

# Winter Preseason Meeting



November 13, 2023





# PURPOSE



- One message
  - Goals of Education-Based Athletics
  - Expectations
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# Who needs Impact test?



- Contact sports only
    - Track, Swim (but not divers), Unified Basketball excluded in winter
  - Freshmen
  - Juniors
  - Transfer students
  - Anyone new to HS sports
  - Anyone whose last baseline test was more than two years ago (must have been taken after March 20, 2022)
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# Education-Based Athletics



- The “other half of education” or “the last class of the day”
    - Extension of the classroom.
    - Complements the education experience.
    - Life lessons that are often not taught or learned elsewhere.
  
  - Enhances the academic mission of the school and district.
    - “The Nashua School District will educate the whole child to empower student success.”
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# Nashua Athletics Culture



Excel in *academics*,  
*sportsmanship* and athletics  
while building pride within the school  
and the *community*.

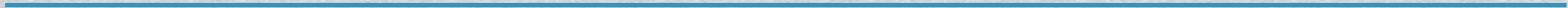
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# Nashua Athletics Culture



- Accountability
  - Commitment
    - Excellence
      - Responsibility
        - Sportsmanship





# **Sportsmanship**



**“Ethical, appropriate, polite,  
and fair behavior.”**

**AT ALL TIMES**

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# Bullying



- Nashua School District policy JICK
  - NH RSA 193-F
  - Bullying is hereby defined as a **single significant incident** or a **pattern of incidents** involving a written, verbal, or electronic communication, or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at another student which:
    - Physically harms a student or damages the student's property;
    - Causes emotional distress to a student;
    - Interferes with a student's educational opportunities;
    - Creates a hostile educational environment; or
    - Substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school.
  - Bullying shall also include actions motivated by an imbalance of power based on a student's actual or perceived personal characteristics, behaviors, or beliefs, or motivated by the student's association with another person and based on the other person's characteristics, behaviors, or beliefs.
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# Bullying



- The Nashua School District is committed to providing all students a safe and secure school environment.
  - Conduct constituting bullying and/or cyberbullying will not be tolerated and is hereby prohibited.
  - The District reserves the right to address bullying and, if necessary, impose discipline for bullying that:
    - Occurs on, or is delivered to, school property or a school-sponsored activity or event on or off school property; or
    - Occurs off of school property or outside of a school-sponsored activity or event, if the **conduct interferes with a student's educational opportunities** or substantially disrupts the orderly operations of the school or school-sponsored activity or event.
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# STUDENT Expectations



- **Be a good teammate.**
  - Student-Athlete Parent Handbook
  - Get the job done in the classroom first.
  - Go to class and be on time.
  - Maintain highest level of character —even if no one is watching.
  - Conduct self in a positive, courteous, respectful manner.
  - Play multiple sports.
  - Display good sportsmanship.
  - Use social media in positive ways only.
  - Listen to and learn from your coaches.
  - Act as a role model for peers and younger students.
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# PARENT Expectations



- Student-Athlete Parent Handbook
  - Model appropriate behavior and demand the same from others.
  - Use social media in positive ways only.
  - Let the players play, the coaches coach, and the officials officiate.
  - Post-game comments to your child should be “I love watching you play” rather than an analysis of the game or coaching tips.
  - Cheer like crazy for ALL of the players/team members.
  - Support and complement the coaching staff.
  - Respect and promote the program.
  - Encourage multi-sport participation
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# COACH Expectations



- Student-Athlete Parent & Coach Handbooks
  - Model appropriate behavior.
  - Treat all players and parents fairly.
  - Use social media in positive ways only.
  - Clear and consistent communication with parents about schedules etc.
  - Communication with players regarding roles and responsibilities within the team and program.
  - Health and Safety of all student-athletes.
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# AD Expectations



- Focus on the student
  - Provide guidance and direction
  - Role model
  - Visible
  - Available
  - Support
  - Hire the best possible coaches
  - Make decisions that are fair and consistent
  - Manage and lead all aspects of Nashua Athletics
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# Communication



- Parent with Player
  - Player with Coach
  - Parent and Player with Coach (24-hour rule)
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# Transportation



- All players, managers, and coaches are required to be on the bus to away events.
  
