



Dual-Sport Participation Administrative Guidelines
Bristol Local School District

Rationale:

Bristol High School seeks to provide quality co-curricular athletic opportunities for its students. Some students have talents and abilities which they have a desire to contribute to more than one team in a particular season and both of these teams can benefit. Some activities may struggle with low numbers, and this can boost participation in those sports.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN TWO ACTIVITIES DURING THE SAME SEASON

1. Students are allowed to participate in two co-curricular activities during the same season. Students wishing to participate in two sports during the same season will need to obtain a request form from the athletic director and follow the guidelines set down by the athletic department involving dual sports participation. The pay to participate fee is required for each sport.
2. Students are not allowed to participate in "open gym" as well as other non-school competition in another sport, on the same day they are participating in a school sponsored co-curricular sports activity, without permission of the head coach of the sport in which they are currently participating and the athletic director.

RULES OF DUAL- SPORTS PARTICIPATION

1. A student who wishes to participate in two sports during the same season must designate a primary sport before the beginning of the first appointed date of practice set by the OHSAA for the season of participation.
2. A primary sport is defined as the sport which takes precedence over another sport in the event there is a conflict of schedule or any other matter that could lead to a conflict. The student must adhere to the primary sport in the event of any and all conflicts of schedule. If one sport has a contest and the other has practice, the contest will take precedence.
3. The student must practice in both sports but the amount of practice time must meet the agreed requirements of the head coaches of those sports involved.
4. Approval may be denied because of academic concerns at any time during the sport season. The athlete then will participate in the primary sport only. OHSAA eligibility requirements must be adhered to as well.
5. The student and parents or legal guardians must sign a contract of dual-sport participation before the first practice sessions he or she attends.
6. In the event that a student is disciplined for any infraction in a specific sport, the consequence will also be applied to the second sport in the season of dual participation. For example-Student A is suspended 25% of a season for drug use. That suspension is to be served for both the primary sport and non-priority sport.
7. The High School Athletic Director and the High School Principal will serve in the capacity of advisors. The High School Principal will make final judgments on matters concerning dual-sport participation.
8. Coaches of teams involved are responsible for clarifying the role of the dual sport athlete to other teammates. This must be done prior to the start of the season and all team members must be aware of expectations.

