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Athletic Handbook

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The following pages clearly explain the rules and policies that relate to the student/athlete at Clio High School/Carter Middle School. Parents should understand that participation in athletic programs is a privilege that students and parents must take seriously, as you will become the most visible representatives of our school and district. Please take the time to review these policies and rules with your son or daughter to ensure a clear understanding of the expectations placed upon them as student-athletes.

Clio Athletic Handbook

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Clio Area Schools Student Athletic Code Handbook

Message to Students and Parents:

This handbook is presented to you because of your interest in participating in our interscholastic athletic program.

The primary purpose of the athletic program in the Clio Area Schools is to promote the physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral well-being of the participants. It is the intent of the Clio Area Schools that athletics in our schools will be a positive force in preparing our young people for an enriching and vital role in our society.

The athletic program is considered an important and integral part of the total school program and is open to participation by all students in Clio Area Schools. Through voluntary participation, the athlete gives time, energy and loyalty to the integrity of the athletic program. The student also accepts the training rules, regulations, and responsibilities that are unique to an athletic program. In order to contribute to the good of the program, the athlete must assume these obligations as the role demands sacrifices not required of other students.

In addition to the *Student Athletic Handbook*, student athletes are also governed by the student handbook of their school and team.

Clio Area Schools is a tobacco free district, which includes all premises, vehicles and parking lots.

Please visit our school website at:

www.clioschools.org

Athletic Website:

www.clioathletics.org

Facebook: Clio High School Athletics

Twitter: @ClioAD

Flint Metro League Home page

<http://www.flintmetroleaguesports.com>



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Athletic Department Philosophy

Athletic participation is an integral part of the Clio Area Schools. Athletic participation is a privilege, not a right. Student-athletes represent Clio Schools and, therefore, are obligated to follow District, department, and team rules and regulations.

Varsity level sports shall reflect the belief that athletics is a competitive experience, and, therefore, not all athletes receive the same participation opportunities in games. Sub-varsity sports are intended to teach fundamental skills and to give students an opportunity to participate. All students on freshman and junior varsity teams will play in game situations provided they have fulfilled academic and team requirements.

Finally, athletics is only a part of the entire school program. Academic achievement of the student-athlete shall be the foremost priority. All athletes are expected to adhere to the academic guidelines as established in the student code of conduct and by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Clio High School Athletic Offerings

FALL

Freshman Girls Volleyball
JV Girls Volleyball
Varsity Girls Volleyball
Boys Cross Country
Girls Cross Country
Freshman Football
JV Football
Varsity Football
JV Girls Golf
Varsity Girls Golf
JV Boys Soccer
Varsity Boys Soccer
JV Boys Tennis
Varsity Boys Tennis

WINTER

Freshman Girls Basketball
JV Girls Basketball
Varsity Girls Basketball
JV Competitive Cheer
Varsity Competitive Cheer
Freshman Boys Basketball
JV Boys Basketball
Varsity Boys Basketball
JV Wrestling
Varsity Wrestling
Varsity Boys Bowling
Varsity Girls Bowling
JV Boys/Girls Bowling
Varsity Hockey

SPRING

JV Softball
Varsity Softball
Freshman Baseball
JV Baseball
Varsity Baseball
Boys/Girls Track
JV Girls Soccer
Varsity Girls Soccer
Boys JV Golf
Boys Varsity Golf
Girls JV Tennis
Girls Varsity Tennis

Student athletes should consider time, interests, academic responsibilities, and team requirements before committing to a team. Some varsity sports are very competitive, and team selection and playing time cannot be guaranteed.

Section I - Rules and Regulations for Athletes

It is important to recognize that while participating in interscholastic athletics, athletes are still governed by school rules and policy. Students may receive disciplinary action such as detention, suspension, or expulsion for offenses committed during athletic play.

- A. **Governing Rules:** The rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) must be followed as minimal regulations where more stringent district, league, school, or team rules are not specified.
- B. **Duration of the Athletic Code:** The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any violations from the time that a student-athlete becomes eligible for participation in athletic contests sponsored by the school district until the student-athlete graduates from high school. **The code of conduct for athletes is in effect seven days a week, 24 hours a day, year round.**
- C. **Supplemental Rules and Regulations:** Supplemental rules and regulations unique to a given sport may be implemented upon the approval of the athletic director provided that they are not in conflict with the athletic or student codes. These rules will be presented to participants in writing prior to the start of the season, except under special circumstances as approved by the athletic director.

