

# **OLMSTED FALLS CITY SCHOOLS**

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## **ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**



**FOR OUR STUDENT – ATHLETES,  
PARENTS, & COACHES**

## *A Message from the Athletic Director*

This handbook is being presented to you because your son or daughter desires to participate in interscholastic athletics at Olmsted Falls High School. You have also expressed your willingness to permit him or her to compete within one or more of our programs. Your family's interest in this phase of our school's extra - curricular program is gratifying. We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences that will assist student - athletes in personal growth and development.

The Olmsted Falls City School District is interested in the development of young men and women through athletics. We feel that a properly controlled, well - organized sports program meets students' needs for self - expression, mental alertness and physical growth. The hope is to maintain an athlete department that is sound in purpose and will further each student's educational maturity.

Likewise, we believe that our families have committed themselves to certain responsibilities and obligations as a parents and/or guardians of a student - athlete. We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with specific policies that are necessary for a well - organized program of high school athletics.

It is the role of the Olmsted Falls High School Athletic Department to make rules governing interscholastic competition. These rules need broad based community support to be fully effective. This is achieved only through communication between the athletic department and the parents and/or guardians of our student - athletes. It is the hope of the athletic department to accomplish this objective through this athletic handbook for students, parents and coaches.

Yours in sportsmanship and life - long success,

Rob Coxon  
Director of Athletics  
Olmsted Falls High School

### *Olmsted Falls City Schools Athletic Memberships*

#### **The Ohio High School Athletic Association**

Olmsted Falls is a voluntary member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. As a member school district we agree to abide by and enforce all rules and regulations set forth by this Association.

#### **The Southwestern Conference**

Olmsted Falls is a voluntary member of the Southwestern Conference. This conference was established for the primary purpose of promoting selected interscholastic activities among member schools and the assurance of such advantages as may be gained by a union of effort.

The conference was established to encourage member schools to improve their co-curricular program in athletics. The conference membership facilitates the arranging of schedules, equalizing competition, conducting league meets, and determining league championships. The conference provides Olmsted Falls the opportunity for competition without excessive travel and with schools of similar size and athletic philosophy.

## ***INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES***

Baseball

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

Bowling (Boys & Girls)

Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

Football

Golf (Boys & Girls)

Gymnastics (Individual)

Ice Hockey

Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)

Soccer (Boys & Girls)

Softball

Swimming & Diving (Boys & Girls)

Tennis (Boys & Girls)

Track & Field (Boys & Girls)

Volleyball

Wrestling

### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

Athletic Trainers

Cheerleading (Football, Basketball)

Team Assistants (Managers, Statisticians, Film Personnel)

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## STATEMENT OF ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

The Olmsted Falls City School District's athletic program should provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life in a democratic society.

The interscholastic athletic program shall be conducted in accordance with existing Board of Education policies, rules and regulations. The Board of Education discourages any and all pressures that might tend to neglect good sportsmanship and good mental health. The athletic programs must at all times be conducted in such a way as to justify it as an educational activity.

If an unusual or extreme circumstance warrants it, exception to athletic policies may be made at the discretion of the superintendent of schools. The superintendent may only make an exception within the applicable regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and the statutes of the State of Ohio.

### ATHLETIC GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

**OUR GOAL** - The student athlete will become a more effective citizen in a democratic society.

**OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES** - The student - athlete shall learn:

1. ***To work with others*** - In a democratic society a person must develop self-discipline, respect for authority, and the spirit of hard work and sacrifice. The team and its objectives must be placed higher than personal desires.
2. ***To be successful*** - Our society is very competitive. We do not always win, but we succeed when we continually strive to do so. You can learn to accept defeat only by striving to win with earnest dedication. Develop a desire to excel.
3. ***To develop sportsmanship*** - To accept any defeat like a true sportsman, knowing we have done our best, we must learn to treat others as we would have others treat us. We need to develop social traits, including emotional control, honesty, cooperation and dependability.
4. ***To improve*** - Continual improvement is essential to good citizenship. As an athlete, you must establish a goal and you must constantly try to reach that goal. Try to better yourself in the skills involved and those characteristics set forth as being desirable.
5. ***To enjoy interscholastic athletics*** - It is necessary for athletes to enjoy participation, to acknowledge all of the personal rewards to be derived from athletics, and to give sufficiently of themselves in order to preserve and improve the program.
6. ***To develop desirable personal health habits*** - To be an active, contributing citizen, it is important to obtain a high degree of physical fitness through exercise and good health habits, and to develop the desire to maintain this level of physical fitness after formal competition has been completed.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN OLMSTED FALLS ATHLETE**

