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Melrose-Mindoro  
Junior/Senior High School

Athletic Handbook



2024-2025

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# Melrose-Mindoro Athletic Policy

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Melrose-Mindoro School District is committed to equal opportunity for all students in the district.

The Melrose-Mindoro School District, pursuant to s.118.13, Wisconsin Stats., and PI9, that no person, on the basis of sex, religion, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, may be denied admission to any school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, pupil services, recreational, or any other program.

This policy also prohibits discrimination under related federal statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap). The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. However, a formal complaint resolution procedure is available Junior/Senior High School office.

Any questions concerning this policy should be directed to:

Junior/Senior High School Principal  
Melrose-Mindoro High School  
N181 State Rd 108  
Melrose, WI 54642

## PHILOSOPHY

The Melrose-Mindoro School District believes that athletics are an integral part of the total educational program. The administration and the school board feel that participation in athletics will be an enriching and healthful experience in which physical, mental and social growth will be stimulated through participation. Thus to participate in athletics is not a right, but a privilege which carries certain responsibilities for the student, the school and the community.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In order to participate in athletics, either practice or compete in a game, match, tournament, etc. a student must be in attendance for a minimum of 4 of the 8 academic periods on the day of the respective practice or competition. Also, the reason for the absence must be considered excused by one of the following: the absence is accompanied by a physician's, dentist's, or judge's approval. Any unexcused absence will deem the student ineligible to practice or compete on that respective day. Exceptions may be made with the administration's approval under the guidelines of the State Attendance Policy. When an athletic team is requesting to leave school early they will be permitted to leave school at a time that will allow the team to arrive at the competition one hour early. We will not have a set number of times allowed to leave school early.

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY—JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1. All Junior High Athletes must complete a grade check at 15 days following start of the sport. If failing at the 15 day grade check the athlete **MUST** be passing all classes the day prior to competition. It is the athlete's responsibility to get the grade check form completed by their teachers and turned into the Junior High Athletic Director. If the form is not complete the athlete will not be allowed to compete. If the athlete is failing any class they will not be allowed to compete for that event. They can regain eligibility for each event providing they are passing all classes. The athlete can continue to practice.
2. This policy covers full-time students involved in athletics and cheerleading. A full-time student is a student where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day and the student is eligible for like or similar awards and privileges of the other students without exception.
  - The school day is defined as 8:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.

All other clubs, organizations, and groups will have the freedom to set their own standards for membership. These standards may be brought to the school board to become official board policy.

## ATHLETIC TRAINING POLICY

The following policy was put into effect by the Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education on 6/24/2024

- I. A student athlete shall be suspended from athletics for acts at any time:
  - A. Involving the (a) use or personal possession of alcohol, (b) use or personal possession of tobacco products, including chewing of tobacco and/or, (c) use, possession, buying, or selling of controlled substances.
  - B. For any other immoral or unacceptable conduct contrary to ideals, principles, and standards of the school, including but not limited to criminal behavior.
  - C. Any student who receives 5 minor write-ups within a single semester will be ineligible for the next contest. For every additional 5 minor write-ups the student receives they will be ineligible for an additional contest. If a student receives a major write up they will be ineligible for the following contest. The count for minor write-ups will reset to 0 at semester and at the end of the year.
- II. All athletes will be considered to be in training on a year-round basis.
- III. The coach and/or principal will handle all training violations and report violations in writing to the parents, the athletic director, and, in the coach's case, to the principal.
- IV. An athlete who feels he/she has been unfairly treated may appeal (in writing and/or verbally) the decision to the superintendent of schools within three (3) days. If the superintendent's decision is unacceptable, the athlete has three (3) days to notify the superintendent that he/she would like to appeal the decision to the Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education. The parents are encouraged to attend any or all of these meetings. If a student appeals a suspension the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- VI. The administration has 45 calendar days from the date of the infraction to pursue possible suspensions. Once apprised of a possible violation the administration has 15 business days (excluding weekends and holidays) in which to issue suspensions. Suspensions shall commence upon notification to the athlete that he/she is in violation of the athletic policy.
- VII. Allegations can be reported by anyone. The person reporting the violations must make a written report or face the person he/she is accusing.
- VIII. In order for the suspension period to be satisfied, the athlete must complete the season.

