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### ACTIVITY PHILOSOPHY

The Fairfax and Tarkio School Districts believe that participating in state and district sponsored activities is a valuable experience for those who choose to partake of school offerings. Additionally, the district believes participation in activities is a **privilege** and not a **right**.

The interscholastic activities program is conducted in Tarkio and Fairfax Jr./Sr. High Schools to further the development of students as competitors and spectators through friendly inter-school contests. The purpose of the activities program is to develop leadership, good sportsmanship, personality, new friendships and friendly rivalry with other schools. Junior High Athletic Programs are designed to help students learn fundamentals, rules and strategies of the games, and to increase their basic overall skill levels. While competitive in nature, it is the goal of the Junior High Programs to introduce students to a variety of experiences and to provide them with an opportunity to find activities that suit them best. Winning is not the main goal at the junior high level, rather creating a learning environment that leads to future success.

### SPORTSMANSHIP

We believe good sportsmanship should be exemplified at all activities and contests. Opponents who enter our school should be treated as guests. The same goes for game officials. At all times, both participants and spectators should treat those around them with respect.

### ACTIVITIES

The activities covered in this handbook will be only those which are governed by the **Missouri State High School Activities Association**. Activities, clubs, organizations and events not directly governed by MSHAA will follow the guidelines set forth in the **Student/Parent Handbook**.

Activities include:

Music	HS/JH Volleyball
Academic Team	HS/JH Cheerleading
HS/JH Basketball	HS/ JH Wrestling
JH/HS Football	HS Cross Country
JH/HS Track	HS Golf
HS Baseball	Dance

*Should the districts add any activity governed by MSHSAA, that activity will automatically become a part of this book although it may not appear in name.*

## MASCOT

The Tarkio teams are known as the Indians. The Fairfax teams are known as the Bulldogs. Combined Fairfax and Tarkio teams are known as the East Atchison Wolves.

## SCHOOL COLORS

East Atchison teams are represented by Silver, Black and an accent of orange. The Tarkio teams are represented by the colors Red, White and Yellow. The Fairfax teams are represented by the colors Kelly Green and White.

## CONFERENCE AFFILIATION

East Atchison is a member of the 275 Conference. Other conference schools include:

Mound City Panthers  
Nodaway-Holt Trojans  
Rock Port Blue Jays  
West Nodaway Rockets  
\*East Atchison Wolves  
Stewartville Cardinals  
Northeast Nodaway Blue Jays  
Craig Hornets

Jefferson Eagles  
North Nodaway Mustangs  
South Holt Knights  
DeKalb Tigers  
South Nodaway Longhorns  
Union Star Trojans  
Osborn Wildcats

## CITIZENSHIP

All students in the Tarkio and Fairfax School Districts are expected to conduct themselves in such a way as to only bring credit upon the team, group, school, community, their family, and themselves. MSHAA requires that student participants in activities be "credible citizens" (By-law 212). Any student judged to not be a "credible citizen" may be declared ineligible for any period of time by school administration. Expectations are as follows:

1. Student athletes are to be on their best behavior at all times. Good behavior in the classroom is mandatory. If a student athlete receives an I.S.S. or O.S.S. he or she is subject to the following punishment.
  - a) All Offenses ISS or OSS –Matter will be discussed with Administration and coach. Adequate punishment will be determined on a per incident basis. Punishment could include missing contests.

Punishments do not affect band performances for grades.

2. Any athlete receiving a technical foul, or a penalty deemed an unsportsmanlike conduct, action, or some individual intentional penalty, will sit the remainder of the quarter/inning/match in which the penalty occurred and additional time at the discretion of the coach during the game. Any additional time, or lack thereof, after the game of the incident will be agreed upon by BOTH the coach and administration.
3. Students ejected from a sports contest will incur a penalty, at a minimum, to the MSHSAA Standards. Administration reserves the right to lengthen the athlete's punishment.

