

Mt. Ararat High School Athletics

Academic Eligibility

The current academic policy for Mt. Ararat High School requires student-athletes to pass all subjects and have at least a grade point average of (1.7 C-) at the end of each quarterly ranking period to be eligible for participation on an athletic team without restrictions.

Student-athletes who fail any subjects and/or are below a 1.7 grade point average for the previous academic quarter may still have the opportunity to participate “Conditionally” on athletic teams. The conditions of their participation are described below. For the purposes of determining eligibility, a quarterly grade point average (GPA) that is below a 1.7 is separately considered one (1) failing grade.

Any student who has four (4) failures or more for a specific quarterly ranking period (including quarterly GPA) will be ineligible to participate on athletic teams for the duration of the ranking period.

Eligibility is determined by quarterly ranks, not by mid or end of year averages. For the purpose of Fall sports, grades from Quarter 4 of the previous school year will be used to determine eligibility for grade 10-12 students. Per Maine Principals Association policy, all incoming grade 9 students will be automatically eligible for Fall sports.

CONDITIONAL PARTICIPATION

An athlete who is deemed “Conditional” will be required to miss a certain number of “countable” regular season contests as well as fulfill specific responsibilities in order to maintain their privilege to participate in our athletic programs.

Conditional athletes will be required to meet with the Athletic Director during the preseason, prior to the first “countable” regular season game. In this meeting, the student-athlete will receive information that will clearly explain their responsibility for maintaining their ability to practice and compete throughout the sport season. They will also sign a contract that states they understand their responsibilities.

A Conditional athlete will be allowed to practice with a team right from the beginning of the sport season. They will be allowed to participate in preseason practices as well as non-countable scrimmages or exhibition contests. However, they must sit out and not suit up for the designated amount of countable events described below. They may attend the game and be on the sideline with the team, but must not be in uniform. Each coach has the responsibility to enforce the restriction/consequence.

REQUIREMENTS

Each week, a Conditional athlete will be required to turn in a Conditional Athlete Weekly Academic Checklist to the Athletic Director by a predetermined deadline. This sheet will monitor and report whether the student is currently passing each class, his/her homework performance, attendance, classroom behavior, effort, and class participation. The student-

athlete will, after presenting the document and getting a signature from the Athletic Director, give the sheet to the coach each week. The sheet will indicate an “OK TO PLAY” or “NO PLAY” status.

In order to become and remain eligible for continued contest participation, the performance sheet must be turned in on time and be completely and satisfactorily filled out. If any specific box on the document has an ‘N’ or ‘NO’, indicating insufficient or inadequate progress, or is not adequately completed, the student-athlete would not be able to compete in any countable events from that point until the next checklist due date the following week (a one-week suspension).

This document is typically due the Friday of each week at 2:45 PM. If a student-athlete is leaving school for an early release bus departure to a contest, the checklist must be turned in and approved prior to leaving. Conditional student-athletes who are deemed to have “NO PLAY” status will not travel to away contests on the team bus.

If a student-athlete has three (3) unsuccessful checklists during the quarter, he/she will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the season. Any dishonesty from the student-athlete during any portion of this Conditional program will result in an automatic two (2) week suspension from participation.

NUMBER OF COUNTABLE EVENTS TO BE MISSED

At the end of each academic quarter, any student-athlete that has 1-4 recognized failing grades/GPA are required to sit out “countable” contests as listed below:

12 OR LESS COUNTABLE EVENTS REMAINING ON THE TEAM SCHEDULE

- 1 Failing grade = 1 event
- 2 Failing grades = 2 events
- 3 Failing grades = 50% of the competitive season

13 OR MORE COUNTABLE EVENTS REMAINING ON THE TEAM SCHEDULE

- 1 Failing grade = 2 events
- 2 Failing grades = 4 events
- 3 Failing grades = 50% of competitive season

If a player is a “swing” player, competing on more than one level of team in a given sport, the countable event requirement (and subsequent duration of the penalty) will be drawn from the HIGHEST level that the student-athlete competes on. The student-athlete would not be allowed to compete on ANY level until the adequate number of countable events have been missed.