## PENALTIES AND SUSPENSIONS

- I. **First Offense:** Find the number of scheduled contests (refer to penalty chart) of present sport and determine penalty from one of the first offense columns. The athletic suspension will begin with the next contest and continue until the prescribed number of contests has been completed. If necessary, the suspension will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete intends to participate. The athlete will be required to practice during the suspension. A student must follow the honesty clause in order to be considered for a suspension reduction.
- II. **Second Offense:** Find the number of scheduled contests (refer to penalty chart) of present sport and determine penalty from one of the second offense columns. The athletic suspension will begin with the next contest and continue until the prescribed number of contests has been completed. If necessary, the suspension will be carried over into the next sport season in which the athlete intends to participate. The athlete will be required to practice during the suspension. A student must follow the honesty clause in order to be considered for a suspension reduction.
- III. **Third Offense:** The athlete will be suspended for one (1) full calendar year from date of notification of violation. If the athlete abides by the honesty clause he/she will be suspended for one-half calendar year in recognition of telling the truth. If the athlete lies or tells less than the full truth, he/she will be suspended for one (1) calendar year.
- IV. **Fourth Offense:** If an athlete reaches fourth offense status he/she is suspended from athletics. After one calendar year from date of notification of suspension a student and parent/guardian may petition the Melrose-Mindoro Board of Education for review of reinstatement. If an athlete lies the suspension will be permanent with no review.
- V. **Honesty Clause:** (This clause is in effect for athletes if it is their first, second, or third violation.) If a violation takes place and the athlete involved reports that violation within 2 days (excluding holidays & weekends) to a school administrator, the athletic director, or a coach their suspension will be reduced by the amount indicated on the chart or as stated in the offense.

VI. The penalty for an athlete, if charged and/or convicted of any offense which would be considered a misdemeanor shall be that of I, First Offense, outlined above. The penalty of an athlete who is charged and/or convicted of any offense which may be considered a felony shall be that of III, Third offense, outlined above. The athlete will be suspended for one (1) full year after which he/she must petition the Board of Education for review and a determination of whether their participation will be allowed.

VII. Any violation which occurs while the athlete is part of a school sponsored group will result in the athlete being suspended for one (1) full calendar year for the first offense.

VIII. In the case of a third athletic policy violation by a student athlete, if more than one full calendar year has passed since the completion of the second violation suspension, the penalty will be the same as the suspension for a second offense. In the case of a fourth athletic policy violation by a student athlete, if more than one full calendar year has passed since the completion of the third violation suspension, the penalty will be the same as the suspension for a third offense.

**Note:** The above stated penalties are a minimum required suspension. The individual coach can establish a policy which makes the penalty more severe for the violations which occur during the season they are coaching. All such penalties must be clearly explained in writing to the athletes and their parents prior to the sport's season. All individual sport policies must be signed and returned to the school in order to be enforced by the administration and supported by the school board.

**CHART FOR CODE VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT**

1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1 <sup>ST</sup> Honesty	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> honesty
2	1	3	2

A regular season tournament that involves 4 or more teams may count as 2 contests in the total.

As of 8-16-23

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**Detach and Return to Athletic Director**

**MELROSE-MINDORO AREA SCHOOLS  
PARENT-ATHLETE SIGN-OFF FORM**

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in the Melrose-Mindoro Athletic Policy I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement. In signing below, I further acknowledge and understand that no contractual relationship, direct or indirect, is created between the student-athlete or their parents and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. We as parent(s)/guardian and athlete, understand that by our signature we agree to uphold these rules and follow them year-round as long as the undersigned athlete is in the program. We also understand that, although it is a requirement to sign each year, this code is in effect through the athlete's senior year.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date

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Student-Athlete's Signature

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Date

**This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.**