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Introduction

The Athletic Department's philosophy statement was written to guide the development and enhancement of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School District interscholastic athletic program. This statement is aligned with our building and departmental goals and action plan to support and enhance the daily instruction of SBEP student-athletes. The statement will be updated annually to ensure that the athletic program continues to promote the growth and well-being of our student-athletes.

Our student-athletes are obligated to conform to the SBEP Athletic Code of Conduct (as established by the Board of Education), the Athletic Department substance abuse policy, and any other policies enacted by the Athletic Department. Student-athletes must also follow specific rules and regulations established by the coaches of each specific sport.

It is a privilege to participate in the athletic program. As such, a condition of participation in the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District athletic program is a commitment to follow the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures established by the district for the implementation of its athletic programs. Athletes who violate the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures will face disciplinary action.

Statement of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletic Philosophy

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletic Department is committed to providing opportunities for each student-athlete to achieve his/her athletic, academic, physical, mental, and social potential.

We believe that, by promoting sportsmanship at all levels, the athletic program instills pride, reinforces a value structure, and enhances the individual's self-image, as well as those of the school district and the community.

Academic Eligibility for Students

Providing a quality education is every school's primary objective. Interscholastic athletics is an extension of the classroom. In order to maintain high standards of academic accountability, the following academic eligibility requirements must be met each week or after each quarter to continue participation.

Quarterly Eligibility Based on the Quarterly GPA

For the 2020-21 school year, students participating in all extracurricular activities will be required to maintain a 1.5 quarterly grade point average (GPA) at the end of each quarter. If a student's quarterly GPA falls below a 1.5 at the end of any quarter, the student-athlete will be ineligible until the end of the next quarter. The eligibility standards shall never be less than those mandated by the OHSAA.

Quarterly OHSAA Scholarship Requirements

This document will focus on Bylaw 4-4-1 from the OHSAA Handbook– High School Scholastic Standard. This bylaw reads as follows:

In order to be eligible in grades 9-12, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period. They may also be established as a home school student residing in the school district or be in an alternative placement program. For the purpose of Bylaw 4, Section 4, the term "grading period" is defined as the school's Board-adopted calendar (e.g., six-week, nine-week, 12 week or semester) and does not mean an interim marking period. Furthermore, during the preceding grading period, the student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses or the equivalent, each of which counts toward graduation. For the purpose of this bylaw, the term "immediately preceding grading period" refers to the grading period of the school which immediately precedes the grading period in question.

Bylaw 4-4-1 is the OHSAA's basic eligibility rule. It is based on a school's grading period and requires a student to have received passing grades in subjects that are worth an equivalent of five one-credit courses when the grading period in each subject is concluded.

Bylaws 4-4-4 and 4-4-5 are from the OHSAA Handbook - Grade 7-8 Scholastic Standard. The Bylaw reads as follows:

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement. Thereafter, to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades. For additional questions concerning quarterly eligibility requirements of the OHSAA please visit: <http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Scholarship>

Summer school grades may not be substituted for failing grades from the last grading period of the regular school year.

Weekly Grade Checks

Student-athletes will be required to have a weekly grade check sheet completed by their teachers each Friday while in season. Any student receiving two "F's" will be required to attend a study table at least once during the following two weeks unless evidence is provided that all grades are above a 1.0. Any student who does not attend study tables will be disqualified for the following week of competition (Monday through Sunday).

This process will continue throughout the athletic season. Competition disqualification will go into effect the Monday after non-compliance is reported and will not exceed three contests in any given week (Monday-Sunday). Coaches will communicate with student-athletes about participation status. Students will remain eligible to practice while competitive participation is denied. If a student's ineligibility continues, the administration will determine the student's ability to continue in the activity.

Additional OHSAA Eligibility Requirements

Transfer By-Laws

If a student-athlete transfers to or from St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools and plans to participate in athletics, his/her parents must contact the administration concerning the student-athlete's eligibility before participation in any activity. Further information concerning all OHSAA transfer by-laws can be found at <http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Transfer>.

