlete must not have received a suspension during that season.

**Most Improved Player:** An award will be given to the student-athlete who is judged most improved, by his/her teammates, in each varsity sport. The student-athlete must not have received a suspension during that season.

**Twelve Sport Award:** An award will be given to any student-athlete who has participated during all three sports seasons for four years.

**Nine Letter Award:** An award will be given to any student-athlete who has earned nine varsity letters.

**Scholar Athlete Award:** This award is given after each sport season. This certificate is given by the LCAA and the Athletic Department. Qualifications for this award are as follows:

1. The student-athlete must complete the season.
2. The student-athlete has to have an accumulated GPA of 3.5 or better.
3. The student-athlete must demonstrate good behavior in all classes.
4. The student-athlete must be in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
5. The student-athlete must be a participant of a varsity team.

**Outstanding Senior Athlete:** An award (one for boys, one for girls) will be given to the senior student-athlete who participated in two or more sports during his/her senior year. Good sportsmanship, academic effort, cooperation, physical performance, and leadership capabilities are some factors to be judged for this award. Head varsity coaches vote on this award. The student-athlete must not have received a suspension during their senior year.

### **Additional Athletic Information:**

#### **Varsity Club:**

All varsity letter winners are eligible to be members of the Varsity Club. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in varsity athletics, raise the standards of scholarship and sportsmanship, and give student-athletics suitable publicity. It also serves the school in various duties, particularly in athletic events. Strict adherence to the athletic code is expected from our student-athletes.

#### **Lenawee County Athletic Association (revised 8/21/15):**

The purpose of the conference is to create worthwhile competitive relationships among the member schools. Current members are: Blissfield, Columbia Central, Dundee, Erie Mason, Hillsdale, Hudson, Ida, and Onsted. Each school competes in cross country, football, basketball, bowling, wrestling, baseball, golf, and track for boys. Girls' sports include cross country, volleyball, basketball, bowling, competitive cheer, softball, and track. The league is governed by a constitution and by-laws, and its activities are directed by the administrators of member schools. This group meets regularly to discuss problems, set schedules, and decide policies.

#### **Cooperative Middle School Athletic Program:**

Hudson Middle School and Sacred Heart Grade School of Hudson have developed a cooperative athletic program between the two schools. Student-athletes from Sacred Heart will have the opportunity to participate with the Hudson Middle School athletic programs. Sacred Heart student-athletes are required to follow the Hudson Area Schools Athletic Code.

## **Parents' and Student's Signature Page (revised 8/1/09):**

Please read the contents of the Athletic Code, then sign, date, and return this page to your coach or athletic director as soon as possible. You are ineligible to compete in games until this form is on file in the athletic office.

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Student's Name (Please Print)

Grade

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Student's Signature

Date

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Parent's Signature

Date

The Athletic Department reminds you that the Athletic Code is in effect 365 days a year for four years in the high school and two years in the middle school.

## **Parent's and Student's Info Page:**

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Student Name

Home Phone #

Date of Birth

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Student Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

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*Student Email Address (Optional)*

*Student Cell Phone (Optional)*

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Parent(s) Name

Email Address(es)

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Parent(s) Home Phone #

Parent(s) Work #

Parent(s) Cell #

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*Parent Email Address (Optional)*

Parent Cell Phone

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Emergency Contact

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Emergency Contact Home Phone #

Work #

Cell #

## Student-Athlete's Eligibility Checklist (revised 8/1/09)

Student's Name (Please Print)	Grade
	(Please circle)
	Yes    NO
For the grade listed, will you turn ____ on or after September 1 <sup>st</sup> of the current school year:	
7 <sup>th</sup> grade: 14	
8 <sup>th</sup> grade: 15	
9 <sup>th</sup> grade: 16	
10 <sup>th</sup> grade: 17	
11 <sup>th</sup> grade: 18	
12 <sup>th</sup> grade: 19	
Do you have a current physical on file? (after April 15 of the current year)	Yes    NO
Were you enrolled in a school prior to the 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of the current year?	Yes    NO
Have you attended school continuously and without interruption (dropped out, expulsion, etc.) since you began high school?	Yes    NO
Did you pass at least 4 classes during your previous trimester?	Yes    NO
Do you live in the same residence as you did last year?	Yes    NO
Did you attend Hudson all of last school year?	Yes    NO

If you answered "NO" to any of the above questions, please meet with the athletic director immediately to review your athletic eligibility. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility and could result in team forfeits.

	(Please circle)
Were you, at any time, encouraged to attend Hudson HS on the basis of your athletic abilities?	Yes    NO
Have you, at any time, participated in a club level sport while participating in the same sport for Hudson HS (ie, played AAU basketball during your HS basketball season)?	Yes    NO
Have you, at any time, participated in an all star contest or national championship event?	Yes    NO
Have you, at any time, been paid in the form of cash, merchandise, or gift certificates, to participate in interscholastic athletics?	Yes    NO

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please meet with the athletic director immediately to review your athletic eligibility. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility and could result in team forfeits.

## Transportation Policy (Revised 8/21/09):

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Student (Please Print)	Sport	Grade	Date
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### Bus Transportation Policy

1. When provided, bus transportation is an integral part of interscholastic athletics and full team membership.
2. Students are allowed to ride home from away athletic contests with their parents provided that they have signed this form in advance and are signed out on the coach's sign out sheet.
3. It is the head coach's discretion to permit or deny student-athletes permission to ride home with their parents on either a yearly or contest basis.
4. Parents are allowed to sign out their child only unless prior written approval is granted by the athletic director.

### Self Transportation Policy

1. For events that Hudson Area Schools is not providing transportation, parents assume sole responsibility for transportation of their child both to and from the event.
2. When Hudson Area Schools does not provide transportation, parents shall be responsible for transportation of their child.
3. A transportation schedule will be provided that lists the transportation method for each event scheduled.
4. In the event that an event gets postponed or canceled, the method of transportation listed on the transportation schedule will be used.

I have read and understand the above policies and agree to follow them. By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of the transportation schedule for the **fall of 2017-2018**.

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Student Name (Please Print)	Student Signature	Date	Phone #
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