

# ***Heyworth CUSD #4***



## ***Athletic Guide***

### **District Mission:**

**Heyworth CUSD #4 is committed to preparing all students for success.**

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## ***Welcome & Introduction***

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Welcome to the newly designed district athletic guide. As stated on the cover page of this handbook, HUSD 4's mission statement is as follows: "Heyworth CUSD #4 is committed to preparing all students for success." Not only do we expect excellence from our student-athletes, but from our coaches and parents as well. As a member of the Heyworth family, you have a great responsibility because our participants rely on you for guidance, advice, and skills.

The following guide lists our departments operating procedures and guidelines. By following these procedures, our department will run smoothly and efficiently. The purpose of this guide is not to provide an all-encompassing document for district coaches and parents, but rather to introduce you to some of the policies of the HJHHS Athletic Department. This is a "living" document, not a contract, and may be changed at the athletic director's discretion. If you have any questions, please contact me directly. I look forward to working with you to grow our HJHHS Hornets.

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## ***HJHHS Athletic Dept. Mission***

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To provide extra-curricular opportunities so that student-athletes may learn lifelong skills such as leadership, self-discipline, and sportsmanship.

### ***Philosophy of the HJHHS Athletic Dept.***

Extra-curricular activities are designed to enhance the quality education your student-athlete is already receiving. We strive to provide opportunities for young people to learn what they often cannot in the classroom. Our first priority as an athletic department is to develop each individual student-athlete and the overall quality of each program. This is important at all levels but should be the main focus for our junior high athletics and lower level high school teams. With this being said, even though being competitive at every level is important, coaches must never sacrifice improvement for winning. Therefore, as a coach and parent, you need to promote positivity and teamwork. This athletic department is committed to providing an environment in which all athletes can succeed.