## Fairfax and Tarkio Student Eligibility Policies

### Student Eligibility for Activities (MSHSAA)

Participation in activities at the Tarkio and Fairfax school districts is governed by the Missouri State High School Activities Association. These rules ensure that students meet expectations for academics, enrollment, and responsible participation. For grades 6–12, students must meet academic eligibility requirements through one of several enrollment options. These include:

- Traditional enrollment as a full-time student at the high school
- Non-traditional pathways, such as taking courses virtually, through post-secondary programs, or work study, with credits applied to the high school transcript
- Public school options that combine in-person classes with outside coursework
- Home school, FPE, or full-time virtual school participation (for public school residents)

In all cases, coursework must be completed by the end of the semester and count toward eligibility requirements. Changes in enrollment status may affect eligibility and could require a formal review.

Because eligibility rules are detailed and subject to change, students and families should review the full guidelines.

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade academic eligibility will be maintained on a semesterly basis. Students in grades 6-8 maintain their eligibility on a quarterly basis.

For complete eligibility information, please refer to the MSHSAA Handbook, pages 45-51.

### HOME EVENT TRANSPORTATION

All games which occur at either Tarkio or Fairfax will be considered a home game for the EA WOLVES Teams. It will be the responsibility of the athletes and parents to make sure that their children have transportation to and from all Home Events. A bus will NOT be run for home games.

### EAST ATCHISON WOLVES PRACTICE TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided to Tarkio or Fairfax for East Atchison Sports Practices on days in which school is in session. Junior High students are required to ride to and from practice on the bus or van. High School students may obtain permission to drive themselves to practices by filling out a transportation release form and having it signed by parents. IF parents are going to pick their children up from practice, the High School Principal / Athletic Director must be given advance notice and children must be signed out. In the event of an emergency, a parent/guardian may pick their child up from practice without prior notice, provided the parent/guardian speaks directly with the coach and tells them the reason why their child is being picked up.

### STATE LEVEL COMPETITION

State Level Competition is defined as and competition beyond districts included Sectionals, Quarterfinals and the like.

Students, teams, or groups who qualify for state level competitions in any activity will have the following expenses paid for by the school: travel, lodging, and an up to \$25 per day meal allowance. If the qualifying competitor is a team or group, the competitors will be defined as team members who will suit up for the activity, managers, and cheerleaders who perform.

### COACHES EDUCATION:

Coaches Education Budget- There will be a set coaches education budget for each overall sports program. The amount will be \$500 for a coaches education per sports program to be administered by the head coach.

### ZAP/GRADEWATCH

Students who are on ZAP/GRADEWATCH for the day are NOT allowed to attend practices/games until their classwork is completed. If the game/practice is off the Fairfax or Tarkio campus and the student misses the bus/van due to being on ZAP/GRADEWATCH, they are NOT allowed to attend the practice/game for the day.

### AWAY EVENT TRANSPORTATION

As most of the activities are of a team or group nature, the value of traveling to and from activities together can not be discounted. For that reason, student participants are expected to ride to and from AWAY activity trips on school provided transportation. Students who do not travel to activities in school provided transportation will not be allowed to participate in the activity. The administration recognizes that at times, extenuating circumstances may occur. In these cases, permission to use alternative transportation to the activity must be secured from administration. Students wishing to use alternative return transportation from the activity will be released to parents/guardians or grandparents. Occasionally situations arise where Parents require another adult to sign their children out from a game. The administration will consider these requests on a case by case basis. In order to have your child signed out by a person who is not their parent/guardian or grandparent, verbal discussion must take place with the building principal prior to the team leaving for the day. Emergency situations will be handled on a case by case basis. All students must be signed out at the event before the student is released

## ACTIVITY CODE

Students participating in the activity program at Tarkio and Fairfax School Districts are subject to the following expectations. These expectations apply year round, regardless of whether school is in session.

1. Citizenship (see "CITIZENSHIP" on page 2).
2. Refrain from the use of profanity.
3. Maintain good school attendance.
4. Attend all practices and games.
5. Demonstrate positive attitude and behavior.
6. Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
7. Refrain from the use of tobacco, alcohol, and illegal substances.