  - Player riding home with parent from away game
    - ✓ Own child only
    - ✓ Notify the Athletic office by 2:00pm the previous school day for permission not to return home on a bus.
    - ✓ Weekend events require notification by 2:00pm on Friday
  
  - **Students MAY NOT drive themselves.**
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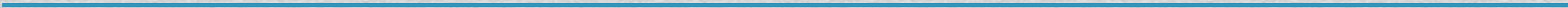
# Athletics Website & Twitter



[www.NashuaNorthAthletics.com](http://www.NashuaNorthAthletics.com)

[www.NashuaSouthAthletics.com](http://www.NashuaSouthAthletics.com)

- Game & Event Schedules
  - Student-athlete parent handbook
  - Registration/eligibility information
  - Fan Accounts
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- Twitter
    - @nashuaathletics







# Student Approval Process



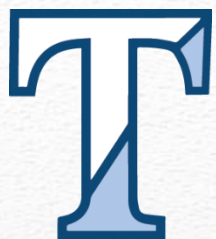
- Enrolled
  - Registered
  - Physical (on or after July 1, 2022)
  - Academics
  - Baseline Impact Test (on or after March 20, 2022)
  - Other
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# Academic Eligibility **\*\*\* NEW \*\*\***



- Based on grades from Q1 grades – November 14
  - Guide to Athletic Academic Eligibility
  - No Academic Waivers
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# Academic Eligibility

\*\*\* **NEW** \*\*\*



<b>ELIGIBLE</b>	<b>CONDITIONALLY ELIGIBLE</b>	<b>NOT ELIGIBLE</b>
<p>✓ Minimum of 3 classes</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ No more than ONE non-passing grade (F, NC, Fail, Inc)</p>	<p>✓ Minimum of 3 classes</p> <p>AND</p> <p>✓ Do not fall into either of the other two categories</p> <hr/> <p>✓ Weekly progress reports</p> <p>✓ Monitored by Athletic Office, coaches, teachers, etc</p>	<p>✓ Fewer than 3 classes</p> <p>AND/OR</p> <p>✓ Pass fewer than 50% of classes</p>



# School attendance



- Student-athletes and parents must report absences and tardies appropriately at the beginning of the school day.
  - The Athletic Office cannot override the official school attendance.
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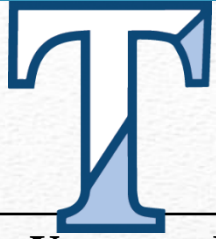
# T School Attendance



<b>ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE</b>	<b>NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE*</b>
<p>In school minimum of 2 ½ blocks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Not in school</li><li>✓ Nurse dismissal</li><li>✓ Tardy or dismissed (excused or unexcused) so not in school 2 ½ blocks</li><li>✓ Weekend event/practice – was not in school Friday</li><li>✓ Vacation/holiday event/practice – was not in school last day before vacation/holiday</li><li>✓ Suspended (in-school or out)</li><li>✓ Unexcused tardy 4-9</li></ul>

\* Extenuating circumstances must be cleared by the athletic office.

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# School Tardies



Unexcused Tardy #	Consequence	Notes
4	Sit that day	If practice day – whether they compete in next event is up to you
5	Sit that day AND Sit next event	If event day – they miss today’s event and then next event.
6	Sit that day AND Sit next event  Missed events are cumulative	If event day – they miss today’s event and then next event. If #6 occurs before they sit the event for #5 – they sit the next 2 events.
7		If event day – they miss today’s event and then next event. If #7 occurs before they sit the event for #5 and/or #6 – they add on
8		If event day – they miss today’s event and then next event. If #8 occurs before they sit the event(s) for previous unexcused tardies – the missed events add on.
9		If event day – they miss today’s event and then next event. If #9 occurs before they sit the event(s) for previous unexcused tardies – the missed events add on.
10		Dismissed from team



# District & state policies



- Behavioral & Academic Expectations
  - Bullying, Hazing, and Taunting
  - Non-school competition
  - Sportsmanship
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# Non-school Competition



**THIS IS NOT A COACH'S DECISION**

NHIAA By-Law Article II Section 7

“members of a school team, as of the first date to practice in that sport, are prevented from missing a high school practice or competition to compete with an out-of-school team, practice or competition to include tournaments, showcases, combines or other athletic events.”

Penalty

1<sup>st</sup> offense: out for 4 events or 3 weeks whichever is greater

2nd offense: out for remainder of school year

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# Disqualifications



**An ejection or disqualification from an event is a subjective decision by the officials and cannot be protested or appealed.**

Suspensions will be in place regardless of the reason for the ejection/disqualification.

- 2 game suspension
- 4 game suspension if due to a fight
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense in season leads to disqualification for balance of season

**All ejections require a meeting with the Athletic Director and viewing of the NFHS Sportsmanship video.**

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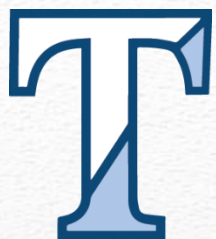
ALL Nashua School District Policies

([www.Nashua.edu](http://www.Nashua.edu))

NHIAA Member School – ALL By-Laws

([www.NHIAA.org](http://www.NHIAA.org))

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# Important Dates



- Start Dates
    - Swim/Dive started today
    - Unified Basketball starts December 4
    - All other winter sports begin November 27
  
  - Registration Closes
    - Midnight on the first day of practice/tryouts for all sports
  
  - Awards Night:           Tuesday, March 5  
  North at 6:00 pm/South at 7:00 pm
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