

St. Philip's Lutheran School
Eligibility, Academic Standards, Code of Conduct, Discipline Code

Eligibility

At St. Philip's all athletes will be held to the same high academic standards and discipline code regardless of sport. Any athlete who participates in a school related sport must meet the eligibility rules set forth by the Board of Education and contained here within. In order for an athlete to participate in his/her sport, they must be a student "in good standing". There are four main criteria an athlete must satisfy in order to be deemed "in good standing". First, the athlete must meet eligibility criteria set forth by the Board of Education which determines who can participate in a school-related sport gaining "in good standing" status. Second, the athlete must meet the school's "Code of Conduct" in all aspects of their life as a student of St. Philip's. Third, the athlete must meet the Academic Standards, as defined by the Board of Education, in order to remain "in good standing". Finally, to remain "in good standing" the athlete must comply with the discipline code and predetermined punishments for misbehavior, set forth by the Board of Education

Eligibility Criteria:

All Eligibility Rules meet the standards set forth in the Lutheran Athletic Association in which St. Philip's is a member. To be deemed eligible to participate in a school-related sport and receive "in good standing" status, the athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. The athlete must be grade appropriate for participation of a sport as defined by the Lutheran Athletic Association.
 - a. Grade appropriate is defined as the following:
 - 1) C-team members must be in the grades two through four
 - 2) B-team members must be in grades five through six
 - 3) A-team members must be in grades seven through eight
 - b. Cross Country is available to students in grades three through eight (co-ed)
 - c. Wrestling is available to boys in grades two through eight
 - d. Students may be moved up. This is the decision of the coaches directly involved with that given sport and with the School's Athletic Director. The Athletic Director has final authority. When students are moved up:
 - 1) The athletic director is to be contacted
 - 2) The parent is to be contacted. It is to be clearly articulated exactly what practice expectations are for the student and that it is likely the student will need to practice at both levels
 - 3) It is to be clearly articulated as to what the expectations are for playing time at both levels as established by the Lutheran Athletic Association.
 - c. Students in higher grades can not be moved back according to League Policy.
2. Each student must be in attendance at school to participate in a practice or game for that given day. A student must be in attendance for at least one-half of the school day to participate in a game or practice on that given day.

Code of Conduct

Any time a student competes in an interscholastic event, that student is a representative for the institution. As a Christian institution, a student must be capable of taking ownership of that representation in a positive and God-pleasing manner. Students display this potential with the assistance of their parents, guardian or other family members in the following ways:

1. The student's behavior consistently reflects the schools 5 foundations; faith in action, more time, high expectations, choice and commitment and focus on results.
2. The student has demonstrated the ability to be self-controlled and self-directed.
3. Students, parents, guardians, family members or friends are expected to display proper Christian behavior in all affairs in and outside of all sport settings.
4. Students, parents, guardians, family members or friends will be cooperative and supportive to the coaching staff and the players.
5. Students, parents and/or guardian should understand from the beginning of the season that they are making a commitment to the school, the coaching staff, and the team members, and will be expected to participate in all of the activities of that sport. The commitment to the team should be a priority over other recreational activities.
6. Students must abide by all conduct rules that apply to normal school functions. These include classroom rules along with rules regarding fighting/physical harm, cheating, swearing, vandalizing/stealing, alcohol/drugs, tobacco, chronic tardiness/absenteeism, general conduct, and Christian actions. Repercussions for neglecting these rules will result in suspensions as outlined in the Athlete Code of Conduct section.

Academic Standard

All Academic Standards defined in this Policy meet and exceed the Academic Standards of the Wisconsin Lutheran Conference. To remain "in good standing", the athlete must satisfy the following Academic Standard:

To remain eligible an athlete must pass all classes. No failing grades will be accepted. The following procedures will define a failing grade and penalties to be administered:

1. Every athlete in every sport will be monitored by progress reports, mid-term and nine-week grade checks by the coach and the school's Athletic Director visually checking each athlete's report card. A failing grade will result in the following:
 - a. Any failing grade on a progress report, mid-term report or nine-week report card will result in the athlete being suspended from play for five (5) school days effective from the day the report is issued. The athlete will be allowed to practice. After five (5) school days, grades will be rechecked and if the athlete is passing they will be reinstated "in good standing". If still failing, the athlete will be dismissed from the team.
 - b. Students will be evaluated for eligibility on the basis of their previous semester's grade point average. Students must maintain a G.P.A. of no less than 2.0 (based on a 4.0 system). If the G.P.A. is lower than 2.0 for an entire semester, that student will be ineligible to participate in any interscholastic activities for the following semester. Students will be allowed to participate at the mid-term point of a semester if they have improved their G.P.A. to at least a 2.0.

- c. A player may also be deemed in “good standing” if an Educational Action Plan has been developed and the player is meeting all the terms of that plan without acceptance.

Discipline Code

Students must abide by all conduct rules that apply to normal school functions. These include classroom rules along with rules regarding fighting/physical harm, cheating, swearing, vandalizing/stealing, alcohol/drugs, tobacco, chronic tardiness/absenteeism, general conduct, and Christian actions. Repercussions for neglecting these rules will result in suspensions as outlined in the Athlete Code of Conduct section.

Failure to meet these criteria will result in the removal of the student from that specific sport. A player removed from the team before the end of the season is not eligible for any awards or honors given at the end of the season or given at the end of the year. The coaching staff has the authority to deny students the opportunity to participate for disciplinary reasons and/or lack of support.

Athletes having been suspended from school for violation of school policy will not be allowed to participate in a sport-specified number of athletic events immediately following their suspension. The athlete will be removed from the field of competition for this time period. The student-athletes of our school are leaders and represent the school in the community. The Board of Directors expects these students to set an example for other students and model exemplary behavior.

Sport	Normal Season Suspension	Tournament Suspension
Cross country	One Meet	One Meet
Volleyball	Two Matches	Two Matches
Soccer	Two Games	Two Games
Basketball	Two Games	Two Games
Cheerleading	Two Games	One day of tournament
Softball	Two Games	Two Games
Track and Field	One Meet	One Meet
Wrestling	One Meet	One Meet

If a player does not finish the season, they are not eligible to receive an award at the end of the year.

A player is expected to attend all practices. If a player does not attend a practice without a valid reason as deemed by the coach, the coach require the player to sit out a game. The coach can also sideline the player, allowing them to suit up but not play in the game. Chronic absences from practice will result in the player being removed from the team.