Semesters of Eligibility

After establishing ninth grade eligibility, the student is permitted eight semesters of athletic eligibility. Semesters are taken in order of attendance and are counted toward eligibility, whether or not the student-athlete participates in sports.

Age Limitations

High School: Once a student reaches age 20, the student will no longer be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, regardless of when the 20th birthday falls in relation to the sports season.

Junior High: If a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 reaches age 15 before August 1st, the student will be ineligible to participate in 7th and 8th grade interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.

Exceptions to age limitations may be made for students with special needs. Further information can be found at <http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Age>.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship involves not only student-athletes but all members of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City School community, including administrators, coaches, parents, fans, spirit groups, and booster groups. Fostering positive attitudes towards good sportsmanship in the community sets a good example for future student-athletes and fans.

Student-athletes are role models within the school, the community, the Miami Valley Conference, and throughout the state. Athletes are to conduct themselves as positive role models by being good sports. Integrity, fairness, common decency, courtesy, and respect are inherent principals of good sportsmanship. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of the results.

The sportsmanship goals of a student-athlete and member of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Community include:

- Showing respect for opponents at all times;
- Showing respect for officials and their decisions;
- Shaking hands with opponents after a game, win or lose;
- Knowing, understanding, and following the rules of the contest;
- Maintaining positive body language at all times during any event;
- Maintaining self-control at all times; and
- Recognizing and appreciating skill performances regardless of affiliation.

In addition to the goals determined by school officials and community members, the OHSAA has established specific rules to promote sportsmanship and to reduce participation when unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed during a contest. The OHSAA handbook has outlined consequences for players in the following manner:

- Any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until four regular season/tournament contests (football, basketball) are played at the same level as the ejection.
- If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during, or traveling after the contest(s).
- A student who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.
- A student who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time, number of contests, subject to the discretion of the Commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

Spectator Responsibility

Being a spectator is a privilege, not a right. It is a privilege to watch the educational process where athletes demonstrate what they have learned in the athletic classroom. Spectators will be held accountable for good sportsmanship, as all persons present at an athletic event are a reflection of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place. Fans are reminded that they are guests at athletic contests. As such, spectators should conduct themselves in an appropriate manner for a sporting contest among young athletes. Responsible administrators at all athletic events (home and away) reserve the right to remove a spectator from an athletic facility for inappropriate, unsportsmanlike behavior.

In addition, any Titan spectator ejected from a contest will meet with the athletic director and may face suspension for future SBEP contests. They may also be required to complete a sportsmanship class with the NFHS. The course can be completed at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/sportsmanship-2>

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletic Department fully supports the "Be A Sport" program conducted by the OHSAA and will ensure compliance with the program.

Personal Conduct

Participation in any school-sponsored team/squad is a privilege. Participants must earn the right to represent St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools by positively representing the school district on and off the field. Any participant whose conduct is determined to be a discredit to himself/herself, the team, or the school during the sports season shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the team as determined by the coach, athletic director, and/or principal. Coaches/advisors may deny participation privileges to any potential student-athlete with discipline or behavior issues or who has disregarded his/her duties as a representative of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District athletic department. This discretion is applicable regardless of date or time. In addition, any athlete ejected from a contest will meet with the athletic director and may be required by the responsible coach to complete extra activities before rejoining the team.

Athletic Forms Required for Participation

Before a student may participate in any sport, including conditioning and practices, he/she must register and complete all forms on Final Forms.

Final Forms: <https://sbep-oh.finalforms.com/>

Additional information on Final Forms: <https://sbepathletics.org/final-forms/>

Attendance at School and at Practice

If a student is tardy or absent from school, he/she must provide a note and be declared excused to participate in that evening's game/event.

If a student has an unexcused absence on a Friday, he/she is not eligible to play that day nor on that Saturday.

