

ANTWERP

**STUDENT
ATHLETIC
HANDBOOK**

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

The emphasis in each sport will be to develop a successful varsity sports program. Each sport will be viewed as one program presided over by the Varsity Head Coach. The Varsity Head Coach will be involved with the program at all levels and be responsible for the performance of the entire program. In all sports, student athletes will be taught one system from seventh grade through the varsity level. The Varsity Head Coach will determine the offensive, defensive, and fundamental skills and training methods to be taught to the entire program. In addition, the Varsity Head Coach will be responsible for recommending quality coaches at all levels to the athletic director and building principal.

The first step toward a successful varsity program begins with Middle School Athletics. Middle School Athletics will not be a continuation of the youth sports' philosophy of "everyone plays". Beginning with seventh grade, student-athletes will be gradually immersed in the world of competitive athletics, and with each successive level of play will be introduced to increased and better competition.

*****PARTICIPATION IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT! *****

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOLS INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The objectives of athletics are within the larger goals of the entire school program. We believe that athletics must make a positive contribution to the individual's mental, physical, and social growth toward adulthood. The following items represent the specific objectives for the girls and boys of the Antwerp athletic program.

1. To develop a sense of sportsmanship. Sportsmanship to the letter and spirit of the rules.
2. To develop capacities of leadership.
3. To realize the value of hard work. The participant's experience in a planned athletic program is nurtured on the fundamental principle that hard work is the key to success. It does not guarantee the athlete that he or she will succeed if they work hard, but rather, the athlete learns that hard work is an integral part of realizing any objective.
4. To develop a positive approach to winning. Playing to win is probably the most important prerequisite to gaining the benefits from athletics. By playing to win, the athlete uses all the valuable resources that each participant is trying to develop through athletics. Playing to win does not mean that benefits cannot result unless one wins. The positive approach does mean, however, that every contest and every task is approached with the thought that maximum effort will result in victory.
5. To develop an appreciation for individual excellence. To make the maximum contribution to a team, school, job, or profession requires the individual to deliver his or her full potential. Sports places a premium on the athlete prepared to do his or her best.
6. Surrounding these objectives are a number of "by-products" that exemplify the athletic program:
 - A. Athletics are fun. Fun arising from comradeship, anticipation, excitement of a contest, and the enthusiasm that surrounds a team working toward a common goal.

B. Athletics presents an opportunity to excel.

C. Athletes are a strong influence on the younger girls and boys in our community. The athlete contributes much to the character growth of this group.

D. Through athletics a girl or boy recognized that each individual has limitations and through effort they can increase their abilities.

E. The athletic program affects the morale of the entire school. The contagious enthusiasm and spirit of sports permeates all activities.

F. Interscholastic competition affords the opportunity to meet girls and boys from all types of homes and community backgrounds. It enlarges perspective.

G. Athletics present to the participant a planned program whereby each person can develop a strong, vigorous, and healthy body.

7. The privilege of participating on an athletic team, therefore, entails certain responsibilities on the part of the athlete:

A. The athlete should maintain a satisfactory classroom record. Satisfactory, in this case does not mean merely passing, but working at one's best ability.

B. The athlete should develop a standard of social conduct similar to the "adherence of rules" and sportsmanlike spirit of sports so that each person is a credit to his or her school and community.

C. The athletes respect their bodies and therefore respect the training rules that are formulated to get them into top physical condition. They recognize that the training rules are a year-around obligation if they are to represent themselves and their team in the best light.

8. The school has a responsibility to the girls and boys who are its representatives through the athletic program. The athlete can expect the school:

A. To enthusiastically foster school spirit and athletic support by recognizing the contributions made by the athletic teams to the total school program.

B. To willingly provide, within its means, the best facilities and equipment available.

C. To adopt hiring policies which will provide the best instruction and coaching so that the participant grows not only into a better athlete, but also into a better woman or man.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

2. To afford an opportunity for participation for all students who desire to take part.

3. To allow the participant to develop maximum self-potential.

4. To create an atmosphere which will promote a positive social attitude.

5. To provide an opportunity to extend student interest beyond classroom experience, within and outside the community.

6. To provide an opportunity to develop skills and attitude which can be employed in daily life and in the wise use of leisure time.

SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

A. SPORTS

1. Cross country
2. Football
3. Golf
4. Volleyball
5. Basketball
6. Baseball
7. Softball
8. Track
9. Cheerleading

B. Clubs

1. Varsity "A" Club

ATHLETES SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
2. I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my temper since fighting and disrespect can spoil the activity for everyone.
4. I will respect my opponents.
5. I will do my best to try to be a true team player.
6. I will remember winning isn't everything. Having fun, improving my skills, making friends, and doing my best are also important.
7. I will acknowledge all good plays or performances by both my teammates and my opponents.
8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions, show them respect and understand they have given their time to be with me.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC POLICY

Local Board Policy:

Quarterly:

If a student has two or more failing grades in a quarter, he/she will be rules ineligible for the entire following quarter. If a student has two or more failing grades in the fourth quarter, there will be a carry over to the first quarter the following school year.

Weekly:

Students receiving two or more failing grades will be ineligible to participate the following week, beginning Sunday midnight and concluding midnight the following Sunday. Students receiving two or more cumulative failing grades are ineligible for one week. A grade of "incomplete" means no participation in any contest until the incomplete (work) has been made up.

The administration may consider the needs of student and extenuating circumstances in the application of the ineligibility rules.

A weekly check of the student's academic program will be conducted by the Athletic Director and the middle School Principal, or designee, who will notify students if they have academic deficiencies.

GPA Policy:

In addition to the eligibility requirements established by the OHSAA, to be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student:

- Must have maintained at least a cumulative 1.500 grade point average or better during the freshman year.
- Must have maintained at least a cumulative 1.750 grade point average or better during the sophomore year.
- Must have maintained at least a cumulative 2.00 grade point average or better during the junior and senior year.

The Principal may make an exception if the student has been participating or participates in an intervention program and has shown satisfactory progress toward achieving the minimum grade point average.

If a student who becomes ineligible under these standards improves his/her grade point average during the current semester, he/she may be reinstated at the beginning of the following semester.

In the event where extenuating circumstances may exist, a committee made up of the building principal, athletic director, and head coach of the sport involved may meet to determine whether granting eligibility is in the best interest of the student/athlete. The student/athlete may be required to participate in a consistent intervention program during the grading period affected.

In all cases, minimum OHSAA standards must be met.

Students declared ineligible who believe extenuating circumstances do exist may appeal to the building principal.

In the case of a student being educated under IEP, the IEP Team shall determine whether or not the student has met eligibility standards appropriate for participation in an extracurricular activity.

OHSAA Policy:

In order to be eligible, a student in grades 9-12 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school immediately preceding the grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in subjects that earn a minimum of 5.0 credits, or the equivalent, per year toward graduation.

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75 percent of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

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, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school immediately preceding the grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in 75 percent of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

Any home school student wishing to participate in athletics at Antwerp Local School must enroll in a least one academic class. The student must also follow the Ohio High School Athletic Association eligibility guidelines for his/her grade level.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY DISCIPLINE POLICY

The Antwerp Board of Education, Antwerp Local School faculty and staff, and the Athletic Department are all in agreement that one of the major objectives of extracurricular activities is to aid in the formation of character in students. The aim is to assist them in becoming healthy, productive citizens later in life. All extracurricular participants have a serious responsibility to themselves, their fellow participants and the school community to be mentally and physically prepared for competition and performance, and to serve as a positive representative of the Antwerp Local School.

The laws of the state of Ohio or the policies of the Antwerp Board of Education do not guarantee participation in extracurricular activities. It is a privilege given to students, which may be revoked.

First offense - for student athletes who commits any violation of the student code of conduct, for example, drinking/smoking/chewing: Denial of participation for a minimum of 20% of that team/group's regular/post season schedule. Plus four hours of community service. To be enforced and overseen by the Athletic Director.

Second offense: 50% of that team/group's regular/post season schedule. Plus ten hours of community service.

The Antwerp Local School Student Code of Conduct is in effect for all participants in extracurricular activities. All athletes should familiarize themselves to the Code of Conduct.

