

Bacon Academy
Colchester Public Schools
611 Norwich Avenue
Colchester, CT 06415

(Founded in 1830)

ALL STUDENT ATHLETES
GENERAL POLICY OF ATHLETES

Bacon Academy athletes participating in the interscholastic athletics and their parents should be aware of the various policies and rules, which govern athletics.

COACHES AUTHORITY: Coaches of each sport may establish any specific rules and regulations they feel are proper for the conduct of students in their sport. In general, coaches will discipline students for failure to follow this general policy and for failure to follow any specific team rules not included in this general policy. In cases where the school's discipline code and Board policies are involved, referral will be made to the school administration for disciplinary action.

ATTENDANCE: Required at all practices and games unless previously excused by the coach. Students missing more than 2 periods of school due to tardiness or dismissal will be ineligible to play or practice interscholastic athletics on that day. Students who are tardy or absent on the day after a game may be removed from athletics on a temporary or permanent basis.

DRESS: Must be clean, neat, modest, and presentable. The coach may establish more exacting standards of dress for games at home and away.

PHYSICAL EXAMS: All students participating in interscholastic athletics are expected to have a physical examination prior to the start of the season. Although the school provides physicals for players at no cost, students are encouraged to arrange for physical exams through their family doctor.

SMOKING, DRINKING, & DRUGS: Tobacco, alcohol and drugs are detrimental to one's health. Those found using, selling, or possessing drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco (including "smokeless" or chewing), present at parties where there is alcohol or drugs, or arrested in any event where drugs or alcohol are involved will be suspended from the team and will be referred to the school administrator for further action.

TRAVEL: Athletes must travel to and from all contests with the team. A head coach may release a player only to his/her parents at away games; however, this practice is not encouraged.

ACADEMICS: CIAC eligibility rules apply, except students failing 1 course will be reviewed as to whether or not to continue to play. Students failing in 2 or more courses will be ineligible. Other pertinent CIAC and school eligibility rules are listed below. A complete list is available from the Athletic Director or Principal.

1. A student-athlete will not be allowed to start a season or compete during a season in which his/her (20th) birthday falls.
2. Maintain a passing average in at least 4 full credit classes or not failing more than 1 course.
3. Must be carrying the course load minimum of 5 courses plus gym, or a minimum of 4 credits if on a special schedule.
4. Play and practice only with Bacon Academy from the 1st day of practice to the end of the season.
5. A student has eight (8) consecutive semesters or four (4) consecutive years of eligibility for interscholastic competition. Date of entry is defined as the first date of enrollment as a grade 9 student taking (4) or more high school subjects.
6. Present evidence of a physical examination stating that the student is in proper physical condition to engage in athletics.

Please note that if you fail one course, your coach, teacher, guidance counselor, and principal will conduct the review. You must be showing progress in the failed course or you will be ineligible. Progress means, for example, if you failed one course in the first marking period you would be expected to be passing that course in the second marking period as well as doing all the work required for the course in order to be eligible for your choice sport.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Mathieu
Principal

Please sign and return to the coach.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Return to Coach

(Complete other side)