



Welcome to Akron's Fall Sport Athlete & Parent Meeting

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Topics to Discuss

Athletic Department's Philosophy

Crunch Club

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Covid Updates

Athletic Philosophy

- ▶ High school athletics provide experiences to aid in developing habits and attitudes to prepare them to be lifelong learners in a global society.
- ▶ The athletic program is an integral part of our school district's educational program.
- ▶ Participation in athletics provides opportunities and experiences that are difficult to duplicate in other school activities.
- ▶ Athletics add to school spirit and helps all students - spectator as well as participant - develop school pride.

Philosophy cont.

- ▶ Athletics are a privilege.
- ▶ Students involved in athletics have an obligation to present a positive image to fellow students and the general public; such as, abstaining from drug and alcohol use and inappropriate behavior.
- ▶ Athletics are secondary to academics and are made available only if the student meets the academic eligibility requirements.

The Crunch Club

Mission: To Serve

Focus: Develop Hungry, Humble, Fearless Athletes

Traits of a Leader:

- Lead Yourself, Lead Your Team
- Taking Initiative
- Goals vs. Standards
- Growth GPS
- Confidence
- Mistake Response

- **Goal:** Celebrate athletes

Attendance Policy

- ▶ Student-athletes must be in attendance for the entire day to participate in athletics.
- ▶ If a student-athlete is absent because of an appointment which must be scheduled during the school day, the student may participate if they receive permission from administration.
- ▶ Student-athletes who are suspended may not participate in athletic activities.

Eligibility Rules / Academic Policy



Students are placed on the Academic Ineligibility list when failing two or more subjects. This list will come out every 5 weeks.



Students on the ineligibility list cannot participate in contests for two weeks, but are to attend practices.



Student-athletes must attend all remediation opportunities for each class they are failing.



After two weeks, ineligible students may attempt to become eligible. Please contact the high school office for petition sheets.

Students who are currently on the ineligible list for extra-curricular are from 4th quarter last spring. These students may participate in practice and games but must return a petition sheet on September 20th.

Social Media

- ▶ Akron Central School District recognizes a student-athlete's right to freedom of speech and expression.
- ▶ Student-athletes represent the ACSD and are expected to portray yourself, your team, the district and community in a positive manner.
- ▶ Conduct deemed as inappropriate over any means of social media throughout the year will be subject to disciplinary action.
- ▶ Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, inappropriate language, inappropriate photos/videos, inappropriate action, bully and/or evidence of possessions or use of a controlled substance.

24-Hour Rule

- ▶ Please DO NOT approach a coach with a concern or problem while emotions may be “running high”.
- ▶ Right before and right after contests are No-no’s.

Chain of Command

- ▶ During the course of the season, concerns arise. The following communication process should be followed:
 - ▶ Player arranges meeting with coach
 - ▶ Parent arranges meeting with coach and player
 - ▶ Parent arranges meeting with Athletic Director
 - ▶ Parent arranges meeting with Athletic Director and Principal
 - ▶ Parent arranges meeting with the Superintendent

Communication is Key



Students need to communicate with their coaches when they will not be in attendance for practice/games.



All athletic updates will be made on our athletics webpage as well as social media outlets. Coaches may have their own way to communicate with their athletes. Athletes are responsible for relaying changes to parents/guardians.



Areas NOT Appropriate for Parents to Discuss With Coaches: - An individual's playing time - Team strategy - Play selections - The make-up of the team and the decision as to who plays on a particular team - Other members of the team, other parents, and other coaches

PSAT: 10/13, 10/16
SAT: 10/2, 11/6
ACT: 9/11, 10/23

Concussions: The Invisible Injury

- ▶ All of our coaches have training in identifying a concussion.
- ▶ A concussion results from the brain moving back and forth or twisting rapidly inside the skull.

Symptoms:

- Decreased memory of events prior
- Confusion or dazed
- Loss of consciousness
- Balance difficulties, dizziness
- Blurry Vision
- Sensitivity to light

*Students will follow the Return to Play Protocols once symptom free for 24 hours.

*Must be cleared by a doctor.

Athletic Trainer

- ▶ Our athletic trainer this year will be different than prior years.
- ▶ We may have multiple athletic trainers this year on a per diem basis; communication will be more important than ever.
- ▶ Athletes are responsible to communicate to their coach any injuries/discomfort.

Spectator Code of Conduct

- ▶ We are asking for your support in providing positive role-modeling for our student-athletes.
- ▶ The involvement of our students in athletics and activities contributes to the development of their values system. Trustworthiness, citizenship, caring, fairness, and respect are lifetime values that are taught through interscholastic activities and are principles of good sportsmanship and character.
- ▶ Be empathetic, show respect and demonstrate Akron values.

Do athletes have to keep wearing masks for Fall Sports?

- ECDOH requires indoor masking for all individuals age 2 and older regardless of vaccination status.
- ECDOH strongly recommends masking for all youth sport players during game play and practice unless they are unable to physically tolerate masking.
- ECDOH requires masking for all athletes whenever the players are not actively participating in a game play or practice.
- ECDOH requires masking for all coaches and staff during athletic activities while not directly engaged in physical activity.

COVID Updates Cont.

- ▶ Bandanas, gators or clear face shields are not considered acceptable face coverings.
- ▶ Student are required to wear a mask while on the school bus.
- ▶ If there is 1 COVID-19 case on a team that is present while infectious, all unvaccinated players and coaches are required to pause 10 days from last exposure.
- ▶ If there are 2 COVID-19 positive cases within a 10-day period, ALL team activities must pause for 10 days from last exposure.

Teams will be notified ahead of time when traveling outside of Niagara-Orleans League and/or Erie County what the host school spectator policy may be.

Follow us!

- ▶ Twitter: @AkronHSSports
- ▶ Instagram: akron_athletics
- ▶ Website: www.akronschools.org



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WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THIS
UPCOMING SEASON.

THIS COULD NOT HAPPEN
WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.

THANK YOU.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

- Field Hockey: HS AUD
- Football: Multi-purpose Room
- Girls Volleyball: Performance Gym (near side)
- Golf: Performance Gym (far side)
- Boys Soccer: Gym 2 (near side)
- Girls Soccer: Gym 2 (far side)
- Cross Country: Gym 3 (near side)
- Cheerleading: Gym 3 (far side)