



Hants North Rural High School

Extracurricular Policy



Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege rather than a right and is encouraged by all staff members and community stakeholders at Hants North Rural High School (HNRH). Extracurricular activities are intended to provide opportunities for students to broaden their experience through healthy competitions and social interactions with other students. Moreover, as a member of the Chignecto-Central Regional Center of Education (CCRCE) and the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation (NSSAF), HNRH actively supports the ethics, rules, and regulations that govern student conduct outlined at www.ednet.ns.ca and high school sport as outlined at www.nssaf.ca.

However, participation in extra-curricular activities is earned through achieving an acceptable level of performance in School Attendance, Academic Achievement, and Student Behaviour / Conduct.

Participation in extracurricular activities requires that a student :

- Is enrolled and attending HNRH as full-time student. Grade 12 students must be enrolled in three (3) courses per semester; Grade 10 and Grade 11 students must be enrolled in four (4) courses per semester; all junior high students are automatically enrolled in nine (9) compulsory courses.
- Exhibits concern and commitment to their academics and does not sacrifice academic performance through over-involvement in activities. Students selected to be members of school clubs / teams who do not show an adequate commitment or attendance to the clubs / teams, for the duration of the program / season, can be removed from the club / team. Students are expected to attend games, practices, events and / or meetings and participate to the highest level that their ability allows.
- Maintains a consistent record of attendance. Students can be suspended from clubs / teams as a result of attendance issues. Attendance will be monitored through PowerSchool on a regular basis and may take away a student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Demonstrate a positive behaviour in and out of the learning environment and sports venues as well as interacts with teachers, peers, officials, competitors, and spectators with respect. Students involved in extracurricular activities are representing HNRH and the expectations for appropriate behaviour apply throughout the duration of the activity.

Students are responsible for their digital commentary; inappropriate comments brought to HNRH Administration will be dealt with via the Provincial Code of Conduct.

Concerns regarding behaviour and conduct will result in a review of students' eligibility in any extracurricular activities and the Provincial Code of Conduct.

If a student receives an OSS or an ISS s/he is not permitted to participate during the entire duration of the suspension. The suspension remains in place until the student returns to regular classes. Administration also reserves the right to extend the extracurricular suspension past the student's return to classes given the nature or severity of the incident.

- Has all student and athletic fees paid in full and previous uniforms or assigned equipment returned in good standing or the school must be compensated the cost of lost or damaged items before the student can participate in extracurricular activities. Failure to submit fees or previous uniforms / equipment will result in a suspension from the team / club until payment / returns are made.

- Meets NSSAF eligibility guidelines: “A student on entering grade ten has three years of eligibility for participation in varsity sports from the date of entry, and is only eligible if registered as a full time student. The age limits for all student athletes is under 16 as of September 30 of the current year for junior athletes and under 19 as of September 30 of the current year for senior athletes.”

Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to meetings, events, practices, games, etcetera.

Academics: If a student is failing one course, at any time during the semester, an academic review will take place. Teachers will be consulted on the student’s overall academic performance, attendance patterns, and classroom behaviour. At that time, the student may be placed on academic probation.

Parents/Guardians: Coaches / Advisors are valued volunteers and have several responsibilities; fielding questions while preparing for or at the end of an event/competition is not one of them. If a parent/guardian has a question about decisions made by HNRH, the coach / advisor, or would like additional information about activities endorsed by Hants North Rural High School, please contact the Principal. Communication is encouraged, but at an event / competition is not often beneficial to productive discussions; scheduling a meeting at least 24 hours after the event / competition is the appropriate avenue. As parents / guardians, you are also representatives of HNRH, and our community. You are required to conduct yourself in a supportive manner towards the students, officials, visitors, and CCRCE employees at all times.

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF HNRH EXTRACURRICULAR POLICY

To ensure that students, parents / guardians, coaches / advisors have received and read the HNRH Extra-Curricular Policy, this form must be signed/returned to the office before the first event / competition.

We, the undersigned, attest to have read and understand all components of the HNRH Extra-Curricular Policy and agree to uphold the expectations as well as respect the procedures outlined within this policy.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administration: _____ Date: _____