If a student is tardy (unexcused) to school, he/she will be held accountable.

Excessive tardiness to school may result in loss of eligibility.

The Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Principal, and Assistant Principal have discretion to determine game/event eligibility based on school attendance.

Additionally, SBEP athletic team members must demonstrate a commitment to attendance at practices and team functions, in addition to games. If a student-athlete has multiple absences, the coach may remove that individual from the team.

Possible exceptions will be considered for the following situations:

- Illness in the family
- Death of a relative
- Observance of a religious holiday
- Verified doctor or dentist appointment
- Verified college visit
- Taking an ACT or SAT test
- Emergency or other sets of circumstances judged as sufficient cause by school authorities

Note: The appropriate building administrator may excuse an absence

Interscholastic Athletic Awards

Standards

Recognition for participation in interscholastic athletics is based upon four general standards:

- Level of competition
- Participation through practice and games, matches or meets; must complete the season in good standing with the school and coach
- Contribution to the team, including attitude displayed and coachability
- Coaches' judgment

Note: Any athlete who plays regularly and is injured during the season may be given a team award if, in the coach's judgment, he/she would have met the award requirements if not for the injury.

Criteria to Earn a Varsity Award

To earn a varsity letter, the participant must attend all practices and competitions unless excused by reason of illness, injury, or approved absence; must display team spirit and a sportsmanlike attitude at all times; must show proper respect for the rules of the game; must show proper respect for the coaching staff; and must be in good academic and personal standing at the completion of the season. Any player dismissed from a team for any reason forfeits all rights to earn a letter in that sport for that season. Any player who quits at anytime, even during the last event of the season, will also forfeit his

or her varsity letter.

- Baseball/Softball: Participants must play in approximately 72 innings (or 30% of the regular season contests) and/or contribute to the total performance of the team.
- Basketball: Participants must play in 30 quarters (or 30% of the season) or contribute to the total performance of the team through team spirit and support of the coaches. Players brought up during post-season tournament play will not necessarily receive a varsity letter.
- Cheerleading: Cheerleaders must participate in 75% of the regular season games.
- Cross Country: Participants must run in 75% of the varsity meets, in the league championship meet, and in the OHSAA postseason meets.
- Football: Participants must play in 30% of the quarters of the regular season or contribute to the total performance of the team through team spirit and support of the coaches.
- Soccer: Participants must play 50% of the quarters of all varsity games or contribute to the total performance of the team through team spirit and support of the coaches. Athletes brought up for post-season tournament play will not necessarily receive a varsity letter.
- Swimming/Diving: Swimmers/Divers must participate in 75% of the regular season meets and both the league and District meets.
- Track & Field: Athletes must participate in 75% of the regular season meets and both the league championship and district meets.
- Volleyball: Participants must play in 50% of all varsity matches. Players brought up during post-season tournament play will not necessarily receive a varsity letter.

Varsity Awards

First-Year Award – Chenille Varsity award letter with gold medal signifying the sport.

Second-Year Award – Certificate recognizing a second year on the varsity level and a medal pin of that sport.

Third-Year Award – Certificate recognizing a third year on the varsity level and medal pin.

Fourth-Year Award – Four-year plaque with recognition of being a four-year varsity athlete.

Junior Varsity, Freshmen and Middle School Awards

All members of these squads who complete an athletic season for a particular sport are awarded the appropriate certificate.

Triple Crown Award

Any high school athlete who letters in three or more varsity sports in one calendar school year will receive this exclusive award at the spring awards banquet.

MVC Scholar-Athlete

The athlete must earn a varsity award and have a 3.50 quarterly GPA during the corresponding sports season.

Athlete of the Year

Awarded at the Spring Awards ceremony, this honor is given to the outstanding male and female athletes of the graduating class. A committee made up of administration, members of the varsity coaching staff, and the athletic director selects the award recipients based on nominations. Candidates are chosen based upon exceptional achievement in their chosen sport(s), commitment to the sport(s), leadership, and respectable behavior.