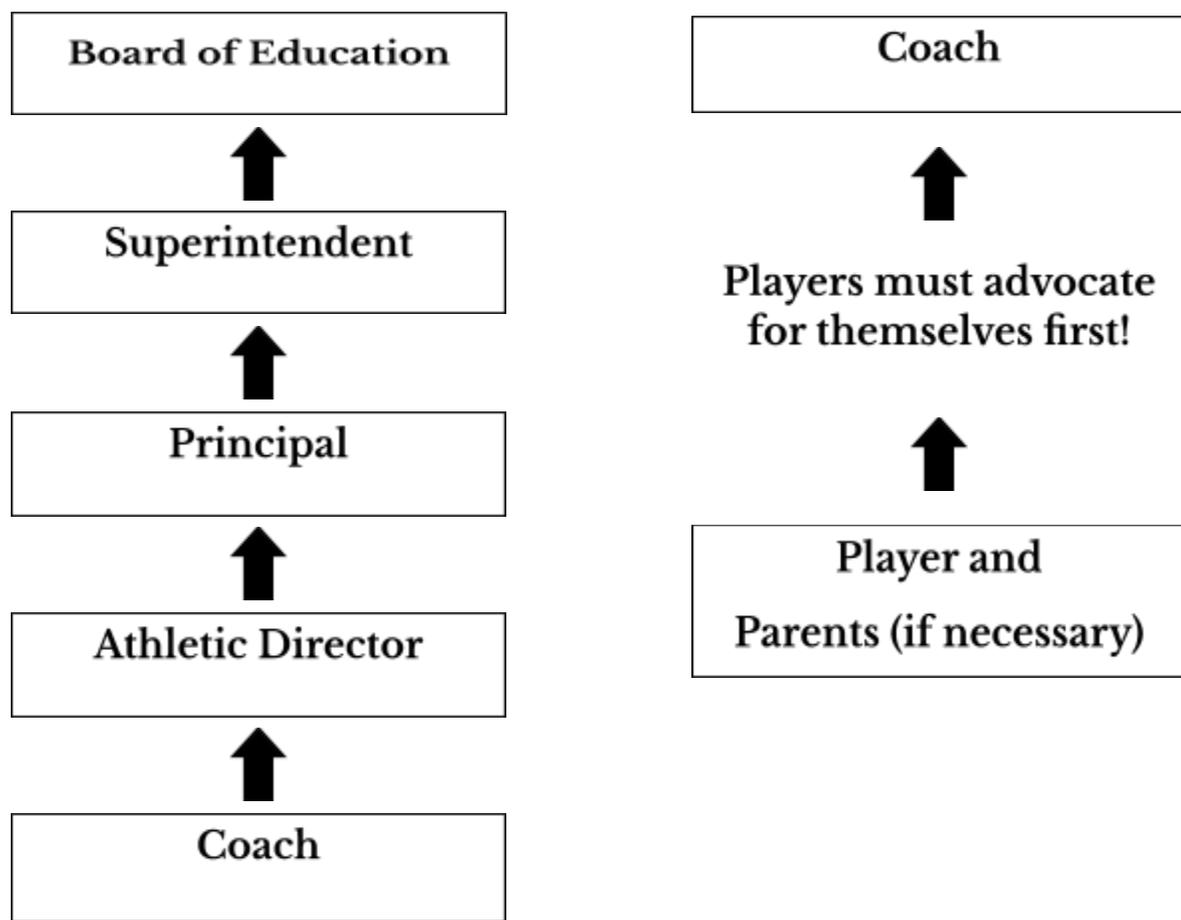
## ***Chain of Command***

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The following graphic shows how the athletic department fits within the HUSD #4's organizational chart. The chart indicates the channels of authority and reporting relationships for athletic department employees. Athletic department employees should follow this "chain of command" for reporting any information, concerns, etc.

The proper line of communication would involve contacting the immediate supervisor first. If the issue is not resolved at that level, the employee may advance to the next level. Depending on the severity of the situation, no level should be bypassed! As HJHHS athletic director, I aim to be flexible and transparent, and I expect my coaches and parents to be as well.

The graphic to the left shows the chain of command for coaches/employees. The graphic to the right shows the chain of command for coaches/players/parents.



## ***Athletic Eligibility***

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The following comes from the Heyworth CUSD #4 handbook.

Selection of members or participants in extracurricular athletic activities is at the discretion of the designated teachers, sponsors, and coaches. **In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular athletic activities, a student must be passing all classes.** Any student failing to meet academic requirements will be suspended from the sport or activity for 7 calendar days or until academic requirements are met, whichever is longer.

Here's some guidelines regarding eligibility:

1. Eligibility reports are prepared each Thursday. The report is sent to each coach via email.
2. Coaches should then address the athlete about their ineligibility; if questions arise, the student should discuss this with the teacher. Remember, students need to advocate for themselves.
3. School comes first for all student-athletes.

## ***Social Media Use***

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This section of the handbook is a necessary component as social media is a major communication tool today.

1. All coaches are encouraged to create a Twitter, Facebook, or website for their athletic program. This is a great way coaches can promote their program and communicate with parents.
2. Coaches are informed never to post any student-athlete pictures on their account/website without parent permission; check the office to verify permission.
3. Coaches are a mandated reporters. If they see signs of bullying, threats, abuse, etc., they will report this immediately.
4. Any written communication between staff and student-athletes are a matter of record and can be requested for review (Freedom of Information Act). This means that any correspondence between you and your players (texts/emails) can be obtained.
5. Most importantly, always be aware that whatever you post on social media represents Heyworth Schools and the community. Think before you post!

## ***Participation Code***

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The following comes from the HUSD #4 handbook.

### **Participation Code - Requirements for Extracurricular Athletic Activities**

A student must have the following fully executed documents on file in the school office before being allowed to participate in any extracurricular athletic activity:

1. A current certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, an advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant.
2. A permission slip to participate in the specific sport or activity signed by the student's parent/guardian.
3. A signed agreement by the student not to use any drugs on the IHSA's most current banned drug classes list and an agreement to take part in random testing for these substances.
4. A signed agreement by the student's parent/guardian authorizing random performance enhancing substance testing and recognizing the dangers of drug use.
5. A signed parent/coach communication agreement by the student's parent/guardian.
6. Activity Fee paid to the HS/JH Office

**\$15 for JH sports/activities**

**\$30 for HS sports/activities**

## ***Parent Meetings***

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Prior to the start of each season, each program must hold a parent-athlete meeting. ***Each head coach is responsible for scheduling their own meeting, with PRIOR approval by the AD.*** This is to ensure that meeting spaces and dates are available on the school calendar.

