

**CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
&  
CRESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK**

**2019-2020**

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*A Blend of Quality Academics and Athletics. Serving Portage, Summit, Stark, and Medina County Student-Athletes.*

County Division (7)

Crestwood  
Garfield  
Lake Center Christian  
Mogadore  
Rootstown  
Southeast  
Valley Christian

Metro Division (8)

Cloverleaf  
Coventry  
Field  
Norton  
Ravenna  
Springfield  
Streetsboro  
Woodridge

## CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Crestwood Middle School	Crestwood High School
Football – (7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade combined)	Football - (Varsity, JV)
Volleyball - (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Boys' Soccer - (Varsity)
Girls' Soccer - (7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade combined)	Girls' Soccer - (Varsity, JV)
Boys' Soccer – (7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade combined)	Cross Country – (Boys & Girls Varsity)
Cross Country - (7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade combined)	Golf - (Boys & Girls Varsity)
Boys' Basketball - (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Tennis - (Girls & Boys Varsity)
Girls' Basketball - (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Volleyball - (Varsity, JV, 9 <sup>th</sup> )
Track & Field - (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade combined)	Boys' Basketball - (Varsity, JV, 9 <sup>th</sup> )
Cheerleading - (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Girls' Basketball - (Varsity, JV)
Wrestling - (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade combined)	Wrestling - (Varsity)
	Swimming - (Boys & Girls Varsity)
	Bowling - (Boys & Girls Varsity, JV)
	Cheerleading - (Varsity, JV, 9 <sup>th</sup> )
	Baseball - (Varsity, JV)
	Softball - (Varsity, JV)
	Track & Field - (Boys & Girls Varsity)

### Philosophy

*The guiding philosophy of the Crestwood Local Schools Athletic Department is, first and foremost, to provide experiences for our student-athletes with the goal of creating life lessons that will help to develop successful people who will make positive contributions in our society and community. This foundational principle is vital to all Crestwood Middle School and Crestwood High School Athletic programs. Building winning programs & winning contests are the by-products of building successful young people through scholastic athletics. Our programs and their atmosphere will contribute to the development of good sportsmanship on the part of our student-athletes, our athletic staff, the general student body, the faculty, and residents of the school community.*

*Participation in scholastic athletics and extracurricular activities is a unique and important learning experience. This participation is a privilege for our Crestwood students...not a right. In this way extracurricular activities are separate from the school curriculum.*

*Our coaches & staff shall always encourage each individual student-athlete to strive for excellence in the classroom first, and secondly in their athletic endeavors. Our staff will recognize that the general welfare and development of the total person must be given constant attention. Members of the school athletic community will encourage athletes to participate in a variety of athletic endeavors & activities. Our athletic staff will encourage maximum participation and devotion to personal and athletic development at all levels of participation.*

*Our policies & procedures will be within the guidelines of the Portage Trail Conference or Ohio High School Athletic Association*

## **Pre-Participation Requirements**

Those students wishing to participate in an activity or sport must have the following information on file through their Crestwood Local Schools **FinalForms** (<https://crestwood-oh.finalforms.com>) account before participation begins:

Contact Information	Student Handbook	OHSAA Preseason Info
Demographic Information	Assumed Risk Form	Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness
District Information	Student Athletic Handbook	OHSAA PPE Physical (for physician)
Health History & Medical Profile	Informed Consent Agreement	ODH Concussion Information
Emergency Medical Authorization Form	Road Running Policy (country /track)	OHSAA Authorization
Free & Reduced Meals	OHSAA Student Athlete Eligibility	OHSAA PPE Medical History
Student Likeness Release		

**These online forms must be completed and electronically signed ANNUALLY by both the student athlete and the parent/guardian in order to be released to participate in any activities.**

The OHSAA Physical Form can be printed directly from **FinalForms** and is the only document that must be physically signed by the physician and returned to the Athletic Office at the High School or Middle School on an annual basis in order to allow a student athlete to participate.

## **Academic Eligibility**

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled at Crestwood Middle School: Eligibility is determined for each grading period by grades received the preceding grading period. Please read the CMS Handbook for further clarification on eligibility, enrollment, and age limitation for CMS. All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders are automatically eligible for their first trimester based on OHSAA guidelines.