In not meeting expectations one through six, coaches, sponsors, and/or administration will use their discretion in assigning consequences to the student. Every effort will be made to insure that the consequences are appropriate with respect to the violation and that a standard of fairness is applied to each individual situation.

## SUBSTANCE POLICY

The Tarkio and Fairfax School districts want to be as consistent as possible in dealing with situations that may arise during the year. With this in mind, some procedures concerning the use of controlled substances have been set.

These offenses will carry over from year to year beginning with seventh grade. Punishments follow students throughout the entire year even if the student is not participating in any activity during the period when he or she gets into trouble.

Even though not playing in a contest, the athlete is expected to be at all practices leading up to and during the enforcement of the penalty.

The coaching staff, faculty and administration believe that students should not be in attendance at illegal functions comprised of minors who are using controlled substances. Therefore, any student reported to be in attendance at such a function may be punished the same as if he/she was using a controlled substance. The bottom line is, if there is a controlled substance there, remove yourself from the situation as quickly as possible.

## STUDENT SELF REPORTING

Any student who has a disciplinary action, ticket, or encounter with Law Enforcement or the Court System must self report the incident to the administration. Students who have such violations are not eligible by MSHSAA citizenship standards until all obligations of said infraction are fulfilled. Knowingly participating while under such probation puts the team in jeopardy of having to forfeit contests. Therefore, students are to self report the incident to the administration who will investigate the incident and hand down the proper punishment. Failure to self report puts the student athlete in jeopardy of having further punishments/restrictions placed on him or her.

Examples of action that might be taken:

- 1) Athlete caught during season with Alcohol, first offense as 10<sup>th</sup> grader.
  - a) During football would sit 15% of 10 games or 1.5 games which would be one and a half games.
  - b) During basketball would be 15% of 25 or 3.75 games.
- 2) Same athlete gets caught again as a junior for alcohol sits for 50% of in season games. This may carry over to the next season, should the athlete not have enough games in the current season to fulfill the punishment.

## TOBACCO/E-CIGARETTE/VAPORIZER USE

Possession or use of any tobacco/cigarette or vaporizer products

1. **First Offense** – The student will sit out 5% of the regularly scheduled MSHAA contests for the activities in which they currently participate or any subsequent MSHSAA activities totaling 5%, whichever is applicable.
2. **Second Offense** – The student will sit out 15% of regularly scheduled MSHAA contests for the activities in which they currently participate or any subsequent MSHSAA activities totaling 15%, whichever is applicable.
3. **Third Offense** – The student will be ineligible for all MSHSAA activities for nine (9) school calendar weeks

Each subsequent offense will result in an ineligible period or nine (9) calendar weeks. All offenses are cumulative beginning with seventh grade or at such time as the student transfers (enrolls) at Fairfax or Tarkio .

## ALCOHOL

Possession, use, or attending an event under the influence of alcohol.

1. **First Offense** – The student will sit out 15% of the regularly scheduled MSHAA contests for the activities in which they currently participate or any subsequent MSHSAA activities totaling 15%, whichever is applicable.
2. **Second Offense** – The student will sit out 50% of regularly scheduled MSHAA contests for the activities in which they currently participate or any subsequent MSHSAA activities totaling 50%, whichever is applicable.
3. **Third Offense** – The student will be ineligible for all MSHSAA activities for 365 calendar days.

Each subsequent offense will result in an additional ineligible period of 365 calendar days.

All offenses are cumulative beginning with sixth grade or at such time as the student transfers (enrolls) at Fairfax or Tarkio.

## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Possession, use, sale or distribution of any unauthorized prescription drug, narcotic substance, illegal drug, counterfeit drugs, drug related paraphernalia-

**First Offense:** The student shall be suspended from participation in all school-sponsored activities for a period of 30 calendar days from when the test results are determined by the test administrator. The student must also submit to a mandatory retest at the end of the suspension, at the expense of the school.

**Second Offense:** The student shall be suspended from participation in all school-sponsored activities for a period of 60 calendar days from when the test results are determined by the test administrator. If a student completes a drug treatment program (one approved by the school district), thirty (30) days may be subtracted from the suspension at the discretion of the superintendent or his or her designee. This may only take place if an approved drug treatment program was completed. The student must also submit to a mandatory retest at the end of the suspension, at the expense of the school.