Violation of these rules may be cause for disciplinary action by the coach or building administration.

- D. **Conduct of the Athlete:** Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is above reproach, and abide by this at school or away from school. Once the student has been deemed an “athlete,” he/she will be responsible for abiding by the rules and regulations until graduation. The school reserves the right to investigate and enforce violations that occur on or off school grounds during the season and in the off-season. Violations as outlined in the handbook will be determined as follows:

CLASS I VIOLATIONS:

Class I violations are serious acts, and may include, but are not limited to:

1. Possession, use, or transfer of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.
2. Possession, use, or transfer of an alcoholic beverage, or like.
3. Possession or use of tobacco, electronic cigarette, vaporizer, or like.
4. Possession, use, or transfer of a weapon.
5. Theft
6. Arson
7. Vandalism
8. Gross misbehavior
9. Persistent disobedience
10. Striking or threatening school personnel
11. Hazing

DISCIPLINARY ACTION - CLASS I VIOLATIONS

The athletic director or principal will meet with the athlete and will issue the following disciplinary action upon determining an athlete has committed a Class I violation:

1st offense: The student shall be suspended from competition for 21 calendar days, not to exceed 1/3 of scheduled competitions. This suspension will carry over to the next sports season for the athlete. The student will be placed on athletic probation for one year. Students who are disciplined for alcohol or tobacco use may have the period of suspension reduced pending enrollment, attendance, and completion of a recognized substance abuse program. The student-athlete and parent(s)/guardian must provide proof of assessment and/or enrollment. Clio Schools will not be financially responsible for the chosen assessment or program.

2nd offense: The student will be dismissed from athletics for one full year and one year of additional probation following reinstatement in athletics. The athletic director/administrator may use discretion in reducing consequences if alternative requirements are met.

3rd offense: The student shall lose the privilege of athletic participation at Clio High School.

Note: Student-athletes are expected to avoid association at activities where the illegal use of alcohol or drugs is present. The student-athlete must make a conscious effort to leave the area of situation when he/she realizes a controlled substance is

being used or is in his/her presence. A student's presence at such an area or situation WILL result in disciplinary action as well.

Parents will be contacted via phone, email, or written communication by the athletic director and informed of the violation and the disciplinary action taken. Class I sanctions are in effect for all four years of high school eligibility. The disciplinary action recommended in each case should be considered a minimum, and if circumstances warrant, a more severe penalty will result.

CLASS II VIOLATIONS:

Class II violations relate to conduct unbecoming of a student, and may include, but are not limited to:

1. Truancy
2. Fighting
3. Insubordination
4. Threatening and/or harassing students
5. Cheating and/or forgery
6. Repeated referrals or dismissals from class
7. Inappropriate behavior
8. Conduct unbecoming of an athlete

DISCIPLINARY ACTION – CLASS II VIOLATIONS

The coach, athletic director, or principal will meet with the athlete and will issue the following disciplinary action determining an athlete has committed a Class II violation:

1st offense: Discipline shall be administered according to the circumstances. It may include a loss of athletic participation for up to five activity days.

2nd offense: Discipline shall be administered according to the circumstances. It may include a loss of athletic participation for up to ten days depending on the severity of the violation.

3rd offense: The student shall lose the privilege of ALL athletic participation for ten activity days or more.

Parents will be contacted by the athletic director (via phone, email or written communication) and informed of the violation and the disciplinary action taken. Class II sanctions are in effect for one calendar year from the first offense. The disciplinary

action recommended in each case should be considered a minimum, and if circumstances warrant, a more severe penalty will result.

E. Self-Reporting: In the case of a first or second offense of either a Class I or Class II violation, if the student or student's parent voluntarily informs school officials of the violation, disciplinary action may be reduced up to 50%. Athletes who, when questioned, deny responsibility, and then who are found "guilty" later may be subject to additional penalties.

F. Sportsmanship/Language/Conduct

- Student-athletes must exhibit good sportsmanship both in and out of competition. They are to show respect for all opponents, officials, coaches, and other people with whom they may come into contact.
- The use of vulgar or profane language is unacceptable anywhere and at any time.
- Fighting, taunting, or otherwise provoking conflict with opponents or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Any actions or behavior by student-athletes that are judged to be inappropriate by coaches or school administration may also result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the team.
- Any student who is ejected from a contest will be ineligible for participation in the next contest in accordance with MHSAA rules. In addition, the athlete may be ineligible for at least one additional contest enforced by the Clio Area Schools. Athletes may be subject to additional discipline deemed appropriate by the athletic director. Suspensions from play cannot be served concurrently.

