



ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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I. SPORTS GRADE ELIGIBILITY & SEASONS

All student athletes and managers are subject to meeting the academic and behavioral requirements of Bristol School outlined in the athletic handbook in order to participate in its athletics. The Bristol School district invites its students to participate in the following athletic programs.

Sport	Season	Grade			
		8	7	6	5
Boys & Girls Cross Country	<i>SEP-First Week in OCT</i>	X	X	X	X
Boys Softball	<i>SEP-First Week in OCT</i>	X	X	X	
Girls Softball	<i>SEP-First Week in OCT</i>	X	X	X	
Girls Basketball	<i>Mid OCT-First Week in DEC</i>	X	X	X	
Boys Basketball	<i>Early DEC-First week in FEB</i>	X	X	X	
Bristol Cheer	<i>Early DEC-First week in FEB</i>	X	X	*	
Girls Volleyball	<i>Early FEB-Middle of MARCH</i>	X	X	*	
Boys Volleyball	<i>Early FEB-Middle of MARCH</i>	X	X	*	
Boys & Girls Track	<i>Early APRIL-Mid MAY</i>	X	X	*	

*X- Eligible; *Activity opens to 6th grade students if rosters allow*

II. WAC PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ADDRESSES

School	Address
Brookwood Elementary School	1020 Hunters Ridge, Genoa City, WI 53128
Lakewood Elementary School	1218 Wilmot Avenue, Twin Lakes, WI 53181
Randall Consolidated Grade School	37101 87th Street, Burlington, WI 53105
Raymond Elementary School	2659 76th Street, Franksville, WI 53126
Riverview Elementary School	300 E Prosser Street, Silver Lake, Wisconsin 53170
Salem Consolidated Grade School	8828 Antioch Road, Salem, Wisconsin 53168
Trevor Wilmot Consolidated Grade School	26325 Wilmot Road, Trevor, Wisconsin 53179
Union Grove Elementary School	1745 Milldrum Street, Union Grove, WI 53182
Wheatland Center School	6606 368th Avenue, Burlington, Wisconsin 53105
Williams Bay Elementary School	250 Theatre Road, Williams Bay, WI 53191
Yorkville Elementary School	18621 Washington Avenue, Union Grove, WI 53182

III. PHILOSOPHY

We agree that athletic activities are an important part of a student's experience at Bristol School. These activities offer learning experiences and competitive opportunities in addition to those in the classroom. The staff of Bristol School encourages every student to participate in any athletic activity that he/she finds challenging or enjoyable.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

To maintain eligibility in an athletic program, a student athlete and their family must make a commitment to follow and maintain habits associated with the child's physical health, along with their academic and social progression. In addition, an athletic code of conduct is required for student athletes to follow in order to participate in athletic activities.

V. PHYSICAL HEALTH

During the sign up process for any athletic activity, guardians of student athletes will complete information pertaining to the physical health of the student athlete, including but not limited to any past concussion history. Families will communicate with the school district any medical needs that may require the attention of a coach. Families should ensure that their child has any necessary medications and medical aids during practice and at contests.

Links for parent and coaches Concussion Management Plans can be found at [Bristol's Athletic Web Page](#). A student-athlete displaying any sign or symptom consistent with a concussion shall be withheld from the competition or practice and shall not return to activity until receiving clearance from a licensed physician (MD or DO). The student-athlete's parent/guardian(s) shall be immediately notified of the situation.

All injuries incurred during an athletic contest or practice must be reported to the coach immediately. Bristol School assumes no financial responsibility for injuries occurring to athletes nor for ambulance fees.

Student athletes are expected to be mindful of the food and drink that he or she consumes, as well as to get the proper amount of rest recommended for their age group.

VI. ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION POLICIES

A. Academic Eligibility: Potential student athletes must be academically eligible during the athletic season. To be academically eligible to participate, potential student athletes must have a grade point average of 2.0 or better and no failing grades.

Student athletes will have their grades periodically monitored by the athletic director's office and the school's teaching faculty. Upon grade checks, any student athlete that has an overall grade point average below 2.0 in their core classes or an "F" in any subject area will become ineligible to participate in any competition(s) for 1 week (5 school days). However, s/he will be allowed to practice. After 1 week, if the grade point average is below a 2.0 and/or if there are still failing grades, s/he will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

B. Attendance At School: Students are expected to be in school every day. In order to participate in a try-out, practice, and/or game, students must be in attendance at least the second half of the school day, from 11:10 a.m. to dismissal. The principal may grant an exception depending on circumstances.

C. Student Behavior Requirements: Student athletes are to conduct themselves in a manner that exhibits safety, respect and responsibility to themselves and towards others during the school day as well as while at practice and games. A student athlete who fails to meet these expectations is subject to disciplinary action that can include and may not be limited to suspension from the team. In addition, all code violations (see V.) are subject to immediate disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will be determined by the school administration and athletic director.

D. Detentions: Student athletes are not excused from after school detentions because of participation in an athletic contest or practice.

E. Suspensions: A student athlete may not participate in practice or a game if they are suspended from school.

F. Practice and Game Attendance: Student athletes are expected to attend all practices and games. They must be excused from practice by the coach only. Parents/guardians should communicate to the coach any foreseen absences. An unexcused absence could result in decreased playing time or being ineligible for the next contest. Two or more unexcused absences may result in removal from the athletic team.