St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Boosters- The Titan Fan Club (TFC)

The Titan Fan Club's purpose is to provide financial support to athletics, arts, and music departments. TFC is a vital part of the total educational program offered to our students within the three entities it supports. TFC members are proud of the accomplishments of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place students—in the classroom, on the stage, and in the competitive arena—and are happy to play an integral role in underwriting their award-winning endeavors. Membership is open to anyone for a nominal fee.

Conflicts in Extra-Curricular Activities

A student attempting to participate in many extra-curricular activities will inevitably be faced with a conflict of obligations. Students must make every effort to avoid ongoing conflicts and must be cautious about committing to too many activities. Students must immediately notify the coaches or team sponsors involved when a conflict arises. Students and parents should keep in mind the following when making a decision about participating in an activity:

- The objective importance of each event
- The importance of each event to the student and his or her team
- The relative contribution the student can make to either activity

A student who cannot fulfill his/her obligation to a school activity should withdraw from that activity.

Emergency School Closings and Cancellation of Contests

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather or other circumstances, the administration and the athletic director will determine the status of high school practices. If it is safe for athletes to travel, officials and workers may be contacted, and practices/games may be held. These decisions will be made as situations arise. When school is cancelled, all middle school events and practices will be cancelled for that day.

Early Dismissal

Although it is not encouraged, at certain times students must be excused from class in order to participate in extra-curricular activities. When students must be excused early, the faculty will be notified of the dismissal and should provide athletes with information necessary to complete missed work. (All dismissals must receive prior approval from the responsible building administrator.) Student-athletes are responsible for completing missed work.

Vacation/Travel Policy

Student-athletes may be presented with vacation/travel opportunities during the school year. The athlete must consider that fulfilling his/her commitment to a sport may require certain sacrifices. If traveling during the season is unavoidable, the athlete must:

- Be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
- Inform the coach of travel plans prior to the start of the season; and
- Accept the consequences related to his/her status on the squad.

Financial Obligation and Equipment

Uniforms

Athletes may be required to purchase a portion of the game attire, which will remain the property of the student-athlete.

Care of School Uniforms/Equipment

The athlete is responsible for all uniforms and equipment issued. The athlete must pay for lost, stolen, or damaged articles within one week after the end of the sport's season.

Locker Rooms

The school and its employees are not responsible for any item left unattended in the locker rooms. All valuables should be properly stored and locked in the lockers provided.

Physical Examination

OHSAA rules mandate that athletic participation forms—properly signed by a physician, student, and parent/guardian—must be on file in the athletic office before any athlete may participate in a practice or competition. It is recommended that students get physicals in June. Physicals are valid for thirteen (13) months. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to have a current physical exam on file.

Medical Release Required After Injury

An athlete under a doctor's care must have a signed medical release before participating in any practice or contest. The release must be presented to the head certified trainer prior to any participation.

Risk of Participation

All athletes and parents must understand the risk of injury associated with athletic participation. The athletic department will use the following safeguards to prevent injury:

- Coaches must have completed certification in Ohio Department of Education classes for the prevention and care of athletic related injuries.
- Certified athletic trainers will be available at as many practices and contests as possible.
- Athletes will be informed of the dangers of participation in the particular sport.

Transportation

The school district provides transportation for athletes to and from the location of the contest. Student-athletes may ride home from an event with their parent/guardian if the athletic director approves a written parental request prior to leaving for the event, unless otherwise stated in the team's rules.

All school bus rules will be followed on athletic trips. Students who do not follow transportation rules may lose the privilege of being transported to athletic events. The following rules apply at all times:

- Always obey the driver.
- Do not push or shove on the bus.
- Stay seated until the bus arrives at the appointed location.

Coaches and bus drivers may allow the team to stop for a meal on the way to or from a contest. Parents will be notified of a meal stop before the trip is taken, and the stop will be made only if the team/parents agree.