**Third Offense:** Following a third confirmed positive test result, the student shall be suspended from participating in all interscholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and public performances for a minimum period of 365 calendar days.

A student who has initially consented to be tested may refuse to be tested, but if he/she chooses to do so, he/she will immediately be suspended from participating in extracurricular activities and/or the privilege of parking on school property for 365 calendar days. Any student who refuses to re-test after a failed test will be considered to have committed the next offense level.

**In order for the student to be reinstated to extracurricular activities, he/she must take another drug test at the expense of the school district.** This test must show negative for drugs in the system. *The lab testing facility must be pre-approved by the school district, and the test must include the substances tested for in the school testing program.* **The student can attend practice sessions, continue to attend team functions and sit with fellow participants during the activities but not participate.** After a student tests positive for illegal substances, he/she will be subject to non-random testing at the request of the administration for the remainder of the student's participation in extracurricular activities and/or parking on school property in the designated student areas for the current school year.

## ALL STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES MUST OPT INTO THE FAIRFAX/TARKIO DRUG TESTING POLICY YEARLY

### ATTENDANCE

A student must be in attendance at school the whole day in order to attend or participate in a school activity that same day. **Certain instances will be excusable at the discretion of the Principal (advanced approval required for appointments), or a Doctor's note is presented.** If an event is scheduled for a Saturday, students must be in attendance all day on Friday, or be excused by the Principal, to participate. Students must be in attendance for at least half of the school day to be able to attend practice.

## **EA WOLVES BOOSTER CLUB**

It is the expectation of the Fairfax and Tarkio school districts that all requests for funds from the EA Wolves Booster club will come from the Athletic Directors. Under no circumstances are Coaches or Parents to take requests for funds to the EA Wolves Booster Club. Requests for funds will be made to the Athletic Directors who will present necessary requests to the EA Wolves Booster Club.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF FANS**

It is the belief of the Fairfax and Tarkio School Districts that our fans should be a favorable reflection of the schools and community. Any behavior that is contrary to this should be carefully scrutinized.

The following expectations apply to students, patrons and other fans of the Fairfax and Tarkio School Districts:

1. Our opponents, their coaches, and fans are guests in our house and should be treated with courtesy and respect.
2. Fans should refrain from criticizing game officials. They are trained in the mechanics and rules of game officiating. Game officials are human and will make mistakes. That is simply a part of the game. They are here to assist in the administration of the game, they don't care who wins.
3. Fans should only make gestures or hold up signs that encourage our teams.
4. Fans should only engage in songs, chants, and slogans designed to encourage our teams.
5. Above all, fans should remember that the game is for the players.
6. Failure to follow the aforementioned expectations may result in removal from the event and possible barring from future EA Wolves events.

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Prior to participating in any sport, each student must have on file in the office a completed physical examination form and accompanying insurance information. Insurance is available through private companies and information can be obtained in the office or on the school website.

## **IMPACT TESTING**

All JH and HS athletes will be administered an IMPACT baseline concussion test. These baselines are done every 2 years. Athletes who are suspected of having a concussion will be given a follow up test. This information will be given to the athletes and to their doctor to help them assess the severity of the injury. Athlete protocol for return to play following a concussion will follow MSHSAA policy and athletes will only be allowed to return to play when cleared by a physician. The Fairfax and Tarkio School Districts will work in coordination with local doctors to help establish and maintain appropriate protocols for concussion evaluation.

## **TRANSFER OF ELIGIBILITY**

Students transferring from one school district to another must file an eligibility transfer form. The student may not participate at their new school until that form is complete. MSHSAA has specific guidelines for transfer of eligibility. Check with school administration to receive a form and more information on transfer.