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled at Crestwood High School must pass five (5) courses taken during the final grading period of their 8th grade year to be eligible and maintain a GPA of 1.5 or higher.

All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school in the immediately preceding grading period. During the preceding grading period the student must have received a minimum of a 1.5 G.P.A. (Crestwood Local requirement) and passed a minimum of five (5) one credit courses or the equivalent (OHSAA requirement). These eligibility requirements apply to all athletic teams/squads offered at Crestwood High School.

## **Drug Testing Policy**

The Crestwood Local School District Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the whole school community. The Board takes its responsibilities regarding this problem seriously and is determined to be proactive regarding the use of drugs and/or alcohol by District students.

This drug and alcohol testing program has been established to provide a means of deterrence to develop a truly drug-free school environment and to assist students in getting help when needed. The purpose of the program is:

1. Provide for the health and safety of all students
2. Undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students to refuse to use alcohol and illegal drugs; and
3. Encourage students who use alcohol and illegal drugs to participate in a treatment program
4. To prevent and deter drug use

### **Drug and Alcohol Testing Requirement**

Upon request to participate in athletics, extracurricular activities, or to obtain a parking permit, parent(s) and students will be required to provide written consent for testing prior to participation in the nonacademic activity, and to submit to random testing on a periodic basis throughout a twelve-month period. The guidelines shall establish a process for random testing of all student athletes and extracurricular participants, including students who wish to obtain a parking permit. Random urine drug testing and/or oral screening continues throughout the period.

The results of the tests shall not become part of the student's permanent academic record. Test results will not be reported to law enforcement authorities, and test information will not be released to law enforcement or other parties except in response to a lawfully executed subpoena. In the latter case,

parents will be notified within a reasonable time of the receipt of the subpoena. Likewise, test information shall only be released to persons designated in Board regulation and procedures

This drug/alcohol testing policy is non-punitive. However, the testing program does not affect current policies of the Board regarding student drug, tobacco, or alcohol possession, or use where reasonable suspicion is established by means other than testing as outlined in this policy.

### **Drug Policy Violation**

For the purpose of this policy, the following actions constitute a violation:

- A. Failure to report to collection site after notification.
- B. Refusal to submit urine sample for testing.
- C. Tampering with the sample for testing or attempting to subvert the collection/identification process.
- D. Confirmed positive result for banned substance.
- E. Aiding and/or abetting another student in violating this policy.
- F. Refusal to submit to a re-test when required following an inconclusive, adulterated, or suspect result.
- G. Failure of the student and/or the student's parent/guardian to sign the testing consent form(s) and return them to the Program Administrator prior to testing.

A positive alcohol and/or drug violation will result in additional testing either through an assessment program or through the District's drug testing program. The cost of this testing will be the responsibility of the student and/or the student's parent/guardian.

### **CONSEQUENCE OF POSITIVE RESULTS OR OTHER VIOLATION OF POLICY FOR STUDENT ATHLETES**

#### A. First Violation

1. Denial of the privilege to participate in ten percent (10%) of games, but must still attend and participate in practices. The athlete must also be present with the team at the games or meets (but not in uniform). These events shall be consecutive starting with the first scheduled event after the confirmation of the violation. Any denial of participation occurring at the end of the season is carried over to the next sport in which the student participates until this consequence for the first offense is fulfilled.
2. The athlete must participate in an assessment and follow-up program. This assessment must be conducted by a certified chemical dependency counselor, an agency certified

by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency. The athlete must participate in the assessment process through its Completion. The student and/or parent/guardian is responsible for all expenses associated with the assessment and for providing the Principal with documentation that the student completed all recommendations of the counselor. The student will automatically be included in the next random testing sequence.

3. Once the student has provided proof of completion of an assessment and completion of all counselor recommendation(s), the student may petition for reinstatement of privileges. The parent/guardian and student will meet with the Principal to determine reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, if the student continues to be involved in extracurricular activities, student will submit to random testing for a period of one calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test.