Starting Dates for High School Practice - OHSAA Projections

The OHSAA sets scheduling guidelines for each athletic program. These guidelines are very specific, allowing coaches to prepare their season goals around those dates provided. SBEP coaches must plan accordingly, given the limited time they have available. The following dates are provided so families can plan family vacations/outings, and students can coordinate work schedules before start dates of their selected teams. It is imperative that student-athletes and parents understand that the start dates are official dates on which teams will begin practicing. When a team begins official practices, the student-athlete will be expected to begin his/her full season commitment. Additionally, SBEP Athletics will provide student-athletes with the opportunity to better their skills through off-season workouts, conditioning, and weight training. Student-athletes are strongly encouraged take full advantage of every offseason program available to them.

2020-2021

Baseball	Feb. 22 nd
Boys Basketball	Oct. 30 th
Girls Basketball	Oct. 23 rd
Cross Country	Aug. 1 st
Football	Aug. 1 st
Soccer	Aug. 1 st
Swimming	Oct. 30 th
Track and Field	March 8 th
Volleyball	Aug. 1 st

Collegiate Athletics

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletic Department fully supports student-athletes who aspire to the next level of athletic competition. Student-athletes should enter the college recruiting process only after carefully considering his/her responsibilities as well as the opportunity to extend his/her competitive athletic career. Information on the college recruiting process can be found on the athletic department website.

The NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete can be found at the following URL:

Code of Conduct

The St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletic Department guidelines are intended to encourage each athlete to become the best he/she is capable of becoming. The athletic department is convinced that a healthy diet, healthy personal habits, and abstinence from alcohol and drugs enhance athletic achievement. These guidelines exist to promote the soundness of body and mind at the core of athletic excellence.

Expectations for Student-Athletes

All athletes are governed by the rules of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School and the constitutions of the Miami Valley Conference and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Specific expectations established by the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Athletic Department are as follows:

- Abide by the constitution and rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- Demonstrate sportsmanlike conduct and show respect for teammates, competitors, game officials, fans, and coaches.
- Be present and on time for all competitions, practices and meetings.
- Follow all training rules.
- Follow the guidelines for student conduct as stated in the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place Student/Parent Handbook for the appropriate grade building.
- Show proper care for school property and equipment. Be in school on the day of a contest or practice by 10:00 a.m., except when school is not in session or a building administrator has granted prior approval.
- Return all equipment issued during the sport season. Equipment must be returned in the same condition in which it was issued. The student-athlete will be financially responsible for any lost equipment. If a uniform or equipment is not returned to the coach, the student will not receive a new uniform for the next season until that missing uniform or equipment is returned or replaced. All financial obligations of the student-athlete must be resolved within one week after the end of the sport season.
- The student-athlete is expected to attend all practices and contests for his/her in-season team. The in-season team takes precedence over all out-of-season programs and activities.
- A student-athlete who quits an athletic activity may not participate in a new sport until he/she has received a release from the head coach of the sport being dropped or until the end of that sport season.
- Athletes are expected to attend the awards program to complete their sport season and receive their recognition/awards. Any award not accepted within two weeks of the award ceremony will be unavailable unless extenuating circumstances prevented the timely receipt of award.
- An athlete is a representative of his/her team, school, and community. Student-athletes should behave in such a way as to prevent any suspicion of breaking training rules and/or unsportsmanlike conduct. (This includes internet activity on websites and apps such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.)
- During the season, an athlete shall not use, possess, transmit, or conceal alcoholic beverages, tobacco (smoking/smokeless), any look-a-like, or a controlled substance as defined by law. Students may use a legally-prescribed drug. Consequences of violations are listed below.
- A "season" is defined as the period of time from the date of the first practice session, as allowed by the OHSAA, through the end of the athletic season or the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place sports awards. The latter of the two dates will be used to determine the end of the season.

