

**OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION
(OHSAA)**

About the OHSAA

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

OHSAA COMMITMENT:

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is committed to serving its member schools by being the nation's premier non-profit athletic administration organization.

We will:

- Provide exemplary athletic oversight through swift, fair, consistent and impartial regulatory rulings;
- Operate with openness that generates trust and with strict fiscal accountability;
- Provide impartial, responsive and inclusive leadership;
- Conduct tournaments of nationally recognized excellence; and
- Honor our ultimate purpose, which is to foster lifelong values, good citizenship, ethics and a fair-play approach to life among student-athletes while promoting safe and sporting-like athletic environments.

Important Websites:

- www.hamiltoncityschools.com
- www.ohsaa.org
- www.gmcsports.com
- www.highschoolsports.net

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ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST
For High School Students**

Before you play, you must be eligible. Please review the following checklist with your parents. Unchecked boxes will likely mean you are NOT Eligible. For questions, see your athletic administrator.

- I am officially enrolled in an OHSAA member high school.
- I am enrolled in at least 5 one-credit courses or the equivalent, each of which counts toward graduation.
- I received passing grades in at least 5 one-credit or the equivalent, each of which count toward graduation, during my last grading period.
- I have at least one parent living in Ohio.
- I have not changed schools without a corresponding move by my parents or legal guardian or by qualifying for one of the exceptions to the OHSAA transfer regulation.
- If I have changed schools (transferred), I have followed up with my previous school and my new school to ensure that all proper forms have been submitted to the OHSAA.
- I have not been enrolled in high school for more than 8 semesters.
- I did not turn 19 before August 1, 2011
- I have not received an award, equipment or prize valued at greater than \$200 per item.
- I am competing under my true name and have provided my school with my correct home address.
- I have not competed in a **mandatory** open gym/facility, conditioning or instructional program.
- I have not been coached or provided instruction by a school coach in a team sport or cross country, track & field and wrestling other than during my sport season or for no more than 10 days between June 1 & July 31 (applies to team sports only).
- I am not competing on a non-school team during my school team's season.
- I have not been recruited to attend this school.
- I am not using anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs.
- I have had a physical examination within the past year and it is on file at my school.
- My parents and I attended a preseason meeting at my school which the OHSAA requires to be held no later than 2 weeks after the beginning of each sports season. We viewed a DVD prepared by the OHSAA to review key eligibility issues & sporting behavior.
- My school reviewed its concussion management protocol and my parents and I reviewed a short presentation on concussions that is available at no cost at www.nfhslearn.com.
- My parents and I have signed the OHSAA Authorization Form and the OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statement and they are on file at my school.

Student Printed Name Parent/Guardian Printed Name



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**ATHLETIC INFORMATION
BULLETIN**



*Hamilton High School
Hamilton Freshman School
Garfield Middle School
Wilson Middle School*



Philosophy of Athletics:

Athletics in the Hamilton City School District are seen as an integral part of the total education process. Participation in athletics is a privilege that provides experiences that will help the student develop physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. The athletic program strives to build positive characteristics, which will enable our students to overcome adversity, lead by example, and realize the benefits of hard work and sacrifice in achieving a goal.

Sport Offerings at HHS & HFS:

- Fall: Football & Cheerleading
Boys' & Girls' Soccer
Girls' Volleyball
Girls' Tennis
Boys' & Girls' Cross Country
Boys' & Girls' Golf
- Winter: Boys' & Girls' Basketball & Cheerleading
Boys' & Girls' Swimming & Diving
Wrestling
Boys' & Girls' Bowling
Gymnastics
Chess Team
Academic Team
- Spring: Baseball & Softball
Boys' & Girls' Track
Boys' Tennis
Boys' Volleyball

Sport Offerings at Garfield & Wilson MS:

- Fall: Football & Cheerleading
Boys' & Girls' Soccer
Boys' & Girls' Golf
Girls' Tennis
Boys' & Girls' Cross Country
Girls' Volleyball
- Winter: Boys' & Girls' Basketball & Cheerleading
Wrestling
- Spring: Boys' & Girls' Track
Boys' Tennis

Required Forms:

Any student who participates in the interscholastic athletic program of the Hamilton City Schools is required to submit the following forms prior to participating in a tryout or practice of any team. No student will be permitted to participate in any sport activity until these required forms are submitted to the coach of the particular team.

1. A fully completed OHSAA Physical Examination Form
2. A HCSD Emergency Medical Authorization Form
3. A Hamilton City Schools Liability Release Form
4. A Hamilton City Schools Insurance Form
5. An OHSAA Eligibility Checklist

Participation Fees:

The Hamilton City Schools charge a fee for participation in the interscholastic athletic programs, which helps to defray the operating expenses of the activities. Payment is due on the first official day of practice. The payment of the fee does not guarantee playing time, but rather the opportunity to be a member of the team.

1. Participation fees are non-refundable
2. Students in grades 9-12 must pay \$100 per sport
3. Students in grades 7 & 8 must pay \$75 per sport
4. There is a family cap of \$250 per school year

Academic Eligibility:

To be eligible to participate in the interscholastic athletic program of the Hamilton City Schools, students are required to meet the following academic criteria.

Students in grades 9-12 must:

1. Receive passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses or the equivalent during the immediately preceding grading period.
2. Maintain a quarterly grade point average(GPA) of at least 1.75 during the immediately preceding grading period prior to the season of athletic participation or:
3. Maintain a cumulative (overall) GPA of at least 1.75.
4. Students must also have fewer than 15 days of unexcused absences during the previous 4 grading periods prior to athletic participation in order to be eligible to play.

Students in grades 7& 8 must have received passing grades in at least 5 classes in order to be eligible to participate in athletics in the Middle Schools.

Conference Affiliation:

The Hamilton City Schools are members of the Greater Miami Conference (GMC). Conference members are: Colerain, Fairfield, Hamilton, Lakota East, Lakota West, Mason, Middletown, Oak Hills, Princeton, Sycamore. All GMC schools are members of the OHSAA.

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Sportsmanship:

Good Sportsmanship is expected of all students and spectators at all times. Failure to display good sportsmanship reflects poorly upon our community and our programs. Being a spectator or a participant is a privilege, not a right. All participants and spectators are expected to:

1. Show respect for opponents at all times.
2. Show respect for game officials & their decisions.
3. Maintain self control at all times.
4. Recognize and appreciate the skills of participants regardless of school affiliation.