G Dress Policy

1. All student athletes will be expected to meet the minimum standard for the school dress code while at practices, games and other school-associated activities, except for those instances where the expected uniform or training equipment is less than the dress code allows (i.e. a swimsuit).

Interpretations of this requirement include, but are not limited to:

- a. Male athletes in sports such as football, basketball, soccer, etc. must always wear a shirt and shorts while participating in team activities.
- b. Female athletes may not practice or participate while only wearing a sports bra or the equivalent.

2. When teams travel to away sites, they will have two options for where they may change into uniforms:
 - a. At CHS/CMS, in a locker room or bathroom prior to leaving for their contest.
 - b. At the host facility in a locker room or bathroom. Should the athletes not be aware of the availability of proper changing facilities at the away school, then they are to change at school prior to leaving.

Students (male and female) are not to change (remove clothing down to only underwear, bare chest, etc.) while on a school bus or in the public domain (i.e. in a gym, behind a bench).

I. Performance Enhancing Drugs

Many nutritional/dietary supplements contain banned substances. In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not strictly regulate the supplement industry; therefore, purity and safety of nutritional dietary supplements cannot be guaranteed.

Impure supplements may lead to a positive drug test. The use of supplements is at the student-athlete's own risk. Student-athletes should contact their physician for further information. Possession or use of any National Collegiate Athletic Association banned drug is not permitted and shall subject the student to the same penalties that have been established for possession/use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs.

The Department of Community Health shall develop, periodically update and make available to school districts, public school academies and nonpublic schools a list of performance-enhancing substances. The Department of Community Health shall base the list on the list of banned drugs contained in the Bylaws of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

J. Suspension From School

Athletes suspended from school are not permitted to attend practices or games at any facility, home or away, during the period of their suspension.

K. Transportation

Athletes will ride to and from athletic contests on school supplied transportation when available. Athletes may ride home from a contest

with their parents or authorized adult, provided their parents have signed the transportation waiver form. When the district does not provide transportation, athletes may use personal vehicles provided that said athlete is a licensed driver, has permission of the coach, athletic director, and parents have signed the transportation waiver form.

Written arrangement between the parents, coach, and athletic director must be made 24 hours prior to the contest or scrimmage.

Matters of convenience are not considered acceptable for granting of the waiver. Repeated disregard to this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Parents/Guardians must understand that their signature on a release form for alternate transportation waives their child's coverage through the MHSAA insurance plan.

*Student athletes are subject to search of their belongings at any time while being transported to and from an event and during the event.

L. School Attendance on Day of Contest

Students must be in school the entire day of a contest and practices in order to participate. Prior arrangements must be made with the athletic director if a student must be absent any part of the day of a practice or contest before the player is permitted to participate.

M. Attendance at Mandatory Practices

Unexcused absence or tardiness to practice will be handled by the coach of each sport and could result in suspension or in persistent cases, dismissal from the team. A student is expected to be in attendance at school all day to participate in a practice. If it is reported that a student fails to meet this obligation, the student's coach will be notified of his/her prohibition from that day's practice. Remember: If a student is more than five minutes late to a class or is released early, it counts as an absence.

N. Practices / Games on Inclement Weather Days

At no time will Clio Schools demand that an athlete place his/her safety or the safety of anyone else in jeopardy. Practice sessions will not be held on days that school has been cancelled because of inclement weather unless the athletic director has given clearance. If practice is allowed, it will be considered non-mandatory.

In the case of inclement weather / school cancellation, the district administration shall make the determination to continue to participate in a scheduled athletic event, postpone the event to a later date, or cancel the event completely. In any case, the administrative decision shall be communicated through the athletic director.

O. Dual Participation

Once an athlete has started practicing in a sport, he/she may not change to another sport during that season without permission of the athletic director and both coaches. If an athlete is cut from a team in one sport, he/she is encouraged to try out for a team in another sport. If an athlete is dropped by a coach for disciplinary reasons or quits a team after the first schedule contest, he/she will not be permitted to participate in any other sport until that season is over. This includes pre-season workouts.