Being a member of an Olmsted Falls athletic team is the fulfillment of an early ambition of many students. The attainment of the goal carries with it certain traditions and responsibilities that must be maintained. A great athletic tradition is not built overnight; it takes the hard work of many people over many years. As a member of an interscholastic squad of Olmsted Falls City Schools, you have inherited a wonderful tradition, a tradition you are challenged to uphold.

Our tradition has been to win with honor. We desire to win, but only with honor to our athletes, our school, and our community. Such a tradition is worthy of the best efforts of all concerned. Over many years our squads have achieved more than their share of conference and tournament championships. Many individuals have set records and won and/or have been elected as receiving All-State and All-Conference honors. It will not be easy to contribute to such a great athletic tradition. When you wear the colors of our school, we assume that you not only understand our traditions, but you are willing to assume the responsibilities that go with them. However, the contributions you make should be a satisfying accomplishment to you and your family.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOURSELF**

The most important of these responsibilities is to broaden yourself and develop strength and character. You owe it to yourself to get the greatest possible good from your experiences. Your academic studies, your participation in extracurricular activities, prepare you for your life as an adult.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOUR SCHOOL**

Another responsibility you assume as a squad member is to your school. Olmsted Falls cannot maintain the position of having an outstanding school unless you do your best in whatever activity you wish to engage. By participating in athletics to the maximum of your ability, you are contributing to the reputation of your school.

You assume a leadership role when you are on an athletic squad. The student body and citizens of this community know you. You are on stage with the spotlight on you. The student body, the community and other communities judge our school by your conduct and attitudes, both on and off the field of competition. Because of this leadership role, you can contribute greatly to school spirit and community pride. Make Olmsted Falls proud of you, and your community proud of your school, by your faithful exemplification of these ideals.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS**

As a squad member you also bear a heavy responsibility to your home. If you never give your parents anything to be ashamed of, you will have measured up to the ideal. When you know in your heart that you have lived up to all of the training rules, that you have practiced to the best of your ability every day, and that you have played the game "all out," you can keep your self-respect and others can be justly proud of you.

The younger students in the Olmsted Falls school system are watching you. They will copy you in many ways. Do not do anything to let them down. Set good examples for our future student – athletes.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

REMEMBER THAT AS A STUDENT – ATHLETE, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED (FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE).

### 1. Insurance Form

The school district does not carry insurance to cover individual student athletic injuries. Parents will need to sign the insurance form stating they have purchased insurance or possess a family insurance plan.

### 2. Acknowledgment of Warning

### 3. Training Rules

### 4. Physical Examination Completed and card on file in High School Main Office

A yearly physical examination **is required**. The physical card must be completed by a physician and submitted to the coach or athletic office prior to participation. The form will be kept on file in the student - office for one year.

### 5. Emergency Medical Form

Each athlete's parents shall complete an Emergency Medical Authorization Card giving permission for treatment by a physician or hospital when the parents are not available. A copy of the card will be kept with the coach at all times.

### 6. Scholastic Eligibility

In order to participate on an Olmsted Falls athletic team, each athlete must have satisfied all of the **scholastic eligibility** requirements prior to participation. (see *OHSAA Bulletin*)

### 7. Concussion Information Sheet

All students are **required** to sign the "Acknowledgement of Having Received the Ohio Department of Health's Concussion and Head Injury Information Sheet."

### 8. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Sheet

All students are **required** to sign the "Acknowledgement of Having Received the Ohio Department of Health's Sudden Cardiac Arrests Information Sheet."

## CONDUCT OF AN ATHLETE

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the athletic department. The community, school administrators and the coaching staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program of athletics. The welfare of the student is our major consideration and transcends any other consideration.