The following topics must be discussed at this meeting:

- Team expectations & rules
- Care of team gear, apparel, etc.
- Coaching philosophy
- Chain of command (see page 5)
- Registration process and payment of athletic fee
- Any other details the coach finds necessary

The following information should be shared during your parent meeting as well:

### **Parents and Guardians Responsibilities**

1. Support the decisions of the coach.
2. Expect and support student attendance at practices and games.
3. Use good sportsmanship as a spectator and conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on both the team and the school.
4. Respect officials, opponents, peers, and all others associated with an event.
5. Understand that the game is for the students, not the adults.

### **Fans and Supporters Responsibilities**

1. Recognize that a ticket to an athletic contest is a privilege to observe a game.
2. Cheer for your team, not against officials and opponents.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and citizenship.

### **Student Athletes Responsibilities**

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for coaches, opponents, fellow athletes and players, parents, and the community.
2. Maintain and practice good health habits by being alcohol and drug-free and participating in off-season training to avoid injury.
3. Follow all rules as set by the coach and the school.
4. Seek high academic standards to be the best students they can be.
5. Be an active participant and promoter of a positive team attitude.
6. Communicate with coaches openly and honestly.

## ***Cuts and Callups***

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In an effort to have each junior high athletic team be treated equitably, the athletic department began researching the impact of 6th grade students participating in our junior high programs alongside our 7th and 8th grade students. Our focus has always been on providing a quality program, meaningful playing experiences, and quality instruction for our student athletes. The research showed that some teams need the option to allow 6th grade students to participate while other teams have had too many participants causing slower development of athletes and safety concerns. By not having enough players, our teams struggle to successfully compete against other schools and by having too many players, student safety and quality of instruction are concerns. Therefore, tryouts and cuts will be utilized when needed for junior high athletics.

Below is a list of roster sizes that will be used to determine team sizes:

- Basketball (boys and girls) - 15
- Girls Volleyball - 13
- Cross Country - no limit
- Track and Field (boys and girls) - no limit
- Wrestling - no limit
- Baseball - 22
- Softball - 20
- Cheerleading - 12

### **JH Cuts and Callups Policy:**

In the event that participation numbers are below the ideal roster size listed above, 6th grade students will be allowed to tryout to fill the remaining roster spots (Callups) on the 7th grade team or 'A' team. After tryouts conclude, the 6th grade students selected to the team will have the same opportunities to play as all other participants.

In the event that participation numbers exceed the ideal roster size listed above, tryouts will be conducted to reduce roster to ideal size (Cuts). Rosters will be determined by using try-out guidelines that are developed by coaches and the athletic director.

# ***Athletic Code of Conduct***

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Participation in interscholastic athletics can be a rewarding and valuable experience for students, coaches, and fans. It can help build character, team play, healthy habits, and a lifetime of memories.

All students are encouraged to participate in one or more academic and/or athletic events. Each student has the right to try out for an appropriate team. If he/she earns the right to be a member of a team then there are certain rules which must be followed in order to maximize the benefits of the activity for all participants.

The Athletic Code of Conduct consists of rules and regulations which govern all students involved in all extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, athletics, non-athletic competitive organizations, clubs, and fine arts performances which are outside the scope of the academic curriculum. Student participants are subject to the following rules and regulations in addition to the rules governing general student conduct.

## **Rules and Regulations**

1. Comply with all state association (IHSA/IESA) rules.
2. Comply with the rules and regulations as developed and set by the Heyworth Community School District #4, Board of Education.
3. Comply with the training rules and regulations as established by the coach of the sport/activity in which the student is participating.
4. To be a member of any team, obligations and responsibilities to the school must first be met. In all cases school must come first and extracurricular activities second.
  - a. In order to participate in an evening contest, the student must have attended school for at least half the day. There may be exceptions to these rules: e.g., to attend a funeral or see a doctor. If you are ill you should not participate for your sake and the team's sake. If you have a question about whether or not you will be eligible to participate in an evening contest, you should discuss the situation with the junior/senior high school administration. Principal's discretion can be used at any time.
  - b. Pre-approval must be granted for any absence the day of a contest or performance.
  - c. In order to participate in a Saturday contest after being absent Friday, the student's parent/guardian must assure the coach that participation would not jeopardize the student's health.
  - d. In order to participate in extracurricular activities, a student must be a full time student.