All head coaches and supervisors WILL publish those specific rules and regulations, which are unique to their sport or activity that is not covered by the Code of Conduct. This published set of rules is to be filed with the Activity Director and principal. This published set of rules is to be filed with the Activity Director and principal. A copy of all rules MUST be given to each participant at the beginning of the program or season, to be taken home and signed by both participant and parent/guardian. These papers are to be kept on file with appropriate coach or advisor.

***This policy covers 365 days a year and this policy starts in the seventh grade. This policy carries over year to year thereafter.

**Due Process: Nothing in these rules/regulations may be construed so as to deny the student due process of the law.

In the event that intent to deny a participant arises, the following procedure will be followed:

- a. Written notice concerning denial of participation will be sent to participant's parents describing the infraction(s), the penalty and its duration, and provide opportunity for student and parents/guardian to appear before the principal and challenge the reason given or explain the student's actions.
- b. An appeal may be given to the principal in writing within 72 hours. Upon receipt of appeal, a hearing will be scheduled between principal, student, and parent/guardian.
- c. After appealing with principal, parents/guardian may file written appeal with the superintendent within 72 hours of the first hearing. Upon receipt of appeal, hearing will be scheduled within five school days.
- d. After appeal with the superintendent, parents/guardian may file written appeal with the Secretary of the Board of Education. Upon receipt of appeal, a hearing will be scheduled within five school days.
- e. THE ABOVE STEPS MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER OR THE APPEAL WILL BE DISCARDED.

**Period of Enforcement: These rules/regulations apply the full calendar year days. The Board of Education feels the student/athlete should ALWAYS be a responsible individual and bring pride to

him/her self, the school, and community. Furthermore, our young men and women are role models for younger children.

****Verification of Violations:** Violations of these rules/regulations **MUST** be verified by a member of the coaching/supervisory staff, faculty or administrator.

****Any athlete that gets suspended will not be allowed to participate in games until the suspension has ended.**

SQUAD/GROUP SELECTION

It is the philosophy of Antwerp Junior-Senior High School that participation in extracurricular activities is open to as many students as possible. However, due to limitation in space, equipment, participant need, and number of coaches/supervisors, it may be necessary to limit the number of participants in particular activity. When such selections are necessary, the following principles will apply:

1. Criteria for selections will be established by the head coach/supervisor. However, whether or not a student participated in an off-season program will have no bearing.
2. Criteria used will be explained to all candidates at the very beginning of the season.
3. Total number to be selected, positions available (if applicable), and selection date will be posted at the beginning of the season/tryouts.
4. Explanation of selection procedure:
 - a. Coach/supervisor will meet **INDIVIDUALLY** with each participant.
 - b. Candidates will be told of their selection/rejection and why.
 - c. **NO LIST WILL BE POSTED.**

Students and parents should note that squad selection is subjective in judgment. As long as the coach/supervisor follows and upholds the above principles, the activity administration will not intervene in the selection process.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

It is the policy of the school district that physical examinations for interscholastic sports shall be the responsibility of the parents and shall be given by the doctor or their choice. (Note: OHSAA Rules By-Law 3, Section 4 - Physical Examination Forms.)

No student should be allowed to begin official practice without a valid physical card on file in the office of the Athletic Directory. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY!!!**

1. Physicals
 - a. Must be OHSAA prescribed physical exam.
 - b. Must be completed before participation.
 - c. Physician, participants, and parent/guardian must sign physical card.
 - d. Coach/supervisors' responsibility to see that **NO** participation occurs until the physical is filed.
2. Emergency Medical Forms
 - a. All students must have this form on file in the school office.
 - b. Coaches/supervisors will also have a copy of each participant's form with the team/group at **ALL** times.

INSURANCE

Student-Athlete/Participant Insurance

- a. All students of Antwerp Local School must file proof of insurance with the office at the beginning of the school year. Parents either enroll in the school's insurance, or sign a waiver with proof of their own insurance.
- b. When participating in athletics, students must file one or the other with the athletic department. Coaches will assist the A.D. in obtaining proper forms from squad members.
- c. Should injury occur to a student enrolled in the school insurance program, school officials will assist the student in filling out and submitting the forms.