## **CONFERENCES/COMMUNICATION WITH COACHES AND SPONSORS**

All coaches will be available at times to discuss the progress of your student-athlete. However, there are limitations to what a coach will discuss and at what times. The following is a summary of appropriate subject matter and timelines:

1. Coaches/Sponsors will only discuss your student, their progress, attitude, and any other essential information. Coaches/Sponsors will not discuss other students.
2. Coaches/Sponsors will not discuss game strategy or play calling.
3. Coaches will not discuss playing time issues with parents. Team members are encouraged to come to the coach to discuss these issues.
4. If a conflict exists between the student and coach/sponsor, it is the expectation of the administration that the coach/sponsor and student do everything possible to resolve the conflict personally. If that is not possible, the parent should first visit with the coach/sponsor in an effort to resolve the conflict. If that too does not yield results, the parent should next visit with the Athletic Director.
5. Parents should never request a meeting with a coach/sponsor during or immediately following a contest. Rather, the parent may contact the school at a latter time to make an appointment with the coach/sponsor.

6. Parents should not contact a coach/sponsor at home or via cell phone to discuss conflicts, nor should they insist that the coach/sponsor address the conflict in a public place away from school grounds. Coaches are under no obligation to respond to text messages or messages on personal phones. Coaches will disseminate pertinent group information via remind text.
7. Parents should contact the coach by contacting the school and setting up a time for a phone call or meeting.

These guidelines are established to allow the most professional relationship possible among coaches, sponsors, students, and parents. They also serve as a guide to head off any situations that may be potentially embarrassing to the people involved.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST EVENT GUIDANCE/ DUAL SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

In an effort to resolve conflicts that might occur when students are participating in multiple sports and activities during the same season- The guidelines below will be used to decide which event a student attends should conflicts arise. Athletes, administrators and coaches should discuss events that conflict and come to a resolution that best affects all involved. The guidelines below are guidelines and different priorities can be determined through discussion with coaches, athletes and administrators.

1. National contest
2. State contest
3. District contest
4. Conference contest
5. Academic class
6. Interscholastic contest
7. Required (dress rehearsal) practices
8. Regular practices

Students who wish to dual sport during a given season will fill out a dual sports enrollment form and declare a primary and secondary sport. The primary sport will take precedence in most cases over the secondary sport. However we will use the guidelines above to identify which event a player should generally participate in on a given day when conflicts arise. In addition the athletic director and coaches will work together to create a practice schedule that allows dual sport athletes access to practices for both sports. It will be understood that an athlete will participate in practices for his or her primary sport more often than that of their secondary sport. Coaches will work with Dual sport athletes to allow them to participate in both sports and will work together to help provide the best possible experience for the student.

## **VARSITY LETTERING REQUIREMENTS**

**ANY STUDENT ATHLETE who does not finish out the season and either quits the team or is removed from the team will NOT letter.**  
**COACHES DISCRETION- Should a situation arise due to unforeseen circumstances, all coaches reserve the right to award letters under special circumstances.**

### **FOOTBALL**

1. In order to letter, student athletes must play in 50% of the Varsity Quarters for the season
2. Each Quarter in which a player **ONLY PLAYS ON SPECIAL TEAMS AND NO ADDITIONAL SNAPS**, will count as a ½ quarter towards lettering.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

1. In order to letter, students must participate in at least 50% of the varsity matches during the season.
2. JV Matches will count as a half a match towards a varsity match
3. A senior who has participated all 4 years.

### **BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL**

1. In order to letter, students must participate in at least 50% of the varsity quarters.
2. A senior contributing member of the team will receive letter

### **BASEBALL**

1. In order to letter, students must participate in at least 50% of the varsity innings.
2. Senior Contributing members of the team will receive letters.

### **FAIRFAX ACADEMIC TEAM**

1. In order to letter, students must participate in at least 50% of the varsity Matches and attends every meet unless excused by the coach.

