



PHILOMATH HS ATHLETICS

Clearance Card Packet 2017-18

Please read all the policies carefully and completely before signing the forms.

STEPS TO ACQUIRE A CLEARANCE CARD

You must have a signed clearance card prior to your first practice.
After you obtain your card, present it to your coach.

Please note: these forms only need to be completed per school year.

Bring/do the following:

- ▶ Forms to be completely filled out and signed:
 - ▶ Annual Interval/Emergency Medical Authorization Form signed by the parent/guardian. Athletes **must have medical insurance to participate in athletics**. If the athlete does not have medical insurance, it may be purchased through a program offered through the school district.
 - ▶ Acknowledgement Form signed by the parent/guardian and student/athlete stating you have read, understand, and agree to all the policies in this document.
(Please note: the above forms only need to be completed per school year, even if an athlete participates in multiple sports)
- ▶ A completed current OSAA Physical Form if needed (must be renewed every two years).
- ▶ New students to PHS must present a transcript from previous school.
- ▶ Pay the participation fee and the Philomath High School Student Body Registration Fee.

GENERAL RULES FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Head coaches will provide each athlete with a copy of their specific team rules.

- ⇒ Student athletes must be currently enrolled in and passing a minimum of four full trimester credit classes as mandated by the OSAA. Student/athletes must also have passed a minimum of four full credit classes the previous term to be OSAA eligible. As per PHS rules, students are to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA at the end of each six week grading period. If a student falls below a 2.0, that student will be placed on probation. Two consecutive grading periods below a 2.0 equals ineligibility for the athletic season.
- ⇒ In addition, students must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation by earning a minimum quantity of credits prior to each grade as listed:

Prior to grade	10	11	12
Credits needed	4.5	10	17

- ⇒ Student athletes must have paid all **past fees** for lost uniforms, lost locks, equipment, spirit packs, etc. from their prior sport before being given awards or being issued a clearance card for the next sport.
- ⇒ **Locks** may be checked out through the athlete's coach. There will be a \$5 fee for any lock not returned at the end of the season. Student athletes may not use their own locks—they will be removed.
- ⇒ Full participation in a minimum of nine (9) team practice days will be required before an athlete is allowed to compete in a scheduled event. Exceptions may be made for any athlete that turns out for a sport within one week of his/her final participation in a sport of the previous athletic season, changes sports during a season, or *has the prior approval of the athletic director*.

- ⇒ Athletes sustaining injuries in practices or games that require treatment after the athlete leaves school need to inform their coach upon their return. **For any injury that requires professional medical attention, a doctor's release must be turned in to the Athletic Office or Trainer. A copy will be given to the coach.**
- ⇒ Dual sport contracts must be approved **before** dual participation is allowed. No student/athlete will be allowed to participate in more than two sports during the same sport season (exceptions for overlapping sports may be made with the approval of the Athletic Director).
- ⇒ **Student athletes must be in all of their scheduled classes on the day of competition OR a practice.** If they miss any class period due to illness, they will not be able to compete or practice on that day. Exceptions are doctor, dental, etc. appointments excused by a parent.
- ⇒ Student athletes must finish the season in good standing (including having all fees paid/gear returned) in order to receive school awards or any post season recognition.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SUBSTANCE/TOBACCO ABUSE POLICY **FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

Philomath High School and District Student Code of Conduct and Substance/Tobacco Abuse Policy applies to all school sponsored events (including summer) for the calendar year of August-to-August.

RULE: Student athletes will not use, possess or sell: 1) Alcohol, 2) Controlled substances, or 3) Tobacco in any form nor be in attendance with others that are doing so. Student athletes known or cited for (regardless of plea) violation of any of the above will be subject to immediate suspension in accordance with the following policies. These rules apply to both on and off the school grounds.

RULE: Student athletes who have been disciplined by the school administration resulting in out-of-school suspension for any offenses will be immediately suspended from their teams or activities. In addition, student athletes who are cited or convicted of any of the above outside of school will be immediately suspended from their teams or activities.

FIRST OFFENSE FOR STUDENT/ATHLETES:

Students will be subject to participation suspension for two calendar weeks which must include a minimum of one (1) interscholastic contest. If suspended from school the student will not be allowed to practice or participate in contests or meetings. Upon the return to school the student must attend all practices, meetings and home contests, for the remainder of the ten (10) day suspension. The enforcement of above mentioned policy will extend one (1) calendar year from date of infraction.

SECOND OFFENSE FOR STUDENT/ATHLETES:

Students will be suspended for six (6) calendar weeks which must include a minimum of 50% of contests.,

THIRD OFFENSE FOR STUDENT/ATHLETES:

Students will be suspended for three (3) sport seasons.

EJECTION FROM CONTESTS

Any student/athlete ejected from an athletic contest will miss the following contest (as per OSAA rules) and be required to do community service in lieu of payment to OSAA for the ejection fine. The hours of community service will be proportionate to the fine. Community service must be arranged through the Athletic Office and be completed prior to their Sports Awards Night and/or the athlete beginning another sport. In addition, a written report of the situation of which the ejection occurred must be turned in to the Athletic Director within two school days. Further ejections may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from team.

PAY TO PARTICIPATE FEES—Philomath School District

The Philomath School District Board of Directors approved the following fees for high school students who wish to participate in athletics:

First Sport (any season)	\$175
Second Sport (any season)	\$150
Third and Any Additional Sports (any season)	\$125

WAIVERS: It is our intent that no student who meets the District and State eligibility requirements should be excluded from participation due to the financial inability of the student or parent/guardian to pay the fee.

However, in fairness to students and parents who do pay, a **partial waiver** of the fee for high school athletics may be approved for those who have unusual and extreme financial problems. Check with the Athletic Director for details.

PAY TO PARTICIPATE REFUNDS: Refunds of the pay to participate fee will be granted only for certain circumstances. These conditions are as follows:

- An athlete who is cut from a team will be eligible for a FULL REFUND.
- An athlete who quits a team during the first two weeks of their Official Sports Season as set by the OSAA (NOT the date they begin practice), **may** be eligible for a FULL REFUND.
- An athlete who chooses to quit a team after the first two weeks of their Official Sports Season as set by the OSAA (NOT the date they begin practice), but before any competition may be eligible for a PARTIAL REFUND.
- Refunds must be requested in a timely matter.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Every effort will be made by the district to arrange and provide transportation for our away contests. **When District transportation is provided, athletes must travel with the team unless permission is granted with the Athletic Director.**

Due to budgetary considerations, however, there will be instances where a Coach will coordinate parent provided transportation of athletes. In this instance, the following will apply:

- Driver must be a parent of a Philomath athlete and an approved District Volunteer or a Philomath School District Employee.
- Driver must have a completed PERMISSION FOR USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLE form on file. Vehicle used to transport athletes must have seat belts and athletes must wear a seat belt at all times.
- Students are never to ride alone with another adult unless that adult is their parent/guardian or special permission is pre-arranged through the principal.
- Students may not drive themselves to a contest unless special permission is pre-arranged directly with the principal. Students may NEVER transport other students (with the exception of immediate family members after special permission is pre-arranged.)

ImPACT Information

(for more information, see the Philomath High School Concussion Management Policy)

In order to better assess and manage concussions, Philomath High School implemented the ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a computerized exam currently being utilized in many professional, collegiate, and high school athletic programs across the country to objectively assess the severity of a concussion. It is a computerized exam is given to athletes at least twice during their high school athletic career and roughly 15-20 minutes to complete. If a concussion is suspected, the affected athlete will be required to re-take the test. This testing is a requirement for athletic participation every 2 years as freshmen and juniors. Sophomores and seniors that are out for a sport their first time must also take the test, as well as mid-year transfers.

PHILOMATH SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM 2017-2018

I have read, understand, and agree to the following policies/procedures:

General Rules for Athletic Participation/Academic Eligibility
Code of Conduct and Substance and Tobacco Abuse
Pay to Participate Fee/Refunds Transportation
Concussion Management/Cognitive Testing (ImPact)

In addition, I am aware of the competitive philosophy used at the high school level to determine team selections and playing time of individuals. My signature further indicates I have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by the policies, procedures, and regulations of the Philomath Schools, and I am aware of the consequences for any violation(s).

Student/Athlete Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student/Athlete Signature _____ Date _____

***THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT
BEFORE A CLEARANCE CARD WILL BE ISSUED:***

RESIDENCY FOR ATHLETE LISTED ABOVE—Please check appropriate box(s):

- Lives with a parent that resides within the boundaries of the Philomath School District.
- OR
- Does not live with a parent that resides within the boundaries of the Philomath School District.
- Student has an inner-district transfer approved for 2017-2018
- Other (please explain) _____

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR ATHLETE LISTED ABOVE—Please check one:

- Freshman at Philomath HS—enrolled at beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Foreign Exchange Student at Philomath HS.
- Attended Philomath HS full time last year for the **entire year (September-June)**.
- Transferred to Philomath HS **last year** during the school year
(date enrolled PHS) _____ (from/school) _____
- Transferred to Philomath HS **this year**
(date enrolled PHS) _____ (from/school) _____
- Is a registered home school student **within the Philomath School District attendance boundaries** (documentation/test scores must be provided-approved yearly tests must be completed by August 15th—go to OSAA.org for more information.)
- Attends Kings Valley Charter School (**must attached transcript**)