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The objective of the OHSAA is to promote wholesome athletics in the schools of Ohio. In carrying out this objective, the Association regulates, supervises, and administers interscholastic athletic competition among its member schools to the end that the interscholastic program will be an integral factor in the total educational program of the school.

The Antwerp Local School District is a member of the OHSAA. The membership permits all girls' and boys' teams to enter and participate in OHSAA tournament play.

A current copy of the OHSAA Handbook will be kept in the offices of the High School Principal, Athletic Director, and the Middle School Principal. Coaches should check this book to find the answer to any interscholastic sport questions.

OHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

RESIDENCE: You may attend any public or non-public high school in which you are accepted when you enter a high school from a 7th-8th grade school.

Eligibility at that school is then established by:

1. Participating in a contest (scrimmage, preview or regular season game) prior to the first day of school or,
2. Attending the first day of school at any member school

* If there is a change of custody, you must live in the same school district as your legal guardian.

* If your parent or legal guardian lives outside of Ohio, you are ineligible unless one of the four exceptions to the

regulation is met. See athletic director or principal for exception.

* If additional questions remain, school officials should contact OHSAA.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Once eligibility has been established at a member school, those who transfer to a different school will be ineligible for athletics for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school

* The semesters are taken in order of attendance once ninth-grade eligibility has been established.

* Semesters are counted toward eligibility whether you participate in interscholastic athletics or not.

* Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with

the athletic director or principal.

SEMESTERS OF ENROLLMENT: After establishing ninth-grade eligibility, you are permitted eight semesters of athletic eligibility.

* The semesters are taken in order of attendance once ninth-grade eligibility has been established.

* Semesters are counted toward eligibility whether you participate in interscholastic athletics or not.

* Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with the athletic director or principal.

AGE LIMITATIONS:

High school students (grades 9-12) who turn 19 years of age prior to August 2, 200?, are ineligible for interscholastic athletics.

Seventh-eighth-grade students who turn 15 years of age prior to August 1, 200?, are ineligible for 7th-8th grade athletic but are eligible to participate in high school athletic.

* Those with a disability may qualify for an exception to this regulation and should arrange a meeting with
The athletic director or principal.

STEROIDS OR OTHER PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS: If you use anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs, you are ineligible for interscholastic competition until medical evidence indicates that your system is free of these items.

PARTICIPATION ON NON-SCHOOL TEAMS: You may not try out, practice or participate in a contest with a non-school team while a member of a school team in the same sport.

* In individual sports, however, you may practice and try out for a non-school team but may not compete in a contest.

Those in team sports may try out, practice and compete on non-school teams before and after the school season provided:

1. The number of students from the same school on the roster of the non-school team is limited to four students in the sports of softball and baseball, three students in the sport of volleyball, and two students in the sport of basketball. School football team members are prohibited to compete on on-school teams except from June 1 and July 31.
2. You have no contact with school coaches while on a non-school team (other than the 10 days permitted between June 1 and July 31).

* Violating these rules during the school season may result in your being declared ineligible for the remainder of the school season.

* Violating these rules outside the school season may result in your being declared ineligible for the next season.

* Violating these rules by a senior may result in that student being declared ineligible for the remainder of the school year.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY RULES

It is the coach's responsibility to direct a player and his/her guardians that are looking to participate in a sport in college to the athletic director or guidance counselor. There will be a booklet of NCAA rules in both guidance and athletic offices.

ABSENCE POLICIES

Students must be in attendance not less than the last 4 periods of the school day, with any missed time being excused, in order to participate in a practice, competition or performance. Exception: Dentist/Doctor/college visit/court/funeral or excused by the principal/athletic director.

All extracurricular participants have a responsibility to their fellow teammates or group members, and coaches/supervisors to be at all practices, games, and performances. This is consistent with the goals of responsibility, selflessness and teamwork that are critical in extracurricular programs. Athletes must remember that participation is a privilege, and the head coach or supervisor will make the decision as to who plays according to what is best for the team.

Students who miss practices or games for no justifiable reason can EXPECT TO BE DENIED PARTICIPATION. Participants are guaranteed due process as listed in Discipline code. Coaches/supervisors will have consequences to be met that are within reason and within the parameters of their activity.