### TARKIO ACADEMIC TEAM

1. Student must participate in 80% of the varsity matches.

### BOYS/GIRLS TRACK/FIELD

1. In order to letter, students must score 1 point in a varsity meet
2. Any senior who has been a 4 year participant will letter

### GOLF

1. Athletes who have their card used in a varsity match during the season will letter.

### WRESTLING

1. Score 12 Varsity Team Points in a Season.
2. Seniors will letter by the first criteria or if they wrestle in 90% of the duals/tournaments that they are physically capable of competing in.
3. Wrestlers must complete the entire season and attend all mandatory practices.
4. Wrestlers will compete in a minimum of two competitions.

### CHEERLEADING

1. Attendance: 90% of practices, games, and events, no unexcused absences.
2. Performance: Consistent skills and improvement throughout the season.
3. Participation: Active at games; strong energy, crowd leadership, and visible smiling/positive expressions.
4. Conduct: Positive attitude and good sportsmanship
5. No unexcused absences from practices, games or performances.

### CROSS COUNTRY

1. A member of the varsity (top 7) for 3 meets during the season.
2. A senior who participated for all 4 years.

### FAIRFAX BAND (160 points needed to earn a varsity letter)

#### Point Additions

1. 50 points for band enrollment
2. 5 points for Band Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook signatures turned in by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. 25 points for 100% attendance @ Band Camp

4. 5 points per marching band and Concert band performance (dates listed in Band handbook). **Minimum pts. possible: 45**
5. ½ point per pep band performance including pep assemblies (30 home games, 15 pts. Possible)

6. 5 points drum major
7. 5 points color guard member
8. 2 points Concert Band section Leader
9. 5 points District Band solo and/or small ensemble (per event).
10. 25 points for receiving a 2 overall rating at District **Concert Band** Contest.
11. 10 points for receiving a 1 overall rating at District **Concert Band** Contest.
12. 15 points for receiving a 1 rating at District Solo/Ensemble contest (per event).
13. 25 points for receiving a 1 rating at State Music Contest.
14. 10 points for receiving a 2 rating at State Music Contest.
15. 5 points band officer.
16. 25 points attendance at any college summer band camp.
17. 25 points for selection and participation in any honor band.
18. 5 points per quarter for achieving high honor roll (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)
19. 3 points per quarter for achieving "B" honor roll (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)
20. 5 points for returning marching band/choir guard/drum major uniform and accessories within 1 week after last performance.
21. 5 points each for helping with the elementary winter or spring musical (possible 10 points).
22. 5 points for participation in school musical cast.
23. 3 points for participation in the school musical technology crew.
24. 10 points for solo or small ensemble performance outside of school (director needs 1 week notice).
25. 1-5 points Director's prerogative.

#### Point Deductions

1. 2 points per non-attended rehearsal of summer band camp.
2. 2 points per non-attended scheduled practice for solo/ensemble contest
3. 2 points per non-attended color guard practice
4. 2 points per tardy after 3.
5. 5 points each time your uniform is not properly put up
6. 10 points for being disrespectful to instructor or any of your fellow band members.

**Individual with the highest points will receive a plaque.**

**\*\*Points will be calculated up until 1 day before the scheduled activities banquet.**

## FAIRFAX CHOIR (25 points needed to earn a varsity letter)

\*\* Any member enrolled in Band, and not able to enroll in choir, may achieve a letter in choir, should they achieve enough points.

### Point Additions

1. 10 points for choir enrollment.
2. 5 points for Choir parent/guardian/student handbook signatures turned in by August 31<sup>st</sup> (requires choir class enrollment).
3. 10 points for participation in the fall and/or spring concert. (possible 20 points)
4. 5 points District Vocal solo and/or small ensemble (per event).
5. 15 points for receiving a 1 overall rating at District Vocal Solo/Ensemble contest (per event).
6. 25 points for selection and participation in any honor choir.
7. 5 points for participation in school musical cast. (requires choir class enrollment)
8. 3 points for participation in school musical technology crew. (requires choir class enrollment).
9. 10 points for vocal solo or small vocal ensemble performance outside of school (director needs 1 week notice).
10. 5 points each for helping with the elementary winter or spring musical (possible 10 points). This requires choir class enrollment.
11. 25 points for attendance at any college summer vocal music camp.
12. 5 points per quarter for achieving high honor roll (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter).
13. 5 points per quarter for achieving "B" honor roll (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter).
14. 1-5 points director's prerogative (requires choir class enrollment).