- e. Eligibility - students must be passing all subjects to participate in extracurricular activities. Weekly eligibility checks will be made during the school year. Any student failing to meet academic requirements will be suspended from the sport or activity for 7 calendar days or until academic requirements are met, whichever is longer.
    - i. High School students may fail no more than one (1) class at the end of each semester in order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities in the following semester.
    - ii. Junior high students may fail no more than one (1) class at the end of the school year in order to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities in the following semester (including the first semester of 9th grade).
    - iii. Students who do not meet these requirements will be ineligible for participation in all extracurricular activities in the following semester.
    - iv. Junior high students who successfully complete the summer school program will be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities during the following semester.
  - f. Suspension - A student who has been suspended from school is also suspended from participation in all extracurricular and athletic activities for the duration of the suspension. A student who is absent from school on a Friday before a Saturday event may be withheld from Saturday extracurricular or athletic activities at the discretion of the administration.
5. A student must present a physician's certification of good health before he/she may practice any sport. The certification is then good for 13 months from the date of the physical.
  6. Except where specifically denied (e.g., track, golf) students may participate in more than one simultaneous activity. When the conflict is occasional, the student will be excused from his/her continuous activity to attend the other. If the conflict is continuous but still possible to solve, the concerned coaches will propose a practice schedule (basketball-speech) acceptable to both. If the conflict is serious and cannot be satisfactorily resolved, the student may be required to select one.
  7. Participants are expected to ride the team bus to and from all events. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may pick up their own son/daughter provided that they sign out their child with the coach after the activity. Additionally, an exception to this rule may be illness, injury, or with permission from the principal or athletic director.
  8. Those athletes who are injured and/or ineligible must still attend practices if physically able.

9. Substance Abuse: Use or possession of tobacco or tobacco products, alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia will be considered a violation of the Athletic Code. For purposes of this policy the term drugs shall include illegal drugs and other drugs or substances used illegally or in a manner for which they were not intended. Students who violate this policy at any time during the calendar year, including periods when school is not in session, shall be subject to consequences. Following an investigation, penalties could be assessed beginning with the next game, performance, or event in which the student is a participant, carrying into the next season or event if applicable.
10. Illegal Drinking Parties - Drinking and/or the use of drugs is/are illegal and a direct violation of the Athletic Code. Students involved in any extracurricular activity during the school year must refrain from attending illegal parties where alcoholic beverages or drugs are present. Attending such a party will jeopardize a student's eligibility and could be considered a direct violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct policy (#11). Each case will be evaluated by the school administration. Please keep the following recommendations in mind:
  - a. DO NOT ATTEND if you know there will be alcohol and/or drugs present.
  - b. LEAVE IMMEDIATELY if you arrive at the party and find out that alcohol and/or drugs are being used.
11. Athletic code committee - The athletic code committee will consider and determine consequences for all major athletic code rule violations. The committee will consist of the building principal, the athletic director of the building, and one coach other than the coach involved.
  - a. The coach will meet with the principal and the athletic director to inform and discuss the violation.
  - b. After receiving preliminary information, the athletic director will select a date and time for the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and coach to meet and discuss the violation.
  - c. The student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and coach will be informed in writing of the decision of the athletic committee.
  - d. Right to review - The student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) may request a hearing with the principal and the athletic director within seven (7) days of the exclusion.

The rules and regulations set forth in this policy are based upon the assumption that participation in extracurricular activities at Heyworth Junior/Senior High School is a privilege, not a right.

These rules are to apply from the first day of practice or from the first day of school for the student athlete and continue to apply to the student athlete until completion of their high school career. These rules apply both in and

out of season of the sport(s) in which each student athlete participates, during the school year, holidays, school year vacations, on and off campus, and whether or not violation occurs at school or school-sponsored activity.

### **Hazing**

The Heyworth Athletic Department, in an effort to promote a positive atmosphere in all student activities, subscribes to the following anti-hazing statement set forth below. It is the intention of the athletic department that this information be shared with all members of the school community.

The definition of hazing is as follows: Hazing occurs when an act is committed against a student or a student is coerced into committing an act that creates a substantial risk of harm to the student or to any third party in order for the student to be initiated into or affiliated with any school group, club, athletics team, grade level, activity, or organization.