- The team's head coach may suggest curfew during the season.
- Participants who are constant discipline problems in school or on a team may be dismissed by the coach. Coaches select team rosters and may deny participation rights to any athlete who is a disciplinary challenge, even if the team is usually recognized as a "non-cut" team.
- Suspension from school means suspension from a team for the corresponding period of time. While suspended, athletes may not have contact with the team in any manner and may not attend any contest (home or away) as a spectator. Participants must have a conference with the head coach before resuming participation after being suspended.

Consequences for Violations of the SBEP Code of Conduct and/or Athletic Handbook

Violations of school or team rules and the consequences therefor are defined as follows:

- Any violation ruled upon by the Ohio High School Athletic Association will be resolved at their discretion and will be upheld by the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools administration. The coach or administration may issue additional consequences for an OHSAA offense.
- Minor infractions – Examples include but are not limited to the following: skipping practices without valid excuse; disrespecting a teacher, administrator, coach, or trainer; bad language; poor sportsmanship; getting suspended from school; fighting with an opponent; fighting in school; late arrival for school; getting removed from an event by an official; getting in trouble in class during the school day; being assigned to Wednesday School; and/or any other behavior detrimental to the image of the SBEP Athletic program. Consequences may include the following:
 - First offense – No starting role/suspension of a quarter/suspension for a full half
 - Second offense – Suspension of a full half of a game/event
 - Third offense – Full game suspension
 - Fourth offense – Removal from the team
 - For individual sports, consequences will be at the discretion of the coach.
- Major infractions – Examples include but are not limited to the following: getting suspended from school; disrespecting a teacher, administration, coach or trainer; academic irresponsibility such as cheating on a test; multiple violations of unsportsmanlike behavior; violation of the drug and alcohol policy; weapon violations on school grounds; any additional behavior detrimental to the image of the athletic program. Consequences may include the following:
 - First offense – Suspension from a full game/event
 - Second offense – Suspension of half of the season
 - Third offense – Removal from the team
 - Fourth offense – Suspension of participation on any athletic team for the remainder of the school year
 - For individual sports, consequences will be at the discretion of the head coach and could include no participation in a particular event or meet.

Consequences for Violating Drug, Alcohol, and/or Performance Enhancing Drugs Policy

First Offense

The student-athlete will be denied participation in 20% of all scheduled competitions. The student-athlete must seek an assessment from a school recommended agency and follow all recommendations of the assessment.

Second Offense

The student athlete will be suspended from the team immediately and will be denied participation in 50% of all scheduled competitions until completing a second assessment. The student-athlete and family follow recommendations contained therein.

Third Offense

A third violation at any point during the student-athlete's six year career (7th through 12th grade) will result in dismissal from all athletic participation for one calendar year. The school district will again refer the student-athlete for professional treatment.

Suspensions from athletic participation will be carried over to the next season of athletic participation. Example 1: A student-athlete who participates only in volleyball receives a denial of participation from 20% of volleyball matches of junior year and did not complete the suspension before the end of the season. The suspension will be completed at the beginning of the next season in which the student-athlete is participating or the following year of volleyball. Athletic participation denial can carry over from one sport season to a consecutive sport season. Example 2: A basketball player receives participation denial for 50% of the season but does not complete the suspension before the end of the basketball season; the suspension will be completed at the beginning of the next sport season, for that student-athlete.

In the case of any suspension, a building administrator will meet with the suspended athlete and determine the athlete's eligibility to participate in practices or other team events until the terms of the suspension are met.

Self/Parental Referral

If a student-athlete or parent(s) asks a coach, counselor, administrator, or other school personnel for help and an assessment prior to any known violations of this policy, the student-athlete will not be subject to any athletic department disciplinary action provided he/she follows the recommendations of the school referred assessment. A self-referral will be considered a first offense but will not carry any athletic department penalties for that offense.