### Point Deductions

1. 2 points per tardy after 3.
2. 10 points for being disrespectful to instructor or any of your fellow choir members.

**Individual with the highest points will receive a plaque.**

\*\* Points will be calculated up until 1 day before the scheduled activities banquet.

## TARKIO BAND

1. Member completes the entire band season
2. Member does not miss any performances

## TARKIO CHOIR

1. Member completes the entire band season
2. Member does not miss any performances

### DANCE

85% attendance or better at all practices.  
Member misses no more than 1 performance.  
Display good sportsmanship and cooperation during practices and performances.

### BALL GAME ADMISSIONS

#### ALL HOME BALL GAMES:

Adult (out of high school) \$5.00  
Student \$3.00  
Pre-school and under Free  
Senior Citizens Free (60 and above)

### TOURNAMENT ADMISSIONS

<u>Volleyball</u>	
Adult	\$5.00
Student	\$3.00
Pre-school & under	Free
<u>Basketball</u>	
Adult	\$5.00
Student	\$3.00
Pre-school & under	Free

EA Wolves Season Sports Pass- These are available for purchase from both Fairfax and Tarkio school districts. Family Pass \$75.00, Student Pass \$20.00, Adult Pass \$30.00

### FREE ADMISSION POLICY

Free admission to athletic activities will be granted to the following people:

1. Bearers of 275 Conference passes, spouses, and their school age children.
2. Persons working at the event (team members, linemen, chain gang, band, cheerleaders, concession stand workers, law enforcement, ambulance, etc.)
3. Preschool age and under children.
4. Non conference coaches, administrators, cheerleader sponsors.

## **ATHLETIC COOPERATIVE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

When a patron of either district has a concern about issues relating to an activity in which Tarkio and Fairfax schools have a cooperative agreement, it best serves all that a resolution be sought at the lowest level of a chain of command. Therefore, it is essential that this chain of command be established. No one in this hierarchy of the chain will hear a grievance before those preceding them in the chain have heard the grievance. After a meeting at each level, if resolution is not achieved, the grieving party may request a hearing to the next level of the chain. Such a hearing should then be scheduled to occur within one week of the request. (Sooner if possible) Each member of this chain of command should be in attendance at all hearings that occur above their level in the chain.

The chain of command for airing grievances will be:

1. Parent Meeting with the Head Coach
2. Parents and Players meeting with the Athletic Director from the school which the student attends.
3. Parents and the Principal from which the school in which the coach is an employee,
4. Superintendent from which school the coach is an employee
5. Finally the Athletic Coop School Board Committee. It is to be understood that the administration of each school will confer when the grievance reaches the administrative level.

The Athletic Coop School Board Committee is comprised of four members, two of which are from Tarkio and two of which are from Fairfax. When the Grievance gets to the Athletic Coop School Board Committee the Superintendent from which the coach is employed will serve as the fifth member of the committee.

The committee will meet in a special session to hear grievances brought to them. After the committee has heard the grievance it will make its decision and the decision will be final.

## **COACHES DISCRETION AND RULES**

Each individual coach will be given the discretion to administer team rules not specifically mentioned in the handbook. Matters such as excused vs. unexcused practices, game-day dress, etc. will be up to individual coaches to decide. Coaches will inform administration, players and parents of any such team specific rules.

## **ISSUES NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED**

Not every issue or situation can be predicted and planned for. Should matters arise that are not specifically mentioned in the handbook, administration from both school districts will meet and discuss the issue prior to any decision being made. Administration reserves the right to assign consequences either not contained in this handbook or to modify consequences contained herein.

# JH/HS ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

Please read this handbook and agreement in its entirety. It provides important information about how our school functions. After you have read the handbook and agreement, please sign and return this sheet to the high school office.

I have read the contents of the 2026-2027 activities handbook and affirm that I understand and will abide by the guidelines set forth within. I agree that violations of these policies may result in disciplinary action as described in this handbook.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_