Hazing includes but is not limited to:

- Any activity involving an unreasonable risk of physical harm, including paddling, beating, whipping, branding, electric shock, sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, placement of harmful substances on the body, and participation in physically dangerous activities.
- Any activity involving the consumption of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, or any other food, liquid, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of physical harm.
- Any activity involving actions of a sexual nature or the simulation of actions of a sexual nature.
- Any activity that subjects a student to an extreme and unreasonable level of embarrassment, shame, or humiliation or which create a hostile, abusive, or intimidating environment.
- Any activity involving any violation of federal, state, or local law or any violation of school district policies and regulations

### **Monitoring Ongoing Compliance with the Anti-Hazing Statement**

Administrators, coaches/sponsors, and the athletic director should maintain an on-going plan of monitoring for such activities that would be deemed unacceptable according to this statement. All instances in question will be investigated.

### **Process for the Reporting of Suspected Instances of Hazing**

All incidents of hazing should be reported immediately to school administrators.

## Social Media

Social Media has become ingrained in today's society. The wide variety of social networking tools presently available provides students easy access to share important news and events with each other. Social media technologies such as Twitter, Facebook, Internet forums, weblogs, social blogs, micro blogging, Wikis, podcasts, photographs, video rating, social bookmarking, and others have many benefits in our world; however, they can also be disruptive when inappropriate social media postings occur. Using these communication tools in an inappropriate manner can have negative consequences, especially if unkind words or threats are used with intent to hurt others.

The Heyworth Athletic Department recognizes and supports its student-athletes' and coaches' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social networks. In this context, each student-athlete and coach must remember that participating and competing for the Heyworth School District is a privilege, not a right. The student-athlete and coach represent his or her school and the Heyworth School District, and therefore, they are expected to portray themselves, their team, and their school in a positive manner at all times. Any online postings must be consistent with federal and state laws, as well as team, school, and Heyworth School District rules and regulations (including those listed below).

Specifically prohibited behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Sexually explicit, profane, lewd, indecent, illegal, or defamatory language/actions.
- Derogatory language regarding school personnel or other students, including opponents.
- Comments designed to harass or bully students and/or school personnel, including opponents.
- Nude, sexually-oriented, or indecent photos, images or altered pictures.
- Use of school computers to view off-campus postings.
- Students accessing posts at school on their own devices.
- Distribution of hard copies of posts on school property.
- Re-communication on campus of the content of the posts.

***Any authorized or unauthorized use in school or out of school of computer software, computer networks, telecommunications devices, information technology, and related technologies, which disrupts or interferes with the educational process in any manner is prohibited and may result in removal from the team or activity and a recommendation for expulsion.***

## **Social Media Guidelines for Student-Athletes**

1. Be careful with how much and what kind of identifying information you post on social networking sites. It is unwise to make available information such as full date of birth, social security number, address, phone number, cell phone numbers, class schedules, bank account information, or details about your daily routine. All of these can facilitate identity theft or stalking. Remember - once posted the information becomes the property of the website.
2. Be aware that potential current and future employers and college admissions offices often access information you place on online social networking sites. Realize that any information you post will provide an image of you to prospective employers and/or schools. The posting is considered public information. Protect yourself by maintaining a self-image that you can be proud of years from now.
3. Be careful in responding to unsolicited emails asking for passwords or PIN numbers. Reputable businesses do not ask for this information online.
4. Do not have a false sense of security about your rights to freedom of speech. Understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. Social networking sites are NOT a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions.
5. Remember that photos once put on the social network site's server become the property of the site. You may delete the photo from your profile, but it still stays in their server. Internet search engines like Google or Yahoo may still find that image long after you have deleted it from your profile. Think long and hard about what type of photo you want to represent you.

One of the biggest lessons social networking users can learn is that anything you post online enters the public record. High school students should carefully consider their profiles and ask themselves how they would look to a future college admissions officer or potential employer.

## **Student-Athlete Responsibilities**

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for coaches, opponents, fellow athletes and players, parents, and the community.
2. Maintain and practice good health habits by being alcohol and drug-free and participating in off-season training to avoid injury.
3. Follow all rules as set by the coach and the school.
4. Seek high academic standards to be the best students they can be.
5. Be an active participant and promoter of a positive team attitude.
6. Communicate with coaches openly and honestly.