A student may not participate in more than one sport in the same sports season without prior approval of the athletic director. The student must devise a plan of participation and receive the written approval of both coaches involved prior to the start of the season. The student must also declare one sport his/her primary sport and participate in all contests and mandatory practices of that sport unless the coach of that sport has granted prior approval. If a student fails to uphold his/her agreement as laid out in his/her written plan, he/she will be required to drop his/her second sport.

In the event that there are overlapping seasons, a student must complete his/her obligation to the prior sports season before beginning the next season. Under no circumstances will any student be forced to tryout for a team until his/her current season has ended.

P. School Equipment and Fees

It is the responsibility of the student athlete to return all school-issued equipment to the appropriate coach at the end of the season. Equipment will not be accepted in the athletic office or the main office. Equipment should be returned clean, and any needed repairs should be noted at the time of return. Any lost, stolen, damaged, or unreturned equipment and uniforms are the financial responsibility of the student. He/she will not be permitted to participate in any other extra-curricular activity until equipment is returned or reimbursement is made. This debt will be accrued. Students will not be allowed to participate in driver's education or receive their cap and gown for graduation until the debt has been paid.

The same circumstances apply for any and all fees owed to the district for any reason (media center, lunch account, etc.). He/she will not be permitted to participate in any other extra-curricular activity until equipment is returned or reimbursement is made. These debts will be accrued. Students will not be allowed to participate in driver's education or receive their cap and gown for graduation until the debts have been paid.

Q. Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

Cell phones are to be used for emergencies only. Cell phone use is prohibited in all locker room areas. Failure to comply will result in the confiscation of phone and possible disciplinary action by the coach, athletic director, and/or principal.

The use of video on school-sponsored transportation is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will result in the device being confiscated and possible disciplinary action by the coach, athletic director, and/or principal. The use of audio will be left to the discretion of individual coaches.

R. Fundraising

The Clio Board of Education will allow fundraising by students in school, on school property, or at school sponsored events only when the profit made is to be used for school purposes or for an activity connected with the school.

In School/On School Property

All fundraising activities by school organizations whose funds are managed by the District must receive prior written approval of the principal and superintendent.

Off School Property

All fundraising activities off school property must receive the prior written approval of the principal and the superintendent.

S. Insurance

Upon signing the CLIO ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION PERMISSION CARD, the parent(s)/guardians assumes all financial responsibility in case an injury occurs. Parents should make a claim for injury through their own family health/accident insurance plan. The school district does NOT

provide insurance, hospitalization nor ambulance service coverage for its athletes. Athletic participation is voluntary, and the student and his/her parent participate with the knowledge that athletic training and competition, though rare, involves the risk of minor to major injury, catastrophic injury, and even death.

All injuries must be reported immediately by the athlete to the coach, and subsequently, to the athletic trainer, if provided. When injuries are serious in nature, they must be reported to the athletic director.

T. Health and Safety/Trainer Expectations

Injury/Illness: In the event an athlete is removed from athletic participation due to injury or illness, the athlete must be evaluated and returned (full, as tolerated, or limited) by the covering athletic trainer or the athletic director. If there is no athletic trainer on-site, good judgment must be used by the coach, athlete, parent, or combination.

Return to Participation: If an athlete seeks medical treatment or is directed to be evaluated by a doctor (MD or DO), physician's assistant (PA), or nurse practitioner (NP) the athlete must have written clearance on a script pad, office letterhead, or Clio District Return-to Participation form in order to return to participation. Athletic administration and staff hold the right to withhold any athlete from participation for precautionary reasons.

PER MHSAA Concussion: If a student is withheld from competition due to a suspected concussion, he/she may not return at all on that day and only on a subsequent day with the clearance of a MD or DO. The concussion return-to participate form can be picked up from our athletic office or athletic trainer. In addition to the MD or DO clearance, all athletes will follow the five-step progression process.

U. Athletic Training Room

The Athletic Training Room is for the use of the Certified Athletic Trainer during the necessary treatment for basic first aid and other appropriate medical care needed by student-athletes during participation in high school extra-curricular athletics at Clio High School. Students/Coaches/Parents/Staff should treat it as the medical facility that it is. Rules will be maintained by the athletic trainer in consultation with the athletic director.

V. Drivers Training

Student athletes will not be able to be involved in any Driver's Training

while they are participating in a sport, unless that program does not conflict with sports practice and/or competition schedules. Athletics is a privilege and a choice that students make to enrich their high school experience. We encourage students to be as involved in as many extracurricular activities as possible. At some point, though, students have to commit to what they choose. Missing the practice or competition time from a sports team to take Driver's Training is not fair to those that are fully committed. There are plenty of opportunities to complete this outside of the athletic seasons.