G. Early Release Days: Students may stay after school during early release days. Students will be provided a quiet location with adult supervision and are expected to remain in that supervised location from beginning time until dismissal to practice. Students are to abide by the same behavioral expectations set out in item "C."

If a student is sent home after school, (s)he should arrive to practice by the normal start time.

H. Personal Appearance: The student athlete's personal appearance not only reflects his/her attitudes, but also those of the school whom they represent. If there is a question

concerning any of the above items, a conference with the parents of said athlete, the athlete, the coach, and the administration will be held to discuss the matter.

I. Equipment: All student athletes are responsible for the equipment/uniforms that are shared with them for the specific athletic season. Student athletes are responsible for handling the item(s) with care. Any student issued equipment/uniform which has been carelessly handled, neglected, or lost, will be the responsibility of the family to replace. An invoice of the replacement cost will be provided. A student athlete may be held from participating in another athletic activity or receiving athletic awards until the equipment/uniform has been replaced. Athletic clothing and equipment issued by the school cannot be worn or used for personal use unless the coach has given authorization.

J. Athletic Fee: A \$20.00 athletic fee will be charged per student athlete for each sport s/he participates in, with a maximum of \$100.00 per family per school year. Fees will be collected at the beginning of each season. Once a family's total fee payment exceeds \$100.00, please contact the school's athletic director.

K. Transportation: Students must travel to and from out-of-town contests with the team. A student will not be allowed to travel on the school issued bus until a bus transportation form has been completed by the student athlete's guardian and the athletic fee submitted. If a parent is present at the out-of-town contest, the student may ride home with the parent provided that the parent signs a "Bristol Transportation Form" handed out by the coach after the contest is completed.

L. Squad Size: If the number of student athletes trying out for a team is more than the facilities, equipment, and coach can accommodate, selection will be made on the basis of ability shown during initial practices/tryouts and the attitude displayed by the student.

M. "A" Team and "B" Team: The "A" team is a competitive level of play. Student athletes are preparing for possible high school competition by developing more advanced game strategies and fundamentals. Playing time is determined by a number of factors including ability, knowledge and other criteria specified by the individual coaches. "A" team athletes are not entitled to playing time nor guaranteed a certain number of playing minutes. The coach decides the amount of playing time each "A" team player receives. The "B" team is a beginning level where players work on fundamentals and then are given the opportunity to practice those skills in a game situation. The "B" team is viewed as a building block for future "A" team competition, fundamental skill development, and learning to develop team play. While playing time might not be equal, all student athletes playing on the "B" team will be given the opportunity to perform in the contest. If a sport does include a "C" team, the same view will be held as the "B" team, however, all student athletes will have as equal of playing time as possible.

N. Parent Concerns: We understand that there may be times that come up when parents have concerns regarding various aspects of a sports season. Parents should immediately contact the coach should there be a concern regarding the child's health or absences. All other concerns should be expressed to the coach after a 24 hour waiting period. Coaching contact information can be found on the [Bristol Athletics Web Page](#). Issues not

appropriate to discuss with coaches include playing time, play calling, team strategy, or other student athletes. If you feel it necessary to express these concerns, please contact the athletic director and an appointment can be arranged.

O. Spectators: Being a spectator at a school sponsored event is considered a privilege. Proper spectator etiquette includes the following:

- Respect officials, coaches, and players and extend all courtesies to them.
- Positively cheer at the contest.
- Conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
- Respect and obey the expectations of school officials, supervisors, and security personnel.

Any student staying after school to attend any school sponsored event as a spectator must have a written note sent by a parent/guardian that gives the child permission to stay after school. Emails or text messages to coaches, the athletic director, or other school personnel will **not** be accepted as written permission from parents or guardians. Students will remain in a designated area prior to the event and be given permission to use the restroom or visit the concession stand. Students will not be permitted to leave those designated areas.

Only students in grades 5-8 are allowed to attend school sponsored events. Students in grades 3K through grade 4 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

VII. CODE VIOLATIONS

The following are considered violations of the athletic code:

A. Possession, use, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illicit drugs, or any other controlled substance. The abuse of prescription or over-the-counter drugs is prohibited.

B. Attendance at gatherings where alcohol, illicit drugs and/or other controlled substances are being used is prohibited. Students will be considered to have violated training rules by attending such gatherings, except as follows:

1. If a student attends one of these gatherings and immediately leaves when he/she becomes aware of the use of alcohol or illegal drugs, the student has not violated this code.
2. Attendance at an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in addition to food or recreational services (restaurants, bowling alley, etc.)

C. Involvement in criminal activities such as theft, burglary, assault, etc.

D. Being in a vehicle with open intoxicants and/or illicit drugs.

E. Violations of school rules that result in immediate in-school or out-of-school suspension or continuous violation of rules that lead to out-of-school suspensions will be considered violation of this code.

VIII. REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS

Athletic code violations may be observed or reported by administration, faculty, parents, students, or community members. Suspected violations reported by school or non-school personnel require a written report including the date, time, place, individuals involved, and description of the incident. When appropriate, the anonymity of the informant will be maintained. After the written report is filed with the administration, the athlete will be notified of the accusation and given the opportunity to contact his/her parent/guardian. An interview with the athlete or athlete and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be conducted by an administrator. If a violation is substantiated, the established penalties will be imposed.