#### B. Second Violation

1. Denial of the privilege to participate in fifty percent (50%) of games, but must still attend and participate in practices. The athlete must also be present with the team at the games or meets (but not in uniform). These events shall be consecutive starting with the first scheduled event after the confirmation of the violation. Any denial of participation occurring at the end of the season is carried over to the next sport in which the student participates until this consequence for the first offense is full-filled.
2. The athlete must participate in an assessment and follow-up program. This assessment must be conducted by a certified chemical dependency counselor, an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency. The athlete must participate in the assessment process through its completion and follow the recommendation(s) of the counselor. The student and/or parent/guardian is responsible for all expenses associated with the assessment and for providing the Principal with documentation that the student completed all recommendations of the counselor.
3. Once the student has provided proof of completion of an assessment and completion of all counselor recommendation(s), the student may petition for reinstatement of privileges. The parent/guardian and student will meet with the Principal to determine reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, if the student continues to be involved in extracurricular activities, student will submit to random testing for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test.

#### C. Third Violation

1. Denial of the privilege to participate for a period of 365 days from the time of notification of violation.
2. The athlete must participate in an assessment and follow-up program. This assessment must be conducted by a certified chemical dependency counselor, an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency. The athlete must participate in the assessment process through its completion and follow the recommendation(s) of the counselor. The student and/or parent/guardian is responsible for all expenses associated with the assessment and for providing the Principal with documentation that the student completed all recommendations of the counselor.

3. Once the student has provided proof of completion of an assessment and completion of all counselor recommendation(s), the student may petition for reinstatement of privileges. The parent/guardian and student will meet with the Principal to determine reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, if the student continues to be involved in extracurricular activities, student will submit to random testing for a period of one calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test.

Athletes who in any way aid or abet another athlete in violating this policy will be disciplined as if they were the primary offender.

Consequences for a second and third violation are not based on whether the banned substance detected is the same as that identified in the previous test(s).

No athlete will be penalized academically for violating this policy. Moreover, information regarding test results will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by a valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the District will not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the athlete and his/her parents/guardian will be notified at least forty-eight (48) hours before a response is made by the District, to the extent legally permitted.

Failure to complete the assessment following any of the violations shall result in denial of participation in the covered activities until the completion of the assessment.

Violations are accumulative throughout the student athlete's secondary school career at the high school.

### **Participant Code of Conduct**

While under the jurisdiction of Crestwood Local Schools, students are expected to abide by the rules and guidelines outlined in the Code of Conduct found in the Student Handbook and all other regulations adopted by the Crestwood Local Board of Education.

Each activity/sport may have additional guidelines which must be followed. Please become familiar with them.

### **Athletic Code of Conduct**

A violation of any of the following rules may result in denial of participation from athletics/activities for the duration of the season or semester. Suspension from school may result in some instances, as deemed appropriate by administration.

- 1. All school rules apply as stated in the student handbook**
- 2. In-school restriction at the high school may lead to suspension from participation in practices or contests on the date of the suspension.**

3. **Out-of-school suspension, or expulsion from school will result in the same duration of suspension for extra-curricular activities and athletics.**
4. **Insubordination – A student-athlete shall not refuse to comply with a reasonable request, order, or direction of any coach, administrator, or other authorized personnel. Insubordination may result in suspension from games/activities.**
5. **Profanity or Vulgar Displays – A student-athlete shall not use profane, obscene, or vulgar language. This includes gestures, either nonverbal or written. Profanity or vulgar displays may result in suspensions from games/activities.**
6. **Behavior Unbecoming to a Crestwood Student – A student-athlete shall not act in a manner detrimental to the team, Crestwood High School, or Crestwood Middle School. Unbecoming behavior and /or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in suspension from games/activities.**
7. **Student-athletes must follow training rules and regulations.**
8. **Student-athletes must dress appropriately for all training sessions, events, and fitness sessions in all venues and must wear a shirt at all times in all venues.**
9. **Student-athletes must attend required meetings and practice, unless prior permission is granted by the coach or advisor.**
10. **Student-athletes must meet all eligibility requirements.**
11. **All O.H.S.A.A. rules must be followed.**
12. **Adherence to the Crestwood Schools Drug Policy**

The philosophy of the Crestwood Local Schools Athletic Code of Conduct is to reflect that extracurricular participation is an elective privilege and that participants must be held to higher standards both academically and behaviorally to maintain eligibility to participate. The District recognizes the research stating that the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs is detrimental to performance in athletics and other performance-related activities and that the use impairs rational thinking abilities as well as other physical and emotional functions. The District also recognizes that any student, coach, or advisor representing the Crestwood Local Schools inside or outside of the community is a role model to others.

