

All Sports Parent Meeting

8/17/22

“Bath Community Schools athletics are an integral part of the educational experience which promotes a balance of academic, social, and athletic success while developing character, integrity, leadership, sportsmanship and commitment.”

Welcome!

- Introductions
- Erik Harrelson: BHS (641-6724) / BMS (641-6781) Athletic Director (ad@bathschools.net)
- Denise Wahrer: BMS Athletic Event Manager (dwahrer@bathschools.net)
- Kelly Paquet, Licensed Athletic Trainer (kellyandreapaquet@yahoo.com)

Fall High School Coaches

- * Cheer – Michelle Clark (mwalters@bath.k12.mi.us)
- * Cross Country: Roger Dunham (rogerdunham1@gmail.com)
- * Football – Varsity: Shane Lorenz (shane.j.lorenz@gmail.com), JV: Randall Hager (rhager50@yahoo.com)
- * Girls Golf – Chad Vietzke (cvietzke@bath.k12.mi.us)
- * Boys Soccer – Christian Zurchauer (czurchauer@bath.k12.mi.us)
- * Volleyball – Varsity: Kristen McIntyre (kmac0111@gmail.com), JV: Aaron Mayes (amayes@webbervilleschools.org)

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Fall Middle School Coaches

- * Cross Country: Dan Anibal (danibal@bathschools.net)
- * Volleyball – 7th Grade: Elizabeth Dunigan (edunigan@bathschools.net), 8th Grade: Betty Wilson (bettywilsongmh@aol.com)
- * Football: Chris Rypstra (crypstra@bathschools.net), Matt Stephens (mstephens@bathschools.net)

MS Practice Times

Practices begin on 8/23. A completed valid physical form is required prior to practicing.

- ❖ Football – 2:45- 4:30
- ❖ Cross Country – 2:45-4:00
- ❖ Volleyball – 7th Grade: 2:45-4:30, 8th Grade: 5:30 - 7:30

Concussion / COVID Protocols

- * Concussion:
 - * Return to Play Progression
 - * Cleared by approved medical provider for full participation
- * COVID Positive Athletes:
 - * Clearance from an approved medical provider to return to activity
 - * “No Return to Play Progression Necessary” or begin Return to Play Progression (as stipulated by C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital)

Schedules / Website

* Transportation:

* <https://www.brownbearsw.com/mc/BathSchools?CalendarName=transportation>

* Contests: <https://bathathletics.bigteams.com/>

* Follow us on Twitter: @BathHSAthletics

* Athletics Website: Updates in progress (OCR Issue / Digital Access / Visually Impaired)

* <https://www.bathschools.net/Athletics.aspx>

Handbook Content: Attendance

- * Athletes are required to be in school the entire day of an athletic event or practice. Athletes may not participate in a practice or competition if they are marked absent for any period during the day unless official documentation is provided to the athletic office.

Handbook Content: Weekly Eligibility

Weekly Eligibility:

* Faculty members will be asked to mark a weekly eligibility list based on citizenship and/or academic factors. Academic factors include probationary ("D") or failing grades. An athlete will not be allowed to compete in an interscholastic athletic contest if he/she is failing two or more classes or has any combination of 3 academic/behavioral marks. Academic marks are measured from the beginning of the term through Friday of the week before the competition. Note: Ineligibility will include Monday through Saturday of the eligibility week. Examples of situations that result in athletes being deemed ineligible:

- * 2 or more failing grades
- * 1 failing grade and 2 probationary ("D") grades
- * 1 failing grade and 2 citizenship marks
- * 1 failing grade, 1 probationary ("D") grade, and 1 citizenship mark
- * 3 citizenship marks

This list is not exhaustive, but illustrates how different factors can combine to make an athlete ineligible. An athlete will be required to practice even if he/she is not eligible for competition. If a student is ineligible, the coach will meet with the athlete to discuss his/her playing status.

Extra-Curricular Conflict Resolution Process

* All complaints MUST be heard at the lowest possible level **BEFORE** intervention by a higher authority can occur.

* A 24 hour “cooling off” period must be granted before any complaints are initiated.

* Complaints must be made within 10 days of the incident. For the sake of all parties, the entire process must be concluded within 30 days of the incident.

Step 1 **Start with the Source**

The player will speak directly to the coach. A cooling off period will be granted for all parties before a resolution is sought. This meeting should be done in private, away from practice sites and game arenas, and should be conducted face to face. Students who do not feel comfortable speaking solely to the coach may request a parent to be present; however, the meeting should be conducted by the athlete.

Step 2 **Move to program head**

This step is necessary only if the issue involves a subordinate or assistant (i.e. an assistant, JV coach, etc.). If going to the source does not resolve the problem, then the head of the program should be notified and he/she should attempt to facilitate a solution. If the “source” is the head of the program, move to step three.

Step 3 **Contact Athletic Director**

If an agreeable solution is not reached, then the athletic director will conduct a meeting between the parties (athlete, parents, coach) in an attempt to find resolution.

Step 4 **Contact Principal**

If an agreeable solution is still not reached, then the principal will conduct a meeting between the parties (athlete, parents, coach) in an attempt to find resolution.

Step 5 **Notify the Superintendent**

At this point in the process, individuals who still believe their disputes have not been resolved adequately can submit a written narrative of their complaint to the school superintendent. A copy of this will be given to all concerned parties, who will be afforded the option of a written rebuttal. After the superintendent has reviewed the documents he can conduct a meeting in a final attempt to resolve the dispute.

Step 6 **Request non-partisan School Board mediation**

This final step is appropriate only in extreme circumstances and shall follow the same process laid down for the superintendent.

MHSAA's Limited Team Membership

- * HS: A student who, after practicing with (including tryouts) or participating in an athletic contest or scrimmage as a member of a high school athletic team, participates in any athletic competition not sponsored by his or her school in the same sport during the same season, shall become ineligible for a minimum of the next three (3) days of competition and maximum of the remainder of that season in that school year.

MHSAA's Limited Team Membership

- * MS: A student who, after practicing with (including tryouts) or participating in an athletic contest or scrimmage as a member of a junior high/middle school athletic team, participates in any athletic competition not sponsored by his or her school in the same sport during the same season, shall become ineligible for a minimum of the next two (2) days of competition and a maximum of the remainder of that season in that school year.

Conduct at Contests

Helpful tips for parents / spectators:

- * Be mindful of the setting: Educational Athletics
- * Let the coaches do the coaching for all team members
- * Be your child's best fan; support him or her unconditionally
- * Model good sportsmanship at all times during competitions
- * Respect decisions made by contest officials
- * "In 2009 there were nearly 13,000 registered MHSAA officials. Since then, that total has fallen to just under 8,000." Saving Stripes Part 1: The Surging MHSAA Officials Shortage
- * April 4, 2022 [Joey DeBerardino](#)