All athletes shall abide by a code of ethics which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition in the interscholastic program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the athlete, the team, or to the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality, or violations of law, tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic programs and will not be tolerated.

## **RISK OF PARTICIPATION**

All athletes and parents must realize the risk of serious injury which may be a result of athletic participation. The Olmsted Falls School District will use the following safeguards to make every effort to eliminate injury:

1. All coaches will follow state guidelines by being trained in sports first aid prior to employment.
2. All coaches will possess Ohio Department of Education's Coaching Requirements
3. All coaches will conduct a pre-season parent meeting to fully explain athletic policies and to advise, caution and warn parents of the potential for injury.
4. A certified athletic trainer will be available to all athletes for consultation and rehabilitation of injury.
5. Maintain a continuing education program for coaches to have the opportunity to learn the most up-to-date techniques and skills to be taught in their sport.

## **MISCONDUCT FOR WHICH TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT**

### **DISMISSAL MAY BE IMPOSED**

(upon an Olmsted Falls City School's investigation)

An athlete or extra-curricular participant shall not:

1. Possess tobacco products
2. Use profane, vulgar, or other improper language in any area of the school building during school hours or at school-sponsored or related activities or events on or off school property. They shall not use this language toward any school employee, student official, or participant.
3. Be insubordinate. Insubordination is defined as a failure to accept and follow the directions, requests or orders from the teachers, school officials, teacher aides, coaches or other personnel.
4. A failure to accept discipline or punishment from advisors, coaches, school officials, or other school personnel.
5. Participate in any act or acts that injure or degrade any participant or student.
6. Cause or attempt to cause damage, destruction, or defacement to school property or private property. They shall not steal or attempt to steal school property or private property.
7. Cause or attempt to cause physical bodily injury or behave in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to a student, school employee or official.
8. Possess alcoholic beverage or drugs (including "look a-likes") at any time during his/her season. Use of drugs authorized by medical prescription from a licensed physician or dentist shall not be considered a violation of this rule and must follow Board approved procedures.
9. Engage in conduct which is in violation of the Student Discipline Code, which has been adopted by the Olmsted Falls Board of Education.



## **MISCONDUCT FOR WHICH DISMISSAL MAY BE IMPOSED - continued**

10. An athlete or extra-curricular participant shall not use, sell, or be under the influence of any tobacco, alcoholic beverage or drugs (including “look alike drugs”) in any unlawful or unauthorized manner at any time during his/her season. Use of drugs authorized by a medical prescription from a licensed physician or dentist shall not be considered a violation of this rule.

A season is defined as “from the initial starting date of practice through the sport’s awards evening.”

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO POLICY**

#### **A. FIRST OFFENSE**

The participant or student – athlete will not participate in an extracurricular, co-curricular, or athletic activity for the remainder of that activity or season (which includes tournament play) and forfeits all awards and recognition for the activity season. Participation denotes competing in events against opposing teams, traveling with the team, or dressing for the contest. The student – athlete may continue to practice with the team at the discretion of the head coach. The denial of the privilege to compete shall begin with the next scheduled contest. The student athlete may be subject to further consequences as stated in the Olmsted Falls City School District’s Student Code of Conduct.

1. Students who receive professional assistance (at their own financial expense) will have their penalty reduced 20% of the scheduled regular season games. The suspension will begin with the next contest or game(s). If the infraction occurs in the last week of the sports season or if the student is not yet in his or her sport season, the time will carry over into the athlete’s next scheduled season.
  - a. The student agrees to see the professional counselor or coordinator and follow his or her recommendations satisfactory , or
  - b. The student and family agree to a drug and alcohol assessment provided at a State approved alcohol/drug agency in the area conducted by a Certified Alcoholism/Drug Abuse counselor, and follow the recommendation satisfactory
  - c. Documentation of this conference must be on file with the Athletic Director or the student’s school counselor.