## **Consequences of Violations**

A student who violates one or more of the above stated rules for participation in extracurricular activities, will have a meeting take place with the athletic committee to determine possible consequences.

## **Due Process Procedures**

Students who are accused of violating the Code of Conduct are entitled to the following due process:

1. The student should be advised of the disciplinary infraction with which he or she is being charged.
2. The student shall be entitled to a hearing before an appropriate administrator.
3. The student will be able to respond to any charges leveled against him or her.
4. The student may provide any additional information he or she wishes for the administrator to consider.
5. The administrator, with the help of other staff members if needed, may interview material witnesses or others with evidence concerning the case.
6. If the administrator finds, after reviewing the evidence, that the violation occurred, he or she will impose sanctions on the student, as follows:

Sanctions for violations other than drug and alcohol will be based on the nature of the offense and the number of offenses, and may include suspension from all extracurricular or athletic activities for one of the time periods described below:

- A specified period of time or percentage of events, competitions, or practices;
- The remainder of the season or for the next season; or
- The remainder of the student's school career.

Sanctions for alcohol and other drug violations, including tobacco, nicotine and products composed purely of caffeine in a loose powdered form, will be based on the following:

### **First Violation**

- Use, ingestion, possession, buying, selling, offering to sell, bartering, or distributing: A suspension of one third of the total number of performances, activities, or competitions or the remainder of the season, whichever is shorter. This penalty may be reduced if the student is enrolled in a drug or alcohol counseling program.
- Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed: A suspension of one sixth of the total number of performances, activities or competitions, or the remainder of the season, whichever is shorter.

- The student may be required to practice with the group, regardless of the violation (unless suspended or expelled from school).

### **Second violation**

- Use, ingestion, possession, buying, selling, offering to sell, bartering, or distributing: A suspension of 12 weeks or 1 season, including suspension from all performances, activities, or competitions during this period. To participate again in any extracurricular or athletic activity, the student must successfully participate in and complete a school approved alcohol or drug counseling program and follow all recommendations from that program.
- Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed: A suspension of one third of the season and all extracurricular group performances, activities, or competitions during this period.
- The student may be required to practice with the group (unless suspended or expelled from school).

### **Third violation**

- Use, ingestion, possession, buying, selling, offering to sell, bartering, or distributing: A suspension from extracurricular or athletic activities for the remainder of the student's school career.
- Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed: A suspension of one calendar year from the date of the suspension, including all extracurricular and athletic activities during this period.

The administrator will make a written report of his or her decision and rationale. The student may appeal the decision to the superintendent or superintendent's designee.

All students remain subject to the School District's student discipline policy and the school's student code of conduct and parent handbook.

### **Drug and Alcohol Testing Program**

The School District maintains an extracurricular and athletic drug and alcohol testing program in order to foster the health, safety, and welfare of its students. Participation in extracurricular and athletic activities is a privilege and participants need to be exemplars. The program promotes healthy and drug free participation.

Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must consent to random drug and alcohol testing in order to participate in any extracurricular or athletic activity. Failure to sign the School District's "Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Consent" form will result in non participation.

If a test is positive, the student may not participate in extracurricular or athletic activities until after a follow up test is requested by the building principal or designee and the results are reported. The building principal or designee will request a follow up test after such an interval of time that the substance previously found would normally be eliminated from the body. If this follow up test is negative, the student will be allowed to resume participation in extracurricular and athletic activities. If a positive result is obtained from the follow up test, or any later test, the same previous procedure shall be followed.

No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any verified positive test conducted under this program other than when independent reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol usage exists. This program does not affect the School District policies, practices, or rights to search or test any student who at the time exhibits cause for reasonable suspicion of drug and/or alcohol use.

### **Respect yourself, your team, and your community**

This code of conduct is in place to allow our student-athletes to demonstrate their commitment to the long tradition of excellence in representing the Heyworth community.

## ***Other Important Forms***

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Below are links to other important documents. Each form has an agreement page that needs to be signed and returned to the athletic department.