The extracurricular activity staff realized that there may be justifiable conflicts that arise between activities and family responsibilities, class work and other duties. A schedule will be distributed before or at the start of the regular season. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID CONFLICT. If a conflict is not avoidable, the following procedure will be followed:

- a. Participant notifies coach/supervisor as soon as he/she is aware of conflict.
- b. Every attempt should be made to resolve conflict through special arrangement by participant, coach or supervisor, A.D., principal, teacher, parents, or other persons involved.
- c. Participant must still expect to face consequences according to team/group rules.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Student athletes will be governed by the comprehensive Athletic Department rules contained in the Code of Conduct, plus specific guidelines developed by head coaches for their particular sports. These specific guidelines will be presented to the athlete in writing on first day of office practice. These should be signed by the parents and returned to the head coach.

Violation of one or more of these guidelines may result in dismissal from the athletic squad. Prior to dismissal from an athletic squad, the head coach will inform the Principal, Athletic Director, athlete, and the athlete's parents of the intended action.

HAZING

It appears that courts around the country are becoming more likely to rule that hazing cases should go to trial to determine if school officials have breached their duty to supervise students and student activities.

Ohio defines hazing as follows: 1) as used in this section, "hazing" means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. 2) No person shall recklessly participate in the hazing of another. No administrator, employee, or faculty member of any primary, secondary, or post-secondary school or of any other educational institution, public or private, shall recklessly permit the hazing of any person. 3) Whoever violates this action is guilty of hazing, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

SPECTATORS SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

1. I will remember that young people play sports for THEIR enjoyment, not to entertain me.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations and will understand that doing one's best is as important as winning. I understand that ridiculing an athlete for making a mistake is not acceptable behavior.
3. I will respect the official's decisions and will encourage all participants to do the same.
4. I will respect and show appreciation for the coaches and understand that they have given their time to provide sport activities for our young people.
5. I will encourage athletes and coaches to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. I will show respect for my team's opponents because I realize there would be no game without them.
7. I will not use bad language and will not harass athletes, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
8. I will always show good sportsmanship since young people learn best by example.

TRANSPORTATION

All participating school personnel (coaches/supervisors, participants, statisticians, managers, etc) MUST be transported by school authorized transportation both to and from games and performances. The only exception is when parents or legal guardians speak to the coach/supervisor personally and write a note to release their child to their custody. The coach has the right to deny this request due to team considerations.

****NOTE:** No student, regardless of age, will be permitted to drive participants to and from events, even if he/she has parental permission.

All requests for team buses or use of school van will be made through the activity director, who will arrange transportation through the superintendent's office.

UNIFORM CARE

Those students who participate in activities where uniforms are distributed are charged with care and upkeep of that uniform. Uniforms are property of the athletic department and are to be worn only to the athletic contests in which the wearer is a participant. Uniforms are NOT to be worn around town or in school (may be worn on day of contest with A.D. approval and attire does not violate dress code).

Students who fail to turn any portion of uniform or equipment at end of season will be denied participation in all other sports and grade card will be withheld until obligation is met. Uniforms are to be kept safely at home, and kept under lock and key if brought to school.

UNDER NO CONDITION SHOULD ANY ATHLETE ALLOW ANOTHER PERSON TO WEAR HIS/HER UNIFORM. Athletes should be proud to wear their uniform and not willing to let others wear what they have not earned.

CONFLICTS BETWEEN DIFFERENT SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

1. Athletics

a. The Antwerp coaching staff and athletic administration strongly encourage participation of Antwerp students in as many interscholastic sports as possible. We believe the students will benefit most from varied athletic experiences, and that the spirit of competition is preferable to specialization in one sport. Students WILL NOT be asked nor be required to practice at a sport

other than those currently in season. The student WILL NOT be encouraged to work at one while playing another. However, when no school sports are in season (summer), coaches may set up OHSAA approved training/instructional programs and ENCOURAGE, not demand participation.

b. Coaches will always take great care to avoid pressuring an athlete from two different sports in the same season.