#### **B. SECOND OFFENSE**

The participant or student – athlete will be denied the privilege of participating for the remainder of the season. The participant or student – athlete will not receive any awards for that sport and the individual may be subject to further consequences as stated in the Olmsted Falls City School District’s Student Code of Conduct.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

The use of e-mail messages, text messages, blogs, websites or other electronic communications to make inflammatory or derogatory comments, and/or inappropriate descriptions or pictures regarding another team member, another student, a coach, another school or team, or other staff member is strictly prohibited. For the purposes of this policy, inappropriate comments may include, but are not limited to, inappropriate comments/pictures/descriptions regarding another person's race, ethnic background, culture, religion gender or sexual orientation.

Any violation of our social media policy may result in suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

## **TRAINING RULES AND REGULATIONS** **(Please refer to forms handed out by the head coach)**

Individual teams may supplement Athletic Department training rules by adding their own team rules and regulations.

### **VIOLATIONS - GENERAL**

The importance of enforcement of all regulations in this book should be apparent. A fair and firm policy of enforcement is necessary to prevent a travesty being made of regulations. The community, school administrators, and the coaching staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are an essential program for athletics. It is our intent to preserve rules that reasonably pertain to health and safety of the individual and to the orderly conduct of sports. We do not wish to establish arbitrary personal preference to insure absolute uniformity. The welfare of the student is our major consideration. What happens to them is our primary importance. Hopefully, their welfare transcends any other consideration.

In the event an athlete fails to comply with necessary standards, it will be interpreted by the Athletic Department as an indication that the athlete does not have sufficient desire to participate in the interscholastic program. Therefore, the athlete will be denied the privilege of participating until such time as he/she can prove desire.

The precise period of participation denial will depend on the violation and the attitude of the athlete and parent. Violations may result in total denial of participation from the interscholastic athletic program

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

### **1. Dropping or Transferring Sports**

Quitting is an intolerable habit to acquire. There is not a place in athletics for quitters. A quitter may lose the privilege of participating in athletics. On occasion, however, an athlete may find it necessary to drop a sport for good reason. If this is the case, the following procedure must be followed:

- A. Talk with your immediate coach and then the head coach.
- B. Report your situation to the Athletic Director.
- C. Check in all equipment issued to you.

Those individuals finally selected, as a squad member on any athletic team shall be considered as members of the team through the completion of that regular sports season unless they are removed for disciplinary reasons, scholastic eligibility, or mutual agreement between player and coach. Coaches have the responsibility for the selection of specific squad members for tournament competition and at that time may release those members of the squad not involved in a tournament series, if they (the coaches) so desire. All squad members who complete the season shall participate in the athletic award ceremonies regardless of whether they are award recipients or not.

## 2. **Equipment**

School equipment checked out by the student athlete is his/her responsibility. He/she is expected to keep it clean and in good condition. Loss of any equipment is the athletes' financial obligation.

## 3. **Missing Practice**

An athlete should always consult his/her coach before missing practice. Missing practice or a game without good reason will be dealt with severely. Sudden illness or some other emergency would be good reason for missing a practice or game.

## 4. **Travel**

All athletes must travel to and from athletic contests in transportation provided by the Athletic Department. Athletes will remain with their squad and under the supervision of a coach while attending away contests. All regular school bus rules will be followed: including food, noise, remaining in seats, care and respect for equipment. Always dress appropriately and in good taste.

## 5. **College Recruitment Policy**

In the event an athlete should be contacted personally by a college recruiter, he/she has an obligation to work through his/her coach and the Athletic Department. Inform your coach of such a contact as soon as possible. College recruitment information is in the Guidance Office. It is the student's responsibility to meet and complete the requirements of the NCAA Clearinghouse. Please see a Guidance Counselor for more details as well as see the *NCAA Eligibility Center* Information provided further in this document.

## 6. **Absence from School**

Attendance is required from 10:30 am until the **end of the student-athlete's school day** in order to be eligible to participate in an after school or evening practice, game or performance. An administrator may approve any special circumstances.

## **HAZING**

It is the policy of the Olmsted Falls Board of Education, the School District and the Athletic Department that hazing activities of any type is inconsistent with the educational process and shall be prohibited at all times.

No Administrator, faculty member, or other employee of the school district shall encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate any hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, shall plan, encourage, or engage in hazing.

