

**Radnor High School  
Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087**

**RADNOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**2009-2010**

Principal  
Assistant Principal – Academic Affairs  
Assistant Principal – Student Affairs  
Assistant Principal - Athletic Director

Mr. Mark Schellenger  
Mrs. Haley Butler  
Mr. Jeff Smith  
Mr. Dan Serfass

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Policy on Equal Rights and Opportunity

It is the policy of the Radnor Township School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex and handicap in its educational and vocational programs or employment as required by Title IX, Section 504 and Title VI. Assurance is given that services, activities and facilities are accessible to and used by handicapped persons. For information regarding civil rights and grievance procedure contact the Coordinator of Title IX and Section 504, at 135 South Wayne Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

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### **SECTION III – ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

Activities and athletics are considered a vital part of Radnor High School’s program. Research supports that the quality of a high school student's life and his/her academic success improves when there is some positive involvement beyond the regular school day.

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), which governs high school sports in Pennsylvania, has issued rules affecting student eligibility for sport teams. Radnor High School also has rules that govern eligibility for athletics and **these rules will apply to students involved with clubs and activities as well as athletics.**

1. **Attendance** - A student who has been absent from school for twenty (20) or more school days in a semester will not be eligible to participate in an any athletic contest or activity until he/she has been in attendance for a total of 45 school days following the student’s twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of absence.
2. **Suspension** - Suspended students are prohibited from attending an activity or athletic event either as a participant or spectator during the term of the suspension. This also includes attending or participating in away contests. Additionally, a student who is suspended for reasons of alcohol or other drug use will be suspended from participation in any sport or activity for a period of 10 school days. A second violation will cause suspension from all activities for 90 school days. Additionally, the student will be referred to the Student Assistance Program.
3. **Credits** - A student must have passed a minimum of at least 4 full credit subjects (or the equivalent) in the preceding marking period to be eligible for activities or interscholastic athletics.
4. **Final Grades** - in determining eligibility for the first marking period, a student's final grades for the preceding year will be used. Deficiencies made up at an approved summer school will be considered.
5. **Lateness to School** - Students who wish to participate in athletics (practices or contests) and/or activities must be in attendance at school by **9:00 a.m.** and stay in school for the remainder of that school day.
6. **Debts** – Students must resolve all debts to be eligible to participate in any activity or athletic event. These debts must be paid prior to participation.

#### **BEHAVIOR AT SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

Student behavior problems, which occur at extracurricular, school-sponsored activities, will be acted upon as if the situation occurred during the school day. Participation in future events may be limited or prohibited and other consequences may be imposed and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT**

This code of conduct states, “The use or possession without the intent to distribute or sell narcotic or controlled substance (“drug”) or alcoholic intoxicant (“alcohol”) by students who participate in extracurricular activities is prohibited. The first violation results in a suspension from the extracurricular activity for a period not exceeding ten days.” The policy also outlines consequences that will be implemented for additional violations. Please note that this policy is in place twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, while the activity is in season.

#### **TRANSFER OF STATUS FROM CLUB SPORT TO VARSITY SPORT**

Radnor High School recognizes that approved club sports can provide a valuable experience for many students. There is no requirement that a club sport change to a varsity sport. However, if a particular club sport does wish to be afforded the status of a varsity sport, the following requirements must be met prior to requesting the change.

##### **Requirements:**

1. The club sport must have been functioning a minimum of three years as a club sport and have been in good standing throughout that period.
2. The club sport, through its club president, shall submit a written request to the Athletic Director for transfer of status. The request shall be made on or before November 30<sup>th</sup> of the year preceding the school year in which the request change is desired. The request shall detail the reasons for the change of status and the proposed effective date of such change.

3. Pending the process of consideration of the application for such change, the club sport shall fulfill all responsibilities and obligations of the club sport as set forth in the Radnor High School Club Sports Policy.
4. Upon receipt of the club sport application, the Athletic Director shall consider the application, request any additional information, and make a recommendation to the Radnor High School Principal.
5. Upon receipt of the recommendation from the Athletic Director, the Radnor High School Principal shall consider the application and make a recommendation to the Radnor School District Superintendent for review and ultimate decision by the School Board on approval.
6. Factors that may be considered by any of the above individuals during the review process can include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a) Length of time of the existence of the club sport
  - b) Extent of participation in the sport by Radnor High School students
  - c) Any history of non-compliance by the club sport with rules applicable to club sports
  - d) Any objections raised by anyone in response to the request
  - e) The ability of the club sport to generate a legitimate schedule. Consideration shall be given as to whether the sport is mostly a club or varsity sport at other surrounding schools.
  - f) Ability of the club sport to comply with applicable PIAA and/or other governing bodies' requirements on such issues as length of season.
  - g) Projected costs, impact upon playing facilities, and potential liability concerns.
  - h) Whether the sport is educationally sound in that participation would be consistent with the educational mission of Radnor High School.
  - i) Any pertinent gender equity issues.
7. Assuming approval is granted for the change from club sport to varsity status, the approval date will be as established by the School Board.
8. Once approved, the club sport becoming a varsity sport is expected to comply with all requirements, obligations, etc., of varsity sports as established by the PIAA, Radnor High School Administration, and other appropriate governing bodies.
9. In the event a club sport is refused varsity status, the club may reapply, but no sooner than two years from the date of official notification of denial.