When it has been determined by school or law enforcement authorities that a student participating in athletics and/or extracurricular activities, while on or off school grounds or facilities, at school sponsored events, in other situations under the authority of the District or in controlled vehicles, has been in violation of any of the following infractions:

- **Evidence of possession or having consumed alcoholic beverage and/or drugs or narcotics (including look-alikes and counterfeit controlled substances) or paraphernalia.**
- **Distribution or sale of unprescribed or prescribed drugs or narcotics.**
- **Possession and/or use of tobacco or tobacco products or paraphernalia.**
- **Possession and/or use or distribution of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing substances**



- **Possession or use of dangerous, destructive devices, fireworks, knives and/or “lookalike” weapons.**

Any student/athlete found in violation of the above infractions (first offense) may be subject to suspension of participation in extracurricular activities for a period equal to approximately ¼ (25%) of the regular season for that activity (see list). The student-athlete must still attend and participate in practices. The student-athlete must also be present, and travel, with the team at all contests (but not in uniform) and sit separate from the team while not on team bench or in the team area. **Suspension shall be for regular season or post-season contests and will carry over to the next applicable season. Scrimmages or preseason competitions do not count toward the completion of the suspension. Suspension shall exclude participation from any level of that activity (Seventh or Eighth grade, freshman, JV or Varsity contests), however the length of suspension shall be served based on a player’s current level of participation (i.e. a JV soccer player must sit out 4 JV contests before the suspension is completed-a Varsity contest would not count toward completion of the suspension). Suspensions accumulate throughout high school participation beginning in the 9th grade and do not carry over from middle school participation.**

- Suspension may be reduced to ten percent (10%) of games if the athlete & parent(s) agree to participate in an assessment and follow-up program. This assessment must be conducted by a certified chemical dependency counselor, an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed counselor. The athlete must participate in the assessment process through its completion. The student and/or parent/guardian is responsible for all expenses associated with the assessment and for providing the Principal and/or Director of Athletics with documentation that the student completed all recommendations of the counselor. The student will automatically be included in the next random testing drug testing sequence and all subsequent testing session for one (1) calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test. The student-athlete must still attend and participate in practices. The student-athlete must also be present, and travel, with the team at all contests (but not in

uniform) and sit separate from the team while not on team bench or in the team area. These events shall be consecutive starting with the first scheduled event after the confirmation of the violation. Any denial of participation occurring at the end of the season is carried over to the next sport in which the student participates until this consequence for the first offense is fulfilled.

- Once the student has provided proof of completion of an assessment and completion of all counselor recommendation(s), the student may petition for reinstatement of privileges. The parent/guardian and student will meet with the Principal and/or Director of Athletics to determine reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, if the student continues to be involved in extracurricular activities, student will submit to random testing for a period of one calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test.

Any student found guilty of a **second offense**, shall be suspended from participation in the extracurricular activity for the remainder of the season and/or 100% of contests.

- Suspension can be reduced to fifty percent (50%) of contests if the athlete & parent(s) agree to participate in an assessment and follow-up program. This assessment must be conducted by a certified chemical dependency counselor, an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed counselor. The athlete must participate in the assessment process through its completion. The student and/or parent/guardian is responsible for all expenses associated with the assessment and for providing the Principal and/or Director of Athletics with documentation that the student completed all recommendations of the counselor. The student will automatically be included in the next random testing drug testing sequence and all subsequent testing session for one (1) calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test. The student-athlete must still attend and participate in practices. The student-athlete must also be present, and travel, with the team at all contests (but not in uniform) and sit separate from the team while not on team bench or in the team area. These events shall be consecutive starting with the first scheduled event after the confirmation of the violation. Any denial of participation occurring at the end of the season is carried over to the

next sport in which the student participates until this consequence for the second offense is fulfilled.

- Once the student has provided proof of completion of an assessment and completion of all counselor recommendation(s), the student may petition for reinstatement of privileges. The parent/guardian and student will meet with the Principal and/or Director of Athletics to determine reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, if the student continues to be involved in extracurricular activities, student will submit to random testing for a period of one calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test.