Section II - Eligibility for Participants

A. Enrollment

1. To be eligible for interscholastic athletics during the first and second semesters of the school year, a student must be enrolled in high school no later than the fourth Friday after Labor Day.
2. To be eligible for interscholastic athletics during the second semester of the school year, a student must be enrolled in high school not later than the fourth Friday of February.
3. Exceptions to this rule are outlined in the bylaws of the MHSAA.

B. Transfer Students

Students must have moved to a new school district accompanied by all persons with whom they were previously living or must have transferred for equally valid reasons. The parent(s) or guardian(s) must check with the athletic director under all conditions.

C. Age

A student who competes in any high school interscholastic athletic contest must be under nineteen (19) years of age. If a student becomes nineteen on or after September 1st of the current school year, he/she is eligible for participation for the balance of that school year.

D. Semesters of Eligibility

A student who has been enrolled in grades 9-12 for more than eight semesters, as defined by the MHSAA, shall not compete in any athletic practice or contest.

E. Seasons of Competition

A student shall not compete in athletics who has been enrolled in grades 9—12, inclusive, for more than 8 semesters or 12 trimesters.

F. Physical Examinations

A student-athlete must have a current physical on file signed by a medical doctor and taken after April 15th in the athletic office prior to competing in any athletic practice or contest. Physical examinations for athletics shall be the responsibility of the parents. There are no exceptions to this rule.

G. Academic Eligibility

Clio Area Schools takes great pride in emphasizing the academic accomplishments of the students in our schools. The student-athletes must meet minimum requirements in order to participate in athletics.

- Students are required to pass 5 out of 6 classes per previous semester to be eligible for participation in Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) sponsored activities and extracurricular activities sponsored by CHS.
- Deficiencies in credits of the previous semester, including incompletes may be made up during a subsequent semester. Eligibility may be reinstated once the credit has been regained.
- Additionally, students are required to be passing **ALL** of their current classes to be eligible to tryout for Winter and Spring sports.
- Eligibility checks will take place on all extra-curricular activities weekly. **Any athlete who is failing a class will become ineligible for**

at least the next Monday through Sunday. During the period of ineligibility, a student:

- Week One will consist of a warning to the student-athlete.
 - Week Two:
 - May not compete in interscholastic contests.
 - Must attend three hours of mandatory tutoring at the high school during that week of ineligibility.
 - May attend practice sessions.
 - **If all classes indicate passing grades the following Friday, the athlete may return to competition starting Monday of the following week.**
 - Week Three:
 - Will be removed from competition and practices for not less than the following Monday through Sunday.
 - Must attend three hours of mandatory tutoring at the high school during that week of ineligibility.
 - **If all classes indicate passing grades the following Friday, the athlete may return to competition starting Monday the following week.**
 - Week Four:
 - **If all classes indicate passing grades the following Friday, the athlete may return to competition starting Monday the next week. After the third week, if the athlete's grades do not indicate passing all subjects, he/she will be removed from the athletic team and all athletic awards will be forfeited.**
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- Special Education students may be exempt from the District's Athletic Eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities if indicated in an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan). Such students, however, have to meet the MHSAA eligibility requirements to participate in interscholastic sports.

For 2022-2023, this process will begin after the second week of the season on the following dates:

Fall Sports	September 2, 2022
Winter Sports	December 23, 2023
Spring Sports	April 5, 2023

Transfer students will be allowed a one week grace period before their eligibility will be monitored on a weekly basis.

Appeals of the Academic Policy

Level One Hearing

A student who wishes to appeal his/her eligibility must make his/her request to the athletic director before 12:00 p.m. on Monday. The athletic director will hear the appeal. The basis for granting eligibility is the existence of clearly established extenuating circumstances.

Level Two Hearing

A student who is not satisfied with the decision of the level one hearing may appeal the decision to the building principal. The student will be permitted to continue in extra-curricular activities during the appeal process. The appeal will take place no later than the following Tuesday, and decisions of the building principal in matters of athletic eligibility shall be final.

H. Amateur Status

- Student-athletes cannot have received money or other valuable considerations from any source for participation in athletics, received money or valuable considerations for officiating interscholastic athletic contests, or signed a professional contract.