Parental Procedure for Registering a Concern –“Chain of Command”

- Talk with your child first. Encourage him/her to talk with his/her coach about the concern.
- Contact the coach and schedule a private conference. Attempting to discuss coaching decisions or methods immediately following a contest is not appropriate and should not be attempted except in the case of a dire emergency.
- If a parent believes a concern has not received adequate attention by the coach, it may be presented to the athletic director for further review. This step should only be taken after speaking to the responsible coach.
- After the issue has been discussed with the athletic director, it may be discussed with the responsible building principal for resolution. If no agreeable solution can be reached with the building administrator, it may be taken to the superintendent.
- Most concerns can be resolved between the athlete and coach. The coach deserves the opportunity to resolve the problem first. However, a parent has the right to pursue a concern beyond the coach if proper procedure is followed.

Further Points of reference

<http://ohsaa.org>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Transfer>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Age>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Enrollment>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Scholarship>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Conduct-Character-Discipline-Bylaw-Resource-Center>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Residence-Bylaw-Resource-Center>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Recruiting>

<http://ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Amateur>

<http://www.nfhs.org>

Student Authorization

As a student-athlete of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools, I understand that the activity in which I will be participating is potentially dangerous and that physical injury may occur, requiring medical care and treatment. I hereby acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned, and warned by the appropriate administrative and coaching personnel of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools that I, by participating in this activity, may be exposed to the risk of serious injury, including but not limited to sprains, fractures and ligament and/or cartilage damage which would result in temporary or permanent, partial or complete impairment in the use of limbs; brain damage; paralysis; or even death.

I, as a student-athlete, have decided to take part in the athletic program. I understand I will be required to practice and participate in scheduled contests after school and on non-school days.

By signing and dating my signature below, I verify that I have read the OHSAA rules and consequences outlined above and agree to the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools Athletic Code of Conduct. I will abide by these rules while a member of a St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School/Junior High Team. I also verify that I have read the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools Authorization for Participation in Interscholastic Athletics form, that I understand the form and agree with the terms of the authorization.

Student Printed Name	Student Signature	Grade	Date
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Parent Authorization

As parent or legal guardian of a St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools athlete, I hereby authorize and consent my child's participation in interscholastic athletics at SBEP. I understand that the activity in which my child will participate is potentially dangerous and that physical injury may occur to my child requiring medical care and treatment. I hereby acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned and warned by the appropriate administrative and coaching personnel of the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools that my child may, by participating in this activity, be exposed to the risk of serious injury, including but not limited to sprains, fractures, and ligament and/or cartilage damage which could result in temporary or permanent, partial or complete impairment in the use of limbs; brain damage; paralysis; or even death. Notwithstanding such warnings, with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to my child, I give my consent to my child to participate.

In consideration of the acceptance of my child by the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools in its athletic program, I agree to release and hold harmless the Board of Education of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools, its Members, the Superintendent of Schools, the Principal, Dean of Students/Assistant Principal, the Athletic Director, all coaches, the Certified Athletic Trainer, and any and all other of their agents and/or employees. I further agree to indemnify each of them from any and all claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses arising from my child's participation in interscholastic athletics and sports.

I hereby give my consent and authorize the Board of Education of St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools and its agents and/or employees to consent to my behalf and on behalf of my child, to emergency medical care and treatment in the event I am unable to be notified by reasonable attempts of the need for such emergency medical care and treatment.

I understand and agree that I will be responsible for all medical bills and costs that may be incurred as a result of medical care and treatment of my child.

I understand that students who decide to take part in the athletic program will be required to practice and participate in scheduled contests after school and on non-school days.

As a parent/guardian of a St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools athlete, by signing and dating my signature below, I verify that I have read the OHSAA rules and consequences outlined above and agree to the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools Athletic Code of Conduct. I agree that I will help my student-athlete abide by these rules while a member of a St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School/Junior High Team. I also verify that I have read the St. Bernard-Elmwood Place City Schools Authorization for Participation in Interscholastic Athletics form, that I understand the form, and that I agree with the terms of the Authorization.

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name	Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	Date
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