Any student found guilty of a **third offense** shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for one calendar year from the date of the third violation.

- In order to regain the privilege of competing, the student and parent/guardian must agree to comply with a recommendation for an assessment. This assessment must be conducted by a certified chemical dependency counselor, an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed counselor. The athlete must participate in the assessment process through its completion. The student and/or parent/guardian is responsible for all expenses associated with the assessment and for providing the Principal and/or Director of Athletics with documentation that the student completed all recommendations of the counselor. The student will automatically be included in the next random testing drug testing sequence and all subsequent testing session for one (1) calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test. The student-athlete will not be permitted to participate in any practices, training sessions, in or out of season, or in any team-related activities. Any denial of participation will remain in place for one calendar year until the requirements of the third offense are fulfilled.
- Once the student has provided proof of completion of an assessment and completion of all counselor recommendation(s), the student may petition for reinstatement of privileges. The parent/guardian and student will meet with the Principal and/or Director of Athletics to determine reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, if the student continues to be involved in extracurricular

activities, student will submit to random testing for a period of one calendar year from the date of the most recently failed test.

Evidence provided by law enforcement of attendance at an event or activity where underage alcohol consumption and/or drug use is occurring and choosing not to leave in a timely fashion may result in a one game suspension.

Student-athletes charged with engaging in criminal activity or violations of civil law will be removed from athletic participation. The high school administration will determine if/when this student-athlete may return to athletic participation.

#### **Suspension List (25%)**

Football	3 game suspension	Basketball	5 game suspension
Soccer	4 game suspension	Wrestling	5 pts. of team events
Volleyball	5 game suspension	Bowling	4 match suspension
Tennis	4 match suspension	Swimming	4 meet suspension
Cross Country	4 meet suspension	Baseball	7 game suspension
Cheerleading	3 game suspension	Softball	7 game suspension
		Track	4 meet suspension

#### **Use of Steroids or Other Performance Enhancing Drugs**

Student-athletes are prohibited from possessing, selling or using anabolic steroids without a valid prescription. A mandatory warning pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3313.752 regarding the deleterious effects of anabolic steroids and that the possession, sale or use of anabolic steroids without a prescription is a crime is posted in each locker room of Crestwood Local School District's middle and high schools.

**Consequences:** Administrative action, subject to the above procedures for substance possession, use, and distribution and may result in dismissal from the team.

#### **Social Media Responsibility**

Sportsmanship extends to the social media environment as well. Students, coaches, and fans should not engage in derogatory exchanges over the Internet, text messages, or other social media avenues.

Such actions are strictly prohibited and will be treated in the same way as unsportsmanlike behavior at an athletic contest or behavior unbecoming to a Crestwood Student.

### **Guidelines/Policies for Student-athletes**

Playing and competing as a Crestwood High School and Middle School student-athlete is a privilege. Student-athletes at Crestwood are held in the highest regard and are seen as role models in the community. As leaders you have the responsibility to portray your team, your School and yourselves in a positive manner at all times. Sometimes this means doing things that are an inconvenience to you, but benefit the whole team.

Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and other social media sites have increased in popularity globally, and are used by the majority of student-athletes here at Crestwood in one form or another. Student-athletes should be aware that third parties, including the media, faculty, future employers and OHSAA officials, could easily access your profiles and view all personal information. This includes all pictures, videos, comments and posters. Inappropriate material found by third parties affects the perception of the student-athlete, the athletic department and the School District. This can also be detrimental to a student-athlete's future enlistment, collegiate enrollment and employment options.

Examples of inappropriate and offensive behaviors concerning participation in online communities may include depictions or presentations of the following:

- **Photos, videos, comments or posters showing the personal use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco e.g., no holding cups, cans, shot glasses etc.**
- **Photos, videos, and comments that are of a sexual nature. This includes links to websites of a pornographic nature and other inappropriate material.**
- **Pictures, videos, comments or posters that condone drug-related activity. This includes but is not limited to images that portray the personal use of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.**
- **Content online that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning or threatening toward any other individual or entity (examples: derogatory comments regarding another**