While a coach is certainly free to ask an athlete to consider switching sports, he/she will not pressure the athlete by coming back three or four times, or by asking parents/friends to influence the athlete.

** This does not apply to students not participating in any sport during the season in question.

c. Coaches who are approached by an athlete considering switching sports, or who may want to ask an athlete to consider doing so, should contact the other coach involved to insure awareness of the situation.

d. DUAL PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS: Athletes are strongly discouraged from competing in more than one sport during any athletic season. Athletes wishing to participate in more than one sport must declare the team sports their first priority. Team sport is defined as a sport that requires a set number of participants on the floor or field in order for a group to participate. They may not miss any activity in their priority sport in order to attend an activity in the second sport. Coaches MUST discuss and arrange all condition with athlete/parent/A.D.

e. Conflicts between athletic and non-athletic activities are always inevitable. Coach and supervisor must discuss the possible conflicts BEFORE they occur for smoothness in each activity. Again, if the situation boils down to either/or for the participant, he/she must select his/her first priority.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC AWARD POLICY

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle School students who are members of an interscholastic athletic team and who successfully complete the season will be presented with an Athletic Department certificate. If a student completes a combination of five sports they get a Middle School letter. If they complete all six seasons they will receive an engraved plaque.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Individual Awards:

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| 1st Sport as a freshman certificate | Numerals reserve patch and certificate or varsity letter and |
| 2nd Sport as a freshman certificate. | Reserve patch and certificate or varsity letter and |
| 3rd Sport as a freshman certificate. | Reserve patch and certificate or varsity letter and |
| 1st Sport Reserve Award | Reserve patch and certificate. |
| 2nd Sport Reserve Award | Reserve patch and certificate. |
| 3rd Sport Reserve Award | Reserve patch and certificate. |
| 1st Sport Varsity Award | Varsity letter, chevron and certificate. |
| 2nd Sport Varsity Award | Chevron and certificate. |
| 3rd Sport Varsity Award | Chevron and certificate. |
| 4th Year Varsity Award | Engraved plaque, chevron and certificate. |
| Statistician Award | Pin and certificate |
| Manager Award | Pin and certificate |
| Captains | Metal captain's pin |

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Archer Arrow Award: If a student accumulates five or more varsity letters in his/her athletic career, he/she will receive the "Archer Arrow" patch.

Scholar Athlete Award: If a junior or senior has a 3.25 cumulative grade point average and has lettered in at least two sports, he/she will receive the "Scholar Athlete" patch.

Team Sports Awards:

The Athletic Department will provide only three awards for each sport. These awards will be titled by the Head Coach.

Honorary Award:

The Athletic Department will provide a special recognition certificate plaque for a community person who has greatly contributed time and service to your specific program. The presentation of such an award will be discussed with the Athletic Director.

Year End Awards:

The Athletic Department gives out several special awards in the spring. They are the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award, the U.S. Arm Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award, and the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. Nominations and a ballot will fill the awards from our Athletic Council. This will be done in late April of each school year. Nomination forms, ballots, and tallying will be done by the Athletic Department.

Gymnasium Team Awards:

The Athletic Department will provide (the year) on your add-a - year banner if a team wins conference, sectional or district championship. The Athletic Department will also provide a banner or (the year) for Regional Championship or for a top four finish in a team sport. Along with the banner the Athletic Department will purchase the team picture to be placed in the main gym.

All State Wall:

An individual 8 x 10 picture will be placed on the All-State Wall if an individual makes first, second, third, honorable mention or special honorable mention teams. An individual could also make the All State Wall if they compete as an individual at The State Championships.

Recognition Ceremony:

The athletic department will sponsor an awards ceremony, which will be held at the conclusion of each season. It will include all sports of that particular season. Separate ceremonies are possible if an exceptional season is had by a team or concludes long before other seasons. Please attend if you participated in that season. Please dress appropriately.

OPEN GYM

The Head Coach will work with the athletic director and other head coaches to follow the OHSAA rules concerning the use of open gyms. There is not to be any instruction during an open gym. If there is it will count as one of your ten coaching days.

A coach will not ask an athlete to participate in an open gym if that athlete is involved in a sport that is currently in season. Unless coaches are in agreement.