Hazing is defined as doing any act of coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that uses or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person or persons. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

## **SCHOOL CANCELLATION/SNOW DAY/CALAMITY DAY POLICY**

You are encouraged to check the Olmsted Falls City School District's website/Twitter site for the most up-to-date information. The Athletic Director will make a determination regarding the status of practices after consultation with the Superintendent.

Athletic practices will be scheduled if the weather and road conditions sufficiently improve to safely allow the practices to occur. Any practice held during a day in which school has been cancelled will not begin prior to 1:00 p.m. If practice is scheduled on a day when school has been cancelled, the student athlete will not be penalized by the coach if he/she is late to practice or unable to attend.

There will not be a "standing rule" that practice will be held if school is cancelled. All decisions will be individually made in accordance with prevailing weather and road conditions, as well as weather forecasts. Each coach will determine a communication process to inform the team whether practice will be held or not. Ultimately, it is the parents' decision whether to allow or not allow their children to attend practices on days of school cancellation. These guidelines will be applicable only to varsity teams.

## **GUIDELINES FOR ELIMINATING (CUTTING) STUDENT/ATHLETES FROM ATHLETIC TEAMS**

It is still a privilege to be an athlete and all athletes must follow general training rules and specific rules for that sport prescribed by the coaching staff to be considered as a team member. The number in each sport is prescribed by the head coach in that sport, based on many criteria. Some of the criteria that can determine the size of the team could be:

- A. Talent and work ethics of those trying out.
- B. Number of individuals trying out.
- C. Optimum number determined by coach to conduct productive practices and insure adequate substitutes.
- D. Academic eligibility.

## **MINIMUM GUIDELINES**

The following are minimum guidelines for coaches to follow when eliminating (cutting) student/athletes from specific teams.

1. Before the first day of tryouts the coach will provide criteria that student/athletes will be judged on.
2. Cuts shall not take place before the first day of practice as determined by the coach.
3. Cut lists are not to be used. There are two acceptable ways to make cuts. The first is for the coach to tell the player directly with as much empathy as possible, the reasons why he/she was eliminated. The second acceptable way is to give every athlete an envelope, which tells his/her status.

If large numbers are involved a group meeting may be possible, but it is to be coordinated and approved in advance by the Athletic Director.

Our coaches realize that “cutting” is very difficult on student - athletes. We should use this opportunity to let these students know that we understand their disappointment, that it is not a personal decision and that we are supporting them in the future. We ask our coaches to put themselves in the place of the athlete.

## **PARENT/STAFF COMMUNICATION**

We are continually attempting to improve communication with the students and parents. For our programs to be truly successful, it is necessary that everyone involved understand the direction of the program. Effective communication requires a commitment from students, parents, coaches and advisors. We ALL must be committed to quality communication.

### **Communication coaches expect from parents/guardians:**

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance.
3. Support toward the commitment of the program.

### **Communication parents/guardians should expect from your student’s coach:**

1. When and where are practices and contests.
2. What is the coach’s philosophy.
3. What are the expectations the coach has for all players on the squad as well as your child.
4. What is required to be part of the team, i.e. - fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning.
5. When your child is injured during participation.
6. Any discipline action of your child that results in removal from participation.

### **What are the appropriate concerns for parents/guardians to discuss with coaches:**

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Skill improvement and development.
3. Concerns about your student’s behavior.

### **What things are not appropriate to discuss with coaches:**

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student - athletes.

### **If you have a concern to discuss with the coach what procedure should be followed:**

1. Call and set up an appointment with the coach. The athlete should be present.
2. Please do not attempt to immediately communicate with a coach before, during, or following a contest or practice. These are emotional times for both the parent and the coach and this period does not promote objective analysis of the situation.