**institution; taunting comments aimed at a student-athlete, coach or team at another institution and derogatory comments against race and/or gender). No posts should depict or encourage unacceptable, violent or illegal activities (examples: hazing, sexual harassment/assault, gambling, discrimination, fighting, vandalism, academic dishonesty, underage drinking, and illegal drug use).**

- **Content online that would constitute a violation of Crestwood Local Schools guidelines, policies, and rules.**

If a student-athlete's actions on social media are found to be inappropriate in accordance with the previously stated behaviors, he/she may be subject to the following penalties:

- 1. Written warning**
- 2. A meeting with Director of Athletics and/or Head Coach**
- 3. Penalties as determined by the athletic department, including but not limited to possible suspension and/or removal from his/her athletic team.**

For your own safety, please keep the following recommendations in mind as you participate in social media websites:

- **Set your security settings so that only your friends can view your profile.**
- **You should not post your email, home address, local address, telephone number(s), or other personal information as it could lead to unwanted attention, stalking, identity theft, etc.**
- **Be aware of who you add as a friend to your site – many people are looking to take advantage of student-athletes or to seek connection with student-athletes.**
- **Consider how the above behaviors can be reflected in all social media applications.**

If you are ever in doubt of the appropriateness of your online public material, consider whether it upholds and positively reflects your own values and ethics as well as the Crestwood Athletic Department's and the School District. Remember, always present a positive image and don't do anything to embarrass yourself, the team, your family or the School District.

### **Hazing**

Hazing shall be defined for the purposes of this policy as performing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, team or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

**Consequences:** Administrative action and automatic dismissal from the team.

### **Attendance Policy for Day of Events**

Students who are participating in or attending any extra-curricular activities/athletics must be in class for at least 4.0 hours on the day of the activity. Field trips, college visits, observance of religious holidays, and a death in the family are exceptions to the rule, but previous notice must be given by a parent/guardian to the attendance office or athletic director.

### **Levels of Play**

In most sports Crestwood will field teams at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshmen levels. Provided there is sufficient participation.

**Seventh and Eighth grade** teams are for those student-athletes in those participating grades and grade-specific teams. The student-athletes may not practice or participate in practices or games with the CHS athletic or extracurricular programs unless those fit under the guidelines outlined in the OHSAA bylaws. The focus of the middle school level teams is teaching & establishing the foundation of life lessons, teaching fundamentals of the game, and developing people and players. Efforts will

always be made at this level to provide playing time for as many players as possible. Winning contests is a third priority behind teaching and providing opportunities for players to develop.

**Freshman** teams are for ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade student-athletes. Ninth grade student-athletes can, however, play above the freshman level if their coaches feel this is warranted. Freshman cheerleaders generally only cheer at the freshman level. The focus of freshman level teams is teaching & establishing the foundation of life lessons, teaching fundamentals of the game, and developing people and players. Efforts will always be made at this level to provide playing time for as many players as possible. Winning contests is a third priority behind teaching and providing opportunities for players to develop.

The **Junior Varsity** team can be made up of 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade student-athletes. Seniors generally do not (other than in emergency fill-in situations, rehabilitation assignments, and/or other instances coaches deem necessary) play at the J.V. level. The focus at the junior varsity level is to prepare players for the varsity level. Teaching & establishing the foundation of life lessons, teaching fundamentals of the game, and developing people and players. Winning contests is a second priority behind teaching and developing players.

The **Varsity** level is made up of the student-athletes that not only compete at the highest level of competition, but represent the Crestwood community at the highest level of behavior, modeling, and expectation. Even at the highest level, teaching & establishing the foundation of life lessons, teaching fundamentals of the game, and developing people and players is still the primary focus. Winning contests is still a secondary focus at the varsity level. Decision of placement onto varsity-level teams are made by our coaching staffs, as they are at all levels of play.

### **Parent/Coach Communication**

**It is expected that any issues and concerns with team or athletic programs will be addressed to the coaching staff and/or Director of Athletics by the concerned student-athlete prior to any communication from parents.**

#### **Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With Coaches:**

1. Treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.
4. Issues related to injuries, treatment, recovery, and return to play protocols.



**Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches:**

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

**If your student-athlete has discussed concerns with their coaching staff and they, along with you as a parent, feel the need to have further discussion with the coaching staff:**

1. Call to set up an appointment (CHS 330-357-8205) (CMS 330-357-8204)
2. If the coach cannot be reached, the Director of Athletics will schedule the appointment.
3. Do not attempt to confront or engage a coach before or after a contest. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolutions.
4. If a meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call and set up a meeting with the Director of Athletics and the Principal to discuss the situation.

**Transportation to Games**

Student-athletes are required to ride the team bus to away contests.

Athletes transported to events on a Crestwood School District bus must return to school following the event on a Crestwood School District bus. The only alternative is if a parent transports his/her own son/daughter home from an event in an emergency situation. In these emergency situations the parent must sign an **Alternative Transportation Form** provided by the coach or athletic director.

**Transportation Code of Conduct**

The bus driver is in complete charge of his/her bus operation and conduct. Failure to comply with bus rules and regulations will result in disciplinary action.

**Residence & Transfers**

Please visit [OHSAA.org](http://OHSAA.org) to view all rules and regulations concerning residence and transfers. The Athletic Director should be consulted in all matters related to eligibility, residence, and/or transfers.

## **Equipment and Uniforms**

Athletic department equipment and uniforms that are issued to the athlete, are the sole responsibility of that athlete; if the equipment and/or uniform is lost or damaged, replacement or repair will be made at the athlete's expense. All equipment and/or uniforms must be returned to the coach at the conclusion of each sport/activity season. Uniforms are not to be used as personal apparel and should only be used during games. The exception to this is the wearing of jerseys on game days (with permission from the coach). Any fees owed for athletic purposes will be treated as a school fee.

Wearing a Crestwood uniform and representing your school in an athletic event is an honor that needs to be taken very seriously. Jerseys are to be worn during contests and kept on following games. As long as you are on the field, court, or in the playing area your jersey must be worn. Failure to do so may result in loss of playing time.

## **School Closing Event-Practice Policy**

1. When school is canceled due to adverse road conditions a determination for events/contests/games will be made by the Superintendent, Transportation Director, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach for that day. School cancellations due to extremely hot/cold temperatures will not cause cancellation of afternoon/evening events, provided that temperatures warm to safe levels during the day and a collaborative decision between the Superintendent, Transportation Director, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach is reached.
2. Away contests may be played if road conditions improve and a collaborative decision between the Superintendent, Transportation Director, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach is reached.
3. All 9<sup>th</sup> and Junior Varsity practices are canceled when school is not in session due to adverse weather conditions. All off-season conditioning and/or training sessions are cancelled. Voluntary varsity practices may be held after 1:00 p.m. provided road conditions improve and a collaborative decision between the Superintendent, Transportation Director, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach is reached.
4. Weekend and Holiday events and practices will be decided day-to-day by the Superintendent, Transportation Director, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach.

## Crestwood Sports Schedules and Directions

All current (updated regularly) schedules and most directions to away events are available through the Crestwood Athletic Department website:

[reddevilsathletics.org](http://reddevilsathletics.org)

### Athletic Awards Policy

All students must be in good standing to receive an award.

Choosing award winners is the sole responsibility of the Head Coach (and his/her coaching staff).

Team managers/student athletic first aid providers shall be granted an award upon recommendation by the Head Coach.

All student-athletes should attend the seasonal sports assembly, regardless if they are receiving an award. Failure to attend, without an excused absence as determined by the athletic director, may result in forfeiture of the award.

End-of-season Award Banquets are designed to be special occasions at Crestwood High School.

Proper dress is required. Look professional...no jeans at formal banquets. Shirts and ties for boys and skirts/pants suits for girls are recommended. Failure to follow these directions may result in removal from banquet. Any outdoor picnic ceremony will be exempt from this dress code.

### Requirements to Letter in Varsity Sports

The Head Coach has the discretion to award varsity letters as they see fit and **may** use the following criteria as a guideline:

<b>Football</b> =Half the Quarters	<b>Soccer</b> =Half the Halves	<b>Bowling</b> =40% of Total Match Points
<b>Swimming</b> =Half the Meets	<b>Cheerleading</b> =Complete Season	<b>Baseball/Softball</b> =Half the Total Innings
<b>Golf</b> =Half the Matches	<b>Basketball</b> =Half the Quarters	<b>Track</b> =Earn One Point in Meet
<b>Volleyball</b> =Half the Games	<b>Tennis</b> =30% of the matches	<b>Seniors</b> who have competed the season in good standing may be awarded a varsity letter.
<b>Cross Country</b> =Earn One Point in Meet	<b>Wrestling</b> =Participate in Five Varsity Events	

**Crestwood Local Schools “Pay to Participate”**

**Crestwood High School Participation Fees/Pay to Participate**

Every student participating in a sport at Crestwood High School must pay a participation fee. Payment may be made with cash or checks (checks made out to Crestwood High School). Checks must be for the exact amount of the participation fee and cannot be combined with any other fees or monies owed.

**2019-2020 Rate:**                      Per Sport/Season                      \$ 200.00  
Family cap for athletics & activities                      \$ 800.00

**Fall Fee Due: August 23, 2019**  
**Winter Fee Due: November 22, 2019**  
**Spring Fee Due: March 20, 2020**

**Student-athletes may be held out of activities after due date, unless prior arrangements have been made with the athletic office.**

**No refunds of PTP fees will be issued if student-athlete leaves his/her team.**

**Injury situations will be evaluated on case by case basis.**

**Crestwood Middle School Participation Fees/Pay to Participate**

7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Football	\$100	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball	\$100
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball	\$100	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cross Country	\$100
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling	\$100	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cheerleading	\$50 per season
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Track	\$100	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Soccer	\$100

***FAMILY CAP FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: \$ 480.00***

**Crestwood High School Admission Policies to League Events/PTC Policy**

For those not participating in an event or activity, but are attending the event or activity for which admission is charged, the following information applies:

**Varsity Events**

Including: Basketball, Soccer, Swimming, Volleyball, and Wrestling

- \$6.00 Adults
- \$4.00 Students/Senior Citizens (school age)

## Varsity Football

- \$6.00 **ALL Adult & Student tickets at the gate.**
- \$4.00 Senior Citizens
- \$4.00 Student pre-sale tickets are available on most game days.

## Junior Varsity and Freshman Games

Admission to any other event where an admission price is in effect will be:

- \$3.00 Adults
- \$2.00 Students
- \$6.00 Adults/\$4.00 Students – Triple header games with 9<sup>th</sup>, JV, Varsity

Senior Citizens – Age 60 and above will be admitted at the student/senior citizen rate with a Buckeye Card or other accepted senior identification card.

Crestwood Senior Citizens – Can receive a free pass to all home athletic events by enquiring through the high school athletic office.

## Crestwood Middle School Admission Policies to Athletic Events

For those not participating in an event or activity, but are attending the event or activity for which admission is charged, the following information applies:

- \$3.00 Adults
- \$2.00 Students
- \$2.00 Seniors

Senior Citizens – Age 60 and above will be admitted at the student/senior citizen rate with a Buckeye Card or other accepted senior identification card.

Crestwood Senior Citizens – Can receive a free pass to all home athletic events by enquiring through the high school athletic office.

## Crestwood Sports Passes

Sports passes for adults, students, and families are now available to be reserved and purchased and can be done online. Passes are available for all high school and middle school athletic events:

- **Adult All-Sports Pass: \$95.00**
- **Student All-Sports Pass: \$75.00**
- **Family All-Sports Pass: \$200.00 (for immediate family only up to five (5) total.**

## **Crestwood All Sports Booster Club Membership**

The **Crestwood All Sports Booster Club (CASB)** is an organization dedicated to the enrichment of **all** sports programs in the Crestwood School District in grades 7 through 12. We want you to join our group as we try to improve our young athlete's sports programs.

The Crestwood Local School District sponsors 15 sports currently recognized by the OHSAA. This makes up 20 varsity teams who participate in the OHSAA end of season tournaments. Additionally, Crestwood offers more than 20 teams at the junior varsity, freshman, and middle school levels. CASB supports the athletes and programs by paying for awards, uniforms, clinics, equipment, and other items requested by the coaches. The CASB has helped with the scoreboard, improvements made to the field house, providing funds for the building of the tennis courts and the all-weather track. The need is ongoing and we continue to raise funds in our concession stand, membership drive, donations, and sale of advertising in our program and scoreboard. All of these funds are spent on the Crestwood Local School District's sports program for our athletes.