Open Gym is not mandatory.

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ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB, INC.

The Antwerp Athletic Booster Club is organized and controlled by interested adults of the Antwerp community who wish to enhance the positive image of the High School and the Middle School interscholastic athletic programs. Yearly elected officers direct the organization. Membership is open to all adults and a yearly membership drive is conducted in August and September.

The Booster Club's income is raised through membership drives, program advertisement and sales, football concession stand operation and fund-raising projects.

The Antwerp Athletic Booster Club allocates its funds for Athletic Department projects each spring. The Athletic Director submits these projects. The project list is a result of consultation between the varsity head coaches and the Athletic Director. The Booster Club considers these items on their merit and the availability of funds.

All coaches are expected to be at the Antwerp Athletic Booster Club meetings and may choose to join the membership. The meetings are at the High School, the second Wednesday of each month.

All fundraisers must be cleared through the Athletic Director prior to the event. All funds are to be deposited with the Athletic Booster Club. No check should be written to a coach. Have the check payable to the Athletic Boosters.

POLICY ON QUITTING A SPORT

Any athlete who quits a sport will not be eligible to begin training for the next season' sport until the original season is over.

CLAUSE A: We will allow a short grace period for an athlete to determine his/her desire. Definition: Once official practice begins, an athlete choosing not to continue with the sport anytime up to picture day will not be considered a quitter of that sport. Dropping off a team after picture day will be considered quitting.

CLAUSE B: An agreement can be reached between the head coaches of two different sports within the same season for an athlete to switch sports after pictures are taken.

Example: An athlete may be permitted to quit football and join golf during the same school year if both head coaches agree that this will most benefit the athlete as well as the athletic program.

Reinstating an athlete that quits: If an athlete has a change of heart and decides they want to participate they have to follow the following steps. 1) Meet with the coach. The coach will layout a plan for the athlete to be reinstated. If the situation doesn't get resolved 2) meet with the head coach of that sport. 3) Meet with athletic director. 4) Meet with the building principal. 5) Meet with the superintendent. 6) Meet with the school board.

INJURIES

Antwerp Athletic Department has an agreement with DRS Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine out of Paulding. DRS is under the umbrella of SportsONE of Fort Wayne. Licensed Athletic

Trainers from DRS will visit our student athletes during the school day. They will assess the injury and give recommendations to either treat or rehab the injury or they will recommend the student athlete visit a doctor at SportsONE in Fort Wayne.

DIRECTIONS TO OTHER SCHOOLS

Directions to all schools will be available in the athletic office.

VACATIONS

Each coach will explain their rule concerning vacations during the season (the season starts when official practices start). Athletes can go on vacation anytime during the summer months without punishment from the coach.

CONFERENCE PRICES/RULES

| Gate | | Presale Gate | | Presale |
|---|--------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Boys Varsity Prices | | | | |
| Football | Adults | \$5.00 | \$5.00 | Students |
| \$3.00 | \$5.00 | | | |
| Basketball | Adults | \$5.00 | \$5.00 | Students |
| \$3.00 | \$5.00 | | | |
| Girls Varsity Prices | | | | |
| Volleyball | Adults | ---- | \$5.00 | Students |
| ---- | \$3.00 | | | |
| Basketball | Adults | ---- | \$5.00 | Students |
| ---- | \$3.00 | | | |
| Junior Varsity, Freshman, and Junior High | | | | Adults \$3.00 |
| Students \$2.00 | | | | |
| GMC Tournaments (JV, Fresh, & Jr. High) | | | | Adults \$3.00 |
| Students \$2.00 | | | | |
| GMC Track | | Adults \$5.00 | Students \$3.00 | |

A copy of league Bi-Laws is available in the athletic office.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT INFORMATION

I have read and understand the Antwerp Local Schools Athletic Handbook, and wish to participate in Antwerp Local Schools athletic program, and I will abide by these rules.

THIS FORM WILL SERVE AS YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE GUIDELINES FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.

Athlete's Signature

Date

I have read and understand the Antwerp Local Schools Athletic Handbook, and I approve my son's/daughter's participation in Antwerp Local Schools athletic program, and I will monitor his/her adherence to these rules.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date