I. Outside Athletic Competition

- A student-athlete cannot participate in any athletic team competition in the same sport during the same season or cannot participate in a postseason all-star charity or exhibition game in football, basketball, competitive cheer, or ice hockey at any time.

Section III - Appeals Procedure for Athletes

In cases of dispute, athletes and parents are asked to consult with the coach involved to resolve the dispute. Decisions by the coach should be appealed to the athletic director if there is not satisfactory relief received in consulting with the coach. Decisions of the

athletic director may be appealed to the building principal. **All decisions of the building principal are final in matters pertaining to athletics.**

Section IV - Participation Fees

All students participating in extracurricular activities in the Clio Area Schools will be required to pay a participation fee. These fees will apply per student.

Fees for the current school year are as follows:

High School

\$50 one time flat fee

Middle School

\$25 one time flat fee

Participation fee must be paid by the end of the second week of official practice for each team. Fees will be collected in the athletic office during regular school hours. Students who have not paid their fees will not be able to participate in a contest until their fees have been paid unless they have approval of the athletic director.

Fees are not refundable. Voluntary withdrawal, lack of playing time, academic ineligibility, or disciplinary actions taken by the coach or administration will not be the basis for refunding fees.

Failure to pay participation fees will result in the loss of the opportunity for participation. If a student's family has financial difficulty in paying participation fees, that student will not be denied the opportunity to participate. Any student who wishes to participate, but is unable to because of financial hardship, should contact the athletic director. The participation fee will be waived for students eligible for free/reduced lunch.

Section V- Parent/Coach Communication

A. The Parent /Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, people are better able to

accept the actions of others and provide greater benefit to the student. As parents, when their children become involved in athletic programs, they have a right to understand what expectations are placed on their child. This begins with clear communication from the coach.

B. Communication Parents Should Expect from Their Child's Coach:

1. Expectations the coach has for a child as well as all players on the squad.
2. Locations and times of practices and contests.
3. Team requirements such as fees, special equipment, and off-season conditioning.
4. Procedures should a child be injured during practice or competition.
5. Written team rules and guidelines.
6. A requirement for earning letters on each team.

C. Communication Coaches Expect from Athletes:

1. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance.
2. Special concerns in regards to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As student athletes become involved in the athletic programs in the Clio Area Schools, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there will also be times when things do not go the way the student would like. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

D. Appropriate Concerns for Parents to Discuss with Coaches

1. The physical and mental treatment of their child.
2. Ways to help their child improve.
3. Concerns about their child's behavior.

It can be very difficult for parents to accept that their child is not playing as much as they may hope. Certain things can and should be discussed with their child's coach. Other things, such as the following, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

E. Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches:

1. Playing Time
2. Team Strategy
3. Play Selection
4. Other Student Athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These meetings are encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

F. Conferences with Coaching Staff

1. An appointment must be made with the coach.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, the parent should call the athletic director. He/she will set up a meeting for the parent.
3. **Please DO NOT attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for a parent, athlete and/or coach. Meetings of this nature seldom promote positive resolutions.**
4. Failure to adhere could result in dismissal and/or banning from future athletic contests.

G. What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

1. Call and set up an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step will be determined.

Acknowledgement of Receipt
Student-Athlete

I have read and understand the information provided in this document. I understand that this handbook is meant to provide a framework for policy in the Clio Area Schools and is not all encompassing. Situations that may arise will be dealt with on an individual basis.

By participating in athletic programs in the Clio Area Schools, I agree to adhere to the rules of my school, my team, and the athletic department.

Failure to read and understand this document does not excuse me from violation of district, school, team, or athletic department policy.

Print **Student** Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Acknowledgement of Receipt
Parent

I have read and understand the information provided in this document. I understand that this handbook is meant to provide a framework for policy in the Clio Area Schools and is not all encompassing. Situations that may arise will be dealt with on an individual basis.

By allowing my child to participate in athletic programs in the Clio Area Schools, I agree that he/she will adhere to the rules of his/her school, his/her team, and the athletic department. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Failure to read and understand this document does not excuse me from violation of District, school, team, or athletic department policy.

Print **Parent** Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

**If you request that your child
NOT be photographed by the
Clio Area Schools or any
newspapers, magazines, media
outlets, etc. for publications or
productions related to Clio High
School, the Flint Metro League,
or MHSAA athletic events, you
must notify the athletic
director, in writing, prior to
August 1st of the current
school year.**