### **What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution:**

1. Call and request an appointment with the Athletic Director.

## **ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION CONFLICTS**

Students are encouraged to participate in many school activities and it is not uncommon for students to be involved in more than one extra-curricular activity at a time. While such conflict is not encouraged or recommended, it does happen. It is strongly encouraged that student-athletes, their parents, coaches, and advisors of other activities openly communicate with each other to maximize our student's participation in all activities. When conflicts occur, the student should notify the coach and/or advisor of the conflicting activities as soon as possible so a solution may be derived in everyone's best interests. Whenever possible, the staff discussions should consider the following prioritization of activities:

State level activity  
Regional level activity  
District level activity  
Conference level activity  
Building level activity (banquets or culminating activities, concerts, etc.)  
Practice/rehearsal

## **NCAA ELIGIBILITY**

Student-athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center to be eligible to play NCAA Division I or II sports in college. Athletes playing in Division III do not have to register.

### *What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?*

The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies whether prospective college athletes are eligible to play sports at NCAA Division I or II institutions. It does this by reviewing the student-athlete's academic record, SAT® or ACT scores, and amateur status to ensure conformity with NCAA rules.

*When should students register?*

The NCAA recommends that student-athletes register at the beginning of their junior year in high school, but many students register after their junior year. There is no registration deadline, but students must be cleared by the Eligibility Center before they receive athletic scholarships or compete at a Division I or II institution.

*How do students register?*

Students must register online at the NCAA Eligibility Center. They will have to enter personal information, answer questions about their course work and sports participation outside of high school and pay a registration fee.

*What are the NCAA academic eligibility requirements?*

To play sports at an NCAA Division I or II institution, the student must:

Complete a certain number of high school core courses.

Earn a certain minimum grade point average in these core courses.

Earn a certain minimum score on the SAT or ACT.

Graduate from high school.

For more information, please refer to the NCAA Clearinghouse website – [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

## **VARSITY LETTER REQUIREMENTS**

In all sports, the athlete must complete the season as a squad member in good standing. In addition, you must meet the criteria of that sport, as determined by each head coach.

### *SUMMARY OF ATHLETIC AWARDS*

9th Grade Team Member Award - Participation Certificate

First Junior Varsity Award - Numerals and Certificate

Second Junior Varsity Award - Certificate

\*First Varsity Award - Chenille Letter, Metal Insert & Certificate

Second Varsity Award - Small Plaque

Third Varsity Award - Large Plaque

Fourth Varsity Award – Keepsake Box

*\*Only one chenille letter is received by an athlete. All other letters earned are recognized by certificates or plaques.*

**Scholar Athlete Award** - Given to the highest accumulative average by a player who earned a varsity letter in that sport. The average must be at least a 3.0 and seniors are considered first.

### *SUMMARY OF SUPPORT GROUP AWARDS*

1st Year Award - Freshman Award

2nd Year Award - Junior Varsity Award

3rd & 4th Year Award - Appropriate Varsity Award

## **TITLE IX**

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits gender discrimination in any education program or activity that is supported by federal monies. The US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR") reminds schools receiving federal dollars that they must designate at least one employee to coordinate Title IX compliance.

Each school district must have a designated Title IX coordinator at all times. The Title IX coordinator is responsible for coordinating their school district's compliance with Title IX. Responsibilities of the Title IX coordinator include:

- Drafting and revising Title IX policies and procedures for the district.
- Training and educating staff regarding Title IX obligations and the district's complaint resolution process.
- Implementing and administering the Title IX complaint resolution process, including working with law enforcement and other investigators when necessary, and ensuring complaints are resolved promptly and appropriately.
- Coordinating all of the district's Title IX complaints to monitor outcomes, identify patterns, and assess the district climate for compliance.

Title IX Resource Guide can be found at:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-title-ix-coordinators-guide-201504.pdf>

The Olmsted Falls City School District's Title IX Coordinator is the school district's superintendent, Dr. James Lloyd.

In the event that a student – athlete and his/her family would like to discuss Title IX compliance and the resources designated to a student's academics, athletics, and student life, they are asked to speak with the athletic director, building principal, and then superintendent.

## **BULLDOG BOOSTERS**

The Athletic Booster's is organized to assist the Board of Education in providing funds and equipment for all athletic programs. Without the thousands of dollars generated by the Boosters organization, uniforms, equipment, and facilities would not be what they are today. The Booster's need the help of your parents to continue to provide the amount of support as they presently do. Please encourage your parents to join Bulldog Boosters and become an active member in this organization.