



# SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Department of Athletics

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## GENERAL DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

1. There is no **user fee** for the SERSD Athletic Program, the Southeastern Regional School District Committee believes that athletics is a critical part of a student's high school career, and as such provides the athletic department with a budget to pay for the majority of the costs associated with high school sports. Each team routinely participates in fund raising activities to help defray costs for such things as student recognition awards and specialized equipment and uniforms not funded under the operating budget. All fund raising activities must be approved by the Athletic Director and High School Principal.
2. **All students must have an updated physical form on file** in the Health Office before they can start practice with their team. Physical exams are valid for participation for 13 months from the date of the exam.
3. **Transportation** - All athletes must ride the team bus to and from away athletic contests. In the event there is no bus available from Southeastern HS to the athlete's home, **the parent/guardian is responsible for transportation.**
4. **Students must be present in school all day** and attend every class to be able to practice or play in a game on any given day in season. Exceptions include school field trips, and absences or dismissals approved ahead of time by the administration such as a college visit.
5. Practice and game schedules, particularly in the case of winter and spring sports, **include school vacation weeks.** Students and families should take this into consideration when students decide to try out for teams that have vacation week game/practice schedules. Students who are absent from practice or games for any reason, including taking a vacation, should not expect to resume their starting positions immediately upon returning. Coaches will determine when a student who has been absent is physically fit to play. Depending upon the length of absence, there is a possibility of the "substitute player" retaining the starting position. All personnel decisions (including playing time) will be made by the head coach in each sport.
6. Parents and student athletes are asked to review the **Chemical Health Section** of the Interscholastic Athletics Handbook. The MIAA Chemical Health rule states that during the season of practice or play, a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco products; marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. School rules address the same situations. \*\*

### Application of the MIAA Rule:

Upon a confirmed violation of a chemical health violation, the student will be suspended for the minimum penalty 25% of the scheduled contests in that activity. A second or subsequent violation will result in a 12 game or 12 week suspension, whichever is greater. There is a carryover to the athlete's next season if the minimum penalty is not completed within the season in which the chemical health violation occurs.

7. **The MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) TEAM BONA FIDE RULE:** A bona fide member of a school athletic team is a student who is regularly present for, and actively participates in all team practices and competitions. Bona fide members of a school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in order to practice or compete with an out of school team. Any student who violates this standard becomes ineligible for two weeks or two games, whichever is longer, and becomes ineligible for the MIAA tournament(s) in that sport for that season.
8. All students who participate in Athletics are covered by a secondary **INSURANCE** policy designed to cover the cost of medical bills (in case of accident) that family plans do not cover. Contact the Athletic Director for further information.

**\*\* The MIAA Handbook is available on line at [www.miaa.net](http://www.miaa.net). This book contains all rules and regulations for all interscholastic athletics in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