[IHSA Sports Medicine Acknowledgement and Consent Form](#)

[Parent/Coach Communication Form](#)

## ***Concessions Distribution***

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All teams, activities, and student groups will have the opportunity to work in the concession stand during school events. Groups will earn \$100 per game or event worked (volleyball and winter events). Football concessions will be evaluated during the 2018 season.

## ***School Vendor***

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BSN will be the HJHHS primary apparel vendor for the 2018-2019 school year. This will be evaluated at the end of each school year.

## ***Officials Pay***

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<b>Sport</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Football - Varsity	\$70 x 5 officials
Football - JV/Freshmen	\$60 x 4 officials
Volleyball	\$70 x 2 officials
Girls Basketball	\$110 x 3 officials
Boys Basketball - Varsity	\$70 x 3 officials
Boys Basketball - JV/Freshman	\$60 x 2 officials
Wrestling	\$140 x 1 or 2 officials
Baseball and Softball	\$60 x 2 officials
Track	\$85 (Dual+) / \$125 (Invite)

## ***Uniform Rotation***

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An established uniform rotation cycle ensures equity among sports and quality uniforms for all athletes. This is a 4 year cycle with a proposed maximum budget of \$15,000 per year.

- Year 1 - Track/Cross, Baseball, Girls Basketball
- Year 2 - Football
- Year 3 - Softball, Cheer, Golf
- Year 4 - Wrestling, Volleyball, Boys Basketball

Corresponding JH and HS teams will have the opportunity to purchase uniforms in the same year (i.e. - HS girls basketball and JH girls basketball will get new uniforms the same school year).

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## Extra/Co-Curricular Participation by Home-Schooled Students

Heyworth community homeschooled students are allowed to participate in sports and activities under the following conditions:

1. Provide evidence and comply with all IHSA requirements for student athletes:
  - a. Residency Verification
  - b. Enrolled in accredited homeschool program
  - c. Minimum attendance requirements toward graduation
  - d. Daily attendance verification
  - e. Academic Eligibility (prior semester grades)
  - f. Weekly grade verification
  
2. Provide evidence and comply with all Heyworth Jr. Sr. High School requirements for student athletes:
  - a. Register
  - b. Intent to play by first day of school
  - c. Yearly physical
  - d. Participation fees
  - e. Athletic and Activities Handbook
  - f. Athletic Code of Conduct

The following is detailed information regarding documentation that is required in order to participate:

1. The student's home school program must be **registered with the Dewitt-Livingston-Mclean Regional Office of Education**. Forms are available at the Regional Office of Education.
  
2. Provide proof of **residency**.
  
3. The student's home school classes must be from a fully **accredited program** recognized by ISBE or DEAC (Distance Education Accrediting Commission) and/or approved by the building level administration.

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Home-School-Resources.pdf>

or <https://www.deac.org/Student-Center/Directory-Of-Accredited-Institutions.aspx>

\*If parents submit a program not recognized, we would ask for curriculum guides for state required courses:

I. You must provide instruction in the following subject areas:

Language Arts

Mathematics

Biological and Physical Science

Social Science (Social Studies)

Fine Arts

Physical Development and Health

II. You must offer an education that is at least equivalent to that which is offered in public schools.

We (admin./curriculum coordinator/teacher) compare curriculum standards to ensure equitable comparison to approve.

4. The home school student must provide documentation that they have met Heyworth School District and either IHSA (By-law 3.011) or IESA eligibility standards for the **previous semester** in order to participate in the current semester.

5. The home schooled student will be required to **adhere to** all IHSA or IESA rules and regulations, the **Heyworth School District Athletic Code**, Heyworth School District Code of Conduct rules and regulations and other participation requirements as stipulated by the Principal and the Athletic Director (**i.e. physicals, insurance waivers, participation fees, cut policy and team specific rules**).

6. **Eligibility** checks for home school courses will be done each week, and it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to submit these eligibility reports by noon each Thursday to the Athletic Director and Principal. All students must be passing all classes on a weekly basis in order to participate.

## ***Student/Parent Acknowledgement***

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By signing this form, we acknowledge that we have been provided information regarding the Heyworth CUSD #4 Athletic Guide.

### STUDENT

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Student Name (Print)

Grade

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Student Signature

Date

### PARENT

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Name